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Another Successful Spring Tour Preview Day!



Photo Memories from the event:
Top left: Clayton presents a check for over \$2,000 for Ukranian relief to Eugene Ivanilov (one of our home pick-up drivers) of the Second Slovak Baptist Church;
Top right: Mark shared some pictures from his recent **Route 66, Ghost Towns and Fields of Dreams** tours, as he and



Clayton addressed a number of Travel Club Member inquiries;
Middle: **Mark Alan Cash** sang a few songs and told some great stories about his and his uncle's careers;
Bottom right: **Over 400 Sports Leisure Travelers** joined us;
Bottom left: At the Mack Powell Event Center on Howe Avenue.



On June 8th we marked 44 years of **Sports Leisure Vacations**. Those are the official numbers but the baseball trips were around for a year before I learned you had to have a special license to be a tour operator. So secretly, we were not so legal for a year. Hey, who was to know we were entering such an elite club, tour operators.



The first trip, a gambling junket to Lake Tahoe, left at 5:30pm on Friday night, June 8th 1979 and returned at 5:30am the following morning. Sort of like a red-eye to Tahoe. That schedule lasted three weeks. Ask me about the Engelbert Humperdinck story sometime. Or sleeping in the luggage rack on the bus...

By then, we discovered the weekday, during the day crowd to be our market (a true gift I never counted on, of course, since I never thought this would go past buses to baseball games, you could say I never counted on *any* of it).

Our first travelers would have been from your grandparents generation. They helped us grow by suggesting they would like to go

to places around California, Washington, DC, Hawaii and even overseas (Australia was our first "over a pond" adventure).

They told us reserved seating on the bus was a huge plus. They wrote letters to the late congressman Robert Matsui when our right to be in business was challenged by archaic rules. The congressman saved the day, by doing what congress people are **supposed** to do, help their constituents. That taught me a lesson. Always know your congressperson.

Those early riders brought life lessons with them to our young staff. We worked hard, and they rewarded our efforts with loyalty and they told their friends. 30 years ago, **Clayton Whitehead** arrived on the scene. His amazing dedication and hard work are more than just words. They are one of the main reasons **SLV** looks like it does today.

A lot of wonderful people have been a part of my/our team over the years. The current staff is undoubtedly the **best** when it comes to working together to make things happen. The left and right and the middle all become one when something needs to get done. Michael gets up in the middle of the night to help see you off at the airport, and when he went on a cruise, others filled in around him immediately. People come in on their days off to finish projects, come in early and stay late. Those things don't happen at most places. They just don't.

There's the extremely short story of how we got to today, 44 years later, a dedicated staff serving an appreciative group of ever-changing travelers. The directions set and wisdom shared by your parents, grandparents and older friends are still a part of how we approach business every single day.

During business hours, we answer our phones with real people. We do our best to be fair and honest, to treat you like we would like to be treated. That sounds corny and old school, but hey, none of us are teenagers. Maybe we'll start a trend. Or finish one.

Thank each and every one of you for your support. I try to say that often, but sometimes, in the heat of the moment,

I forget. That is why I have this incredible team of people around me, doing most of the work.

Voices in the Crowd

At the Spring Preview Day, we asked those in attendance three questions, about where they like to be dropped for dinner on San Francisco theater trips, North Beach or Pier 39; between United and Southwest, which airline you prefer; and finally, if the Rose Parade in Pasadena is still on anyone's bucket list. A breakdown of the responses and a bit of commentary can be found on **The Human Side** on page 4.



Looking out over the over 400 faces in the crowd prior to the start of Mark Alan Cash entertaining at Preview Day, I saw so many memories. You didn't know, but they were written on your faces, the places we've been together and the things we've discovered. Some of you have so many memories displayed, you are running out of face space! What an amazing problem to have...

And so it goes,

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder (almost 44 years ago)

IMPORTANT DATES

Long 4th of July Weekend – I'm giving my team a long weekend and closing the office on **Monday, July 3**. We will be closed July 1-4.

Next newsletter – Mid/late-August, printed edition mailed to everyone, and we will be asking for Travel Club renewals for the first time in three years.

September 28 – Annual catalog goes to print.

Saturday, October 7 – **Tour Preview Day**, location TBA. Reservation information will be in the August newsletter.

Tuesday, October 10 – Catalog is mailed to those not in attendance at Preview Day.

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Clayton Place... Bits and Pieces

Friends:

As a company we are blessed in so very many ways. Not the least of which is our frequent contact with you, our members, travelers and friends! From in-person meetings like the recent Spring Preview Day to printed and online publications, we love sharing our news with you, hearing from you and especially seeing your smiling faces. Of course one of the most frequent and pleasing ways to meet up is when we're out on the road exploring a new destination or an old favorite together. Often you'll find the Tour Director was the planner of the trip as well, having created the itinerary from the start and worked on it for months, making every effort for smooth sailing all along the way. At the completion of each trip the Tour Director writes a report covering what went right and, when necessary, what went wrong, including suggestions for future improvements. These are important documents when that planner or another begins the creation process for a future tour to the same or a similar destination. However no comments are more important to us than the ones which come from you.

Most multi-day vacations are followed by an online evaluation sent through a website called Survey Monkey – funny name; serious business! This gives you the opportunity to rate every aspect of the tour from your interactions with office staff when making the reservation all the way through your ride home at the end, plus everything in-between. My favorite part of any survey is the very last question when we ask you to “share a couple of new and/or interesting places or special events you would like *Sports Leisure Vacations* to investigate for future departures.” You would be amazed to know how many new ideas come from here!

Other important sources of information are the mini-surveys we distribute at Preview Day gatherings. Last year we asked you to give us your Dream Destination. Australia was number one on that list. Your wish was our command. A 20-day all-Australia tour was rolled out at Spring Preview Day. Monday morning it sold out within minutes.

Looking over all your replies (we tallied every single one) we noticed an interesting trend. For much of our company's existence (44 years and counting!) such a question – and it's one we've asked often – produced answers like Hawaii, New York and Paris. They were still there, but further down the list. Your dreams have become more exotic and located down roads less traveled.

With Spring Preview Day in the rearview mirror, we now set our sights on the next horizon – Vacation Preview Day (tentatively set for Saturday, October 7) and the publication of our 2024 Dream Book. Therein you'll find more results from the Dream Destination survey, such as a journey to Prague and the Czech Republic's wine region – our first ever land tour in that country. A new Ireland tour staying only in castles and manor houses is also taking shape, and for those of you who have long been on the Azores **Priority Notification List**, take heart! I'm working on that one, too. Bavaria and the Swiss Alps are high on the list, along with Mexico's Copper Canyon. We're also working on a number of new Canadian itineraries including Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Niagara and Ottawa during the Tulip Festival, and the return of Canada from Coast to Coast – Halifax to Vancouver by rail. Of course adding new destinations

means we must say goodbye to a few old standbys. It will not be a forever goodbye! Just moving some historically annual tours to every-other-yearly status. Those already on a two-year rotation might be moving back to every three or four years. For me that means no New Orleans, San Antonio, Washington, DC or Michigan/Mackinac Island next year, but they'll be all the sweeter when we return. Until then please keep the comments coming. We promise to keep making your travel dreams come true in return!

“Your Tour Guy,”

Clayton Whitehead, CTP
President



Is spending Thanksgiving in New York on your Dream Destination list? If so we've got you covered!

The Taxi Ride

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I honked again. Since this was going to be my last ride of my shift I thought about just driving away, but instead I put the car in park and walked up to the door and knocked...

'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab, then returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness.

'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.' 'Oh, you're such a good boy', she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice'.

I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice... 'The doctor

says I don't have very long.'

I quietly reached over and shut off the meter. 'What route would you like me to take?' I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the city. She showed me the building where she had once worked as an elevator operator.

We drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. She had me pull up in front of a furniture warehouse that had once been a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a girl. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'. We drove in silence to the address she had given me. It was a low building, like a small convalescent home, with a driveway that passed under a portico. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were solicitous and intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her.

I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair.

'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing,' I answered. 'You have to make a living,' she said. 'There are other passengers,' I

responded.

Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly.

'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life...

For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away?

On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life. We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware – beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one.

Friends We've Lost...

We pause for a moment to remember our traveling friends who have passed. Rest in peace friends.

Rita Hull
Sheryl Engel
Joyce Honda
Jim Beller



Ghost Towns of Old Nevada – In Belmont, it suddenly started snowing. Hard. Time to get out of town. Fast.



In Rachel, Nevada, everyone is welcome

The Customers Always Write

Dear Mark,

The day trip to San Francisco on April 12 to see the musical "Come From Away" at the Golden Gate Theater turned out to be the mystery trip "Come To and From Vallejo".

Diesel engine troubles sidelined the trip for over an hour on a shoulder of #80 just past the Vallejo rest stop. As the 1 pm curtain time came and went, a decision was made to turn around & return to Sacramento when the bus became operable again. Driver Simon and Hostess Maureen are to be commended for their tenacity in pursuing solutions, in keeping riders updated on progress, and in continuing an upbeat attitude. Thanks.

Doris Beckert

Dear SLV,

I just had to let you all know that the trip 3/23 to Sonora was fabulous!! the theater was terrific--we had great seats, the Firenze restaurant was delicious. I would love to see more plays there. There are some coming up, some of which are in Columbia.

I just wanted you to know... Cudos to you all!! Sincerely VeNae Crabtree

Dear Mark,

Just came back from the snow train and what a great time. We were well taken care of by Maureen. She made sure all our questions were answered and that we knew important details even before we could think to ask them. Our room was great also. Boudins lunch very very good!!! And big thank you to Simon for getting us there safely and also the care that both Maureen and Simon showed to make sure our luggage got where it was supposed to on both ends of the trip. Thank you both – awesome job!!!

Theresa Davis

Hi Mark,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to let you know my Mom Rita passed away Wednesday evening. It has been a very, very long road, but she is finally at peace, and we're so blessed to have had her for so many years. She would have been 93 years old in June. She was such a wonderfully joyful, kind and gracious person who was so thankful for everything in her life. I know she would want us to carry that on in our own lives. I also know how much she adored you

and so looked forward to the trips she was able to take with Sports Leisure over several years. She was always so excited to go somewhere (anywhere), meet new people and see new things. And she was especially thrilled when you would be leading the trips. I'm so grateful that she was able to get to know people like you. You were a blessing in her life. So I want to say thank you. Wishing you all the best always,

Heather Donoho

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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The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

At our Spring Review Day, as is our custom, we asked attendees a few questions to glean some important pieces of information from them. For the benefit of those who participated in the survey and others who might be curious, here are the results. (We asked three questions.)

#1. In recent times, we have offered North Beach instead of Pier 39 as a dinner drop off after a show. So we asked: **On Theater day trips, what is your preferred dining drop off in San Francisco, North Beach or Pier 39?**

31% said Pier 39

11% said North Beach

58% like both

Bottom Line: 9 out of 10 are happy at Pier 39, 7 out of 10 are happy at North Beach.

We will continue to use both (but not on the same trip).

#2. Here's the entire set-up for the question: **United vs. Southwest**, when the destination is served by both. United costs more (plus there is a \$70 round trip baggage fee) but you have seat assignments, can purchase food on board and earn frequent flyer credits. Southwest saves you money and bags are free, but seating isn't reserved. No food and no frequent flyer credits. Given that background, do you have a preference?

31% responded United

42% responded Southwest

27% responded "just save me money"

Bottom Line: There were a number of "direct/non-stop flights are what I prefer" in the comments, indicating Southwest's

offering of point to point flights, and not just service to giant hubs, is noticed by our travelers. There were 4 votes for American Airlines, none for Delta. We do not use American currently because of their poor customer service record the past 5-6 years. Delta is an occasional choice, especially if we can utilize the non-stop to or from Atlanta. **SLV Staff Note:** Southwest is the easiest carrier for us to work with, in terms of reserving and ticketing our groups.

#3. For decades a trip to the **Tournament of Roses Parade** in Pasadena on New Year's Day was a standard **Sports Leisure** event.

38% told us to "Bring it Back!"

62% told us, "been there, done that."

Daycations & Theatre Outings

At press time only one seat remains on each of the following:

A's vs. Giants

Wednesday, July 26 – \$141

Red Sox vs. Giants

Sunday, July 30 – \$160

Just Announced – New Baseball Day Trip

Giants vs. Cincinnati Reds

Wednesday, August 30 – \$141

Les Miserables

Orpheum Theatre

Wednesday, July 12 – 1:00 pm

The Tony Award-winning musical that ran on Broadway for 16 years – an amazing 6680 performances – is back with a fresh young cast that is moving audiences to tears all over again! Can you hear the people sing? One of the grandest musicals ever written, it is at once tragic and uplifting. A must for every theatre-lover, and certainly one we would not mind seeing again and again and again. **\$218**

Julia Morgan's North Star House and North Star Mine

Thursday, July 13

Join us as we discover the interesting history of Grass Valley. We will tour the North Star House, a 10,000 square-foot home designed in 1905 by Julia Morgan, best known for her work on Hearst Castle. Morgan was California's first licensed female architect. We will also visit the North Star Mine, one of the richest gold mines in California history. North Star encompassed over 700 acres of land and contained two main mine shafts, plus a score of operational buildings and stamp mills. The mine operated over a century from 1851 to 1956. Lunch is included at Cirino's Restaurant. **\$154**

Tina: The Musical

Golden Gate Theatre

Wednesday, August 9 – 1:00 pm

From humble beginnings in Nutbush, Tennessee, to her transformation into the global Queen of Rock 'n' Roll, Tina Turner didn't just break the rules, she rewrote them.

This new stage musical reveals the untold story of a woman who dared to defy the bounds of her age, gender and race. One of the world's best-selling artists of all time, Tina Turner won 12 Grammy Awards in her lifetime and sold more concert tickets than any other performer in music history. Relive Turner's life and legacy at *Tina: The Musical* bringing her story and music to the stage in an unforgettable performance you'll never forget! **\$224**

Donny Osmond

Gallo Center, Modesto

Thursday, August 10 – 7:30 pm

The Gallo Center for the Arts is proud to be a part of the first U.S. tour in six years by this legendary performer and music icon. Donny Osmond's show is a dynamic, energy-filled musical journey through his unparalleled life as one of the most recognized entertainers in the world. Dinner is included at Skewers prior to the show. **\$248**

Jersey Boys

Fallon House Theater, Columbia

Thursday, August 17 – 2:00 pm

Journey behind the music of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. Discover the secret of a 40-year friendship as the foursome work their way from the streets of New Jersey to the heights of stardom. Electrifying performances of chart-topping hits including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes off You," "Dawn" and "My Eyes Adored You." Combined they brought The Four Seasons the highest honor: Induction into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame. Dinner is included at Firenze in Oakdale following the matinee performance. **\$164**

The Tudors: Art and Majesty in Renaissance England

Legion of Honor

Tuesday, September 5

The Legion of Honor is the sole West Coast venue for the first major exhibition of Tudor portraiture, textiles, sculptures, silver, jewelry and manuscripts in the United States.

The exhibition follows the development of the arts in England from Henry VII's seizure of the throne in 1485 to the death of his granddaughter Elizabeth I in 1603. The collection traces the evolution of courtly taste in Tudor England, culminating in the distinctly English Elizabethan style. Lunch is on your own in the museum café. **\$122**

The Temptations & The Four Tops

Gallo Center, Modesto

Friday, September 15 – 7:30 pm

Unquestionably two of the very best and most iconic acts to come out of Motown Records, The Temptations and The Four Tops represent a HUGE catalogue of hits all by themselves. Some of the names and faces may have changed over the years, but the signature sounds and harmonies of these legendary groups remain the same. From "Ain't Too Proud to Beg" and "My Girl" to "Baby, I Need Your Loving" and "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)," and far beyond, you'll be hearing monster hit after monster hit the whole night long! Dinner is included at Skewers prior to the evening curtain. **\$215**

An Enchanted Evening

Transcendence Theatre Company –

Jack London State Historical Park

Sunday, September 17 – 7:30 pm

A captivating evening of soaring vocals and exciting rhythms that will take your breath away! Join us for a tribute to the best of Broadway and more, with sensational music and dance, performed underneath the magnificent Sonoma County Wine Country stars and sky. Transcendence Theater Company performances are held in an outdoor theater at the Jack London State Historical Park in Glen Ellen, the home and ranch of the legendary Jack London. The Sunday trip will include an early dinner prior to the performance. With this we are introducing a dynamic new regional theatre company and a stunning new venue. We are eager to know your thoughts. **\$232**



Cruisin' for a Catch – A Mystery Daytrip

A variety of sightseeing experiences with lunch

Wednesday, September 20 or Thursday, September 21

It's been a while since we have offered a Day Mystery Tour. This excursion offers a variety of sights and transportation, with a most unique twist. See an old district through a new lens as you discover history and culture. Lunch at a popular local eatery is included. Note: There is a reasonable amount of walking on this trip, probably 8-10 city blocks. **\$149**

Safari West

Tuesday, September 26

There are exciting things happening in Santa Rosa! The first-ever baby rhino was born on April 2, 2023! Let's go pay the family a visit, shall we? Nestled in the Sonoma foothills lies Safari West, a unique preserve for animals from around the world. Your time includes an open-air tram ride through the compound with a knowledgeable guide to see the animals up close and personal, followed by a walk through the aviaries and small animal compounds. A barbeque lunch is served on the grounds along with time to explore their everything-animal gift shop before returning to Sacramento. **\$178**

Fleet Day on the Bay

Sunday, October 8

Celebrate and enjoy the 2023 Fleet Week Air Show with a cruise and champagne buffet lunch aboard one of Hornblower's comfortable vessels on San Francisco Bay. The two-hour scenic cruise is timed to include the performance of the U.S. Navy's exciting air acrobatic team, the Blue Angels. This is a patriotic, fun and memorable way to spend an autumn day on The Bay! You'll also have some free time along the waterfront, so wear comfortable walking shoes. **\$229**

The Presidio and Disney Museum

Friday, October 20

With Craig Smith as our local guide you can anticipate a fun and interesting day as we explore the historic beginnings of

the Presidio of San Francisco from military base through its transition to the Golden Gate National Recreation Area. Former barracks are now the home of the Walt Disney Family Museum. Featuring both nostalgic and present-day exhibits, it is a very popular attraction for visitors of all ages. Lunch is included at the Presidio Golf Course Clubhouse. **\$161**

Straight No Chaser

Gallo Center, Modesto

Thursday, October 26 – 7:30 pm

If the phrase "male a cappella group" conjures up an image of students in blue blazers and khakis singing traditional college songs on ivied campuses, think again. Straight No Chaser (SNC) are neither strait-laced nor straight-faced, but neither are they vaudeville-style kitsch. They have emerged as a phenomenon with a massive fan base, numerous national television appearances and proven success with CD releases. SNC is the real deal, the captivating sound of nine unadulterated human voices coming together to make extraordinary music that is moving people in a fundamental sense... and with a sense of humor. Dinner is included at Skewers prior to the performance. **\$205**

The Graduate

Fallon House Theater, Columbia

Saturday, October 28 – 2:00 pm

California in the 60s. Benjamin's got excellent grades, proud parents and (since he helped Mrs. Robinson with her zipper) a fine future ahead of him. A cult novel, a classic film, a quintessential hit of the 60s, now Benjamin's disastrous sexual odyssey is brought vividly to life in this exciting new stage adaptation. Lunch is included at Firenze in Oakdale before the performance. **\$162**



Sunset in Key Largo, a featured stop on the way to Key West

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella

East Sonora Theater

Thursday, November 16 – 2:00 pm

This lush production features incredible orchestrations, jaw-dropping transformations, and all the moments you love – the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the royal ball and more – plus some surprising new twists! Be transported as you rediscover some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible" and "Ten Minutes Ago" in this hilarious and romantic experience for anyone who's ever had a dream. Lunch is served at Firenze in Oakdale before the matinee curtain. **\$164**

Mannheim Steamroller

Gallo Center, Modesto

Wednesday, November 29 – 3:00 pm

Mannheim Steamroller Christmas has been among America's favorite holiday traditions for over three decades! Grammy Award-winner Chip Davis has created a show that features holiday classics in the distinctive Mannheim sound. The program celebrates the group's recent anniversary of 35 years since the release of their first Christmas album and includes dazzling multimedia effects performed in an intimate setting. Experience the magic as the spirit of the season comes alive with the signature sound of Mannheim Steamroller. Lunch is included at Skewers prior to the show. **\$215**

New Vacations & Getaways

Thanksgiving in New York

It's the most wonderful time of the year to visit The Big Apple!

6 Days • November 19-24



★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on Times Square
- Tickets to two Broadway shows: *Some Like It Hot* and *New York, New York*
- Radio City Music Hall Rockettes Christmas Spectacular
- Theatre talk with nationally-syndicated critic Peter Filichia
- Visit Liberty and Ellis Islands
- Experience the new Museum of Broadway
- Tour the 911 Memorial Museum and take in the view at One World Observatory
- See the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- 6 memorable meals featuring a spectacular Thanksgiving dinner cruise aboard the *Bateaux New York*
- Roundtrip airfare to/from New York's LaGuardia Airport
- Home pick-up and return
- 4900/5600 Gold Passport Points

1. As Thanksgiving ushers in the Christmas season, you'll be in the middle of it all as you check-in to New York's best address located directly on Times Square. **5 nights – Marriott Marquis (D)**

2. Begin your exploration of The Big Apple at the new Museum of Broadway, a spectacular repository of all things theatre from the age of Vaudeville to the Ziegfeld Follies to the present. Then head to Rockefeller Center for lunch and to see the sites there from the iconic Channel Gardens, Saks Fifth Avenue (and their stunning holiday window displays) and of course St. Patrick's Cathedral. An afternoon drive Uptown will encircle Central Park and include stops at Strawberry Fields and Lincoln Center. The evening is yours to explore. Monday is a great night to expand your theatrical horizons with an Off-Broadway show. **(L)**

3. Travel like a real New Yorker – by subway – Downtown for lunch featuring syndicated theatre critic Peter Filichia to learn what's hot and what's not on the Great White Way.

Today's sightseeing focuses on the past and present of the World Trade Center where you'll visit the 9/11 Memorial Museum and take in the breathtaking views from One World Observatory located high atop the 1776-foot-tall building dubbed "Freedom Tower." With 9 Tony Award nominations, *New York, New York* is Clayton's pick for tonight, a brand new production in the classic style including music from the songbook of Kander and Ebb with new material by Lin-Manuel Miranda (of *Hamilton* fame). Would you rather see something else? Just let us know! **(L)**

4. Take a morning adventure to Liberty and Ellis Islands by subway and ferry. The afternoon is yours for personal exploration. How about a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art or shopping on famed Fifth Avenue? The family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's is a New York tradition, followed by the ticket to the year's most celebrated show with 13 Tony nominations, *Some Like It Hot!* Yes, the Marilyn Monroe/Tony Curtis/Jack Lemmon movie has been re-imagined and modernized with amazing results! The critics and audiences, alike, are loving this new take on an old tale. **(D)**

5. It's the exciting Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Join the anxious throngs on the streets or watch on television in the comfort (and warmth!) of your room. The parade route is along 6th Avenue only one block from the hotel. In the afternoon, journey to Radio City Music Hall for the Rockettes *Christmas Spectacular*. A Thanksgiving dinner cruise follows aboard the elegant glass-roofed *Bateaux New York* featuring excellent food, live music and great sightseeing as the stars come out over The Big Apple. **(D)**

6. Sleep late (or maybe hit the Black Friday sales?) as we have a direct evening flight home from Newark Airport. Lunch is served at Sardi's (famous for their star caricatures lining the walls from ceiling to floor), with dessert served at the sweetest spot on Times Square – Hershey's Chocolate World.

\$4885 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5570 single
Save \$150 p.p. until July 7

Take the Thanksgiving Train to Reno

Feast on a hearty holiday buffet brunch at the Nugget

2 Days • November 22-23



Your journey over the mountains begins from one of our convenient pickups, then on to Roseville where you'll board Amtrak's *California Zephyr*. Experience a breathtaking ride through the High Sierra (with perhaps a bit of early season snow) as the train climbs in elevation, providing scenic vistas at every turn. Don't worry about your luggage – it will travel on board our motorcoach which will meet you in Reno!

Enjoy the view from your seat or the domed observation car. A box lunch is included for you to take along so you won't miss the scenery! Your accommodations are at the **Silver Legacy Casino/Resort**. Enjoy a free morning at leisure before an early Thanksgiving buffet at the Nugget Casino in Sparks to celebrate the day, returning to Sacramento in the late afternoon.

The package includes one-way rail passage on Amtrak's *California Zephyr*, a boxed lunch, buffet Thanksgiving meal, hotel accommodations, \$8 hotel food bonus (subject to change), return transportation by motorcoach and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 500/550 Gold Passport Points

\$499 p.p./dbl.occ., \$549 single
Save \$10 p.p. until July 7

Gettysburg & Hershey – A Sweet Combination

A small town, chocolate-coated Christmas (Market) holiday



6 Days • November 30 – December 5

This adventure was a Christmas Mystery Tour just a few years ago. Your fellow travelers rated it higher than any tour that year, so we've brought the itinerary back, and added a Christmas Market to really put it over the top.

Gettysburg is the perfect village for the holidays. It's a small town with a historic twist. You arrive Thursday night, and the weekend brings the town's holiday festivities. There's



a Christmas parade, gift bazaars put on by local organizations, holiday concerts and there's also that little Civil War battle from nearly 160 years ago.

You'll stay at the **Gettysburg Hotel**, located right on the town square. It's a historic property with the best location in town for **three nights**. Start your visit with a tour of the sites of the Battle of Gettysburg, the most deadly conflict of the Civil War. Our guide will make the monuments part of the battle scene and take you behind-the-scenes. The National Park Service offers a Visitor Center which is worth a visit. Then you leave most of the history behind and celebrate the holidays. Service clubs host small bazaars all over town, and we'll drop in at a couple to help you find that perfect present. A Christmas parade highlights one evening, a holiday concert another.

At your next stop accommodations are at the luxurious **Hotel Hershey** for **two nights**. You'll feel like a queen (or king) as you enjoy the fine service.

During your time in Hershey you'll get to be a kid in a chocolate store as you make your own chocolate bar. There's also a guided tour of the picturesque town. Koziar's Christmas Village has the feel of a holiday market, with lots of shops and seasonal refreshments. Add in Christmas lights and you have a great evening.

Based on the number of people who have asked about this tour in the past couple of years, we expect the 30 seats will go quickly. Package includes roundtrip air Sacramento/Harrisburg, 9 meals (**4FB,1BR,2L,2D**) and our signature door-to-door service. 3250/3650 Gold Passport Points

\$3245 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3620 single
Save \$100 p.p. until July 7

A Bavarian Christmas in Leavenworth

An authentic holiday journey into the Cascade Mountains

4 Days • December 5-8



Many **Sports Leisure** travelers have enjoyed Leavenworth, a Bavarian-style village, in the summertime. Now come with us on this winter visit to enjoy all the town has to offer in a different light. You'll want to shop for gifts in the Bavarian-themed shops,

ACTIVITY METER



As part of our commitment to helping you select the right tour for your interests and physical abilities, check out the Activity Meter for each tour to get a feel for how it matches your interests, energy and fitness. It's important to note that more than one level may apply to a tour. For example, some will enjoy a visit to a national park by spending time in the visitor's center and taking a seat with a view. Others might prefer to hike on a nature trail. Same destination, same tour, two different levels of activity.

The letter abbreviations for each departure can be found in the Table of Contents listing for the tour. Where you see two letters, that indicates the ability to add activities or do optional things which increase the amount of physical activity (standing, walking, climbing stairs, etc.). The meter is a guideline. It is impossible to predict every situation on tour, since conditions may change before or during a trip which require itinerary adjustments.

L Leisurely – A tour that can be enjoyed by all. A minimal amount of required walking on city streets or generally level surfaces, with few stairs. A theater day trip might be an example.

M Moderate – A tour with some walking activities, and standing/strolling at attractions and museums and possibly some stair climbing. A daytrip to the ballpark or a short regional trip (Monterey, CA Coast) might be examples. A moderate trip could include air transportation and navigating through airports.

A Active – A tour which includes longer walks (3-5 city blocks). Shorter walks could be on uneven surfaces. Days could be longer (including longer travel days with layovers). **Some of the trips could be at high altitudes.**

This would be the level for most of our longer distance domestic and Canadian tours, the minimum level for an overseas international tour. Tours which mention the ability to walk 3-5 city blocks **in a timely fashion** a couple of times a day fit into this category, as would most of our national park tours. You could find a flight of stairs without handrails. A tour with a seaplane or jeep ride, and the ability to climb into the plane/jeep, would be found in this category. Longer rail tours fit in this category.

E Energetic – A tour with an accent on opportunities for walking and other physical activities. Many overseas tours would fit in this category. Long plane flights, perhaps standing or walking longer distances. You might have to climb into a boat, carriage or train. If you need wheelchair assistance at the airport or other places, you should not consider a tour on this level.

C Challenging – Tours like these are designed with daily physical activities like hiking and other vigorous activities and can be great travel experiences, **but they are not typical of Sports Leisure Vacations trips.**

including The Hat Shop, The Bubbly and the Nutcracker House. Skiing probably isn't on the agenda for most of our travelers, but how about an old fashioned sleigh ride? The town has also become known for its fondue in the winter months. We'll have to sample some! Of course there will be Christmas lights and a bit of holiday entertainment...

Stay 3 nights at the Bavarian Lodge, the best accommodations located right in the center of town. Fly roundtrip to/from Seattle on Southwest/Alaska Airlines. The package includes 7 meals.

Pricing on this trip will be available soon.

We encourage you to register without obligation in order to secure your space.

Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas

Featuring a yuletide visit to Filoli

3 Days • December 10-12



1. We pick you up from your home and deliver you to the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office where you will board our comfortable motorcoach for the continuation of your journey. Enjoy a Champagne Sunday Brunch in San Mateo before heading to the coast and the charming town of Half Moon Bay. You will have time to browse the shops before checking into your hotel which resembles a grand European country estate set on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. **Ritz Carlton Resort Half Moon Bay – 2 nights (BR)**

2. Enjoy a free morning at the resort with amenities including a coastal trail, beach, gas fire pits overlooking the ocean, a fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Spa services are available for additional cost. Lunch will be hosted at a scrumptious Italian restaurant (*mangia, mangia!*) followed by a visit to Filoli Historic House and Garden all decked out for the holidays. **(L)**

3. Depart the coast. Lunch is hosted at a local seafood restaurant in Half Moon Bay before departing the coast and returning to Sacramento. 1700/2100 Gold Passport Points **(L)**

\$1699 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2080 single

Save \$50 p.p. until July 7

22nd Annual Christmas Lights Mystery Tour

I wonder where in the world they'll take us this time???

5 Days • December 12-16



This Winter Wonderland is so close, yet so very far away. Here they love mayo AND Miracle Whip (though hopefully not on the same bun at the same time). Holidays dazzle with sounds and lights. "HAY bells ring. Are you listening?" Here Scandinavian giants rule. You'll get European Christmas markets without a flight over the pond as bonfires illuminate the starlit skies. S'mores, anyone? Of course Santa Claus will be here. He'll be extremely comfortable in his warm and furry suit. You bring a heavy coat, too, for a dusting of snow is not just possible. It's probable. Hey, is that Frosty the Snowman? Could be. Yes, friends, it could definitely be old Frosty! Package includes roundtrip air, 8 meals **(4FB,2L,2D)** and our signature door-to-door service. 3550/3900 Gold Passport Points

\$3525 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3890 single

Save \$100 p.p. until July 7

Arkansas – Land of Sunshine and Moonshine

Experience the solar eclipse in the Path of Totality

7 Days • April 6-12



★ Highlights ★

- View the eclipse in the Path of Totality
- Visit the Clinton Presidential Library, Hot Springs and US Marshals Museum
- Tour Crystal Bridges, one of America's finest art museums
- Peel Museum, Simple Pleasures, Museum of Native American History
- Will Rogers Memorial Museum
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip air to Little Rock/from Tulsa
- Door-to-door airport transportation

1. Fly to Little Rock. We'll be staying at the new Promenade at Chenal, an upscale open-air festival marketplace that's all the rage in Little Rock right now offering shopping and multiple dining options in addition to our hotel. **Aloft Hotel – 3 nights**

2. Daytrip to Hot Springs (at once a town and a National Park) to see the sights

and take the waters if you wish. In the late afternoon we'll join with other tour groups from around the country for dinner and entertainment. **(FB,D)**

3. Spend the day at a nearby winery with the groups we met yesterday. From this rural location we'll enjoy a completely unobstructed view of the eclipse. Entertainment, lunch and viewing glasses are provided. **(FB,L)**

4. Tour the Clinton Presidential Library in downtown Little Rock in the morning, then we're off to Ft. Smith for a visit to the new United States Marshals Museum. Dinner is served at a REAL brothel – Miss Laura's – which now serves as the city's welcome center. Our drive continues in the evening to Bentonville – the home of Walmart. **Hilton Garden Inn – 3 nights (FB,D)**

5. Small town, yes, but there's so much to see and do in Bentonville starting with the Walmart Museum (history of the store – the art comes tomorrow). The Peel Museum and Botanical Gardens is up next, a fabulous 1875 house museum with beautifully landscaped grounds. In the evening Simple Pleasures in nearby Bella Vista is our destination. Dubbed "Norman Rockwell's World," this is a meal and touring destination featuring an eclectic collection of Americana including a particularly nice display of vintage automobiles. It's hard to describe, but lots of fun! **(FB,D)**

6. The Museum of Native American History starts the day, founded by a small band of Cherokees who live in "them thar hills." Lunch is served at Crystal Bridges, the world-class art museum built for the growing collection of Alice Walton (daughter of Sam). You simply won't believe this place. The collection is stunning, and the building even more so – an architectural jewel nestled in the Ozarks. The entire afternoon will be spent enjoying the collection in its lovely setting both inside and out. **(FB,L)**

7. Depart to the west bound for Claremore, Oklahoma, home of Will Rogers, where you will visit the museum dedicated to his memory. Then on to Tulsa and our afternoon flight home. **(FB,L)**

SOLD OUT!

Working on a Second Departure – place your name on the waitlist to be notified.



Priority Notification Lists: Putting your name on the list does two things: It gives US an idea of how popular our idea might be, and it gives YOU a little jump ahead of anyone not on the list as you will be notified (usually by e-mail) with an opportunity to sign up before the trip is advertised to the travel club or public. There is no obligation to register for the tour when you are notified. Join one or more PNLs by sending your request to res@sportsleisure.com or call the office.

Barry Manilow in Palm Springs

December

Who wants to see Barry Manilow live and in person at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Springs? Yeah, we want to see him, too. The final itinerary will be a 3 or 4-day package with transportation, accommodations and holiday activities wherever we can find them. Maybe we'll even have a date shake!

Over the River and Through the Woods to Christmas Dinner We Go!

December 25

In lieu of a multi-day tour over Christmas Day, we're looking instead at the possibility of a *Daycation* built around a great midday meal in a beautifully decorated setting complete with a gift exchange and other surprises. If interested in joining in the fun please let us know!

Winter in Whitefish

January 25-29

Fly to Kalispell. From there it's only a twenty-minute drive to Whitefish, Montana, gateway to Glacier National Park. Stay four nights at **The Firebrand Hotel**, a beautiful boutique property located in the heart of downtown. At the Bar W Ranch take a sleigh ride and dog sled ride. Snowshoe in Glacier National Park. Tour a Clydesdale farm. Visit Columbia Falls for the annual Skijoring Festival, a winter sport where a person on skis is pulled by a horse and does jumps

and flips! Visit the Conrad Mansion, a 26-room home built by the founder of Kalispell, Charles Conrad, in 1895. Possible evening entertainment could include Montana singer/songwriter David Walburn.

Ashland Chocolate Festival

March 1-3

Ashland's premier event turns 20 next year and we want to join the celebration! Come along on this no-fly journey to Oregon for the sweetest weekend ever! We'll stay at the home of the Chocolate Festival, **The Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites** for two nights, so all the delectable activities are just down the hallway from your room. The elegant Chocolate Maker's Dinner, a multi-course experience accompanied by a wine pairing with each course, will be an "opt-in" event. (We will offer an alternate dinner for those wanting something lighter Saturday night.)

The folks at the Festival have added a new grand finale on Sunday: A Chocolate Brunch. Sounds too delicious to pass up, right?

Colorful Carolina Coast

March 12-21

This *Signature Tour* has operated most years since its inception in 1994, yet people are still drawn to the beauty and other-worldliness of the Atlantic Coast. Join us for a leisurely journey down the Outer Banks of North Carolina past century-old lighthouses and pirate hideaways. See the battleship *USS North Carolina* in Wilmington. Spend two carefree days hunting for seashells on Myrtle Beach. Visit Ft. Sumter where the Civil War began. Feast on a Low Country boil, finished off with Toot's famous prune cake – a special treat for everyone visiting her Georgia home. End with two nights each in the historic districts of Charleston and Savannah, both draped in history and mystery as thick as the Spanish moss hanging from the live oaks.

Springtime in Monterey

April 7-10

Start your tour with a champagne brunch in the Bay Area, then visit Filoli House and Garden to marvel at the spring flowers. Tour 17-Mile Drive with lunch at Pebble Beach Inn at Spanish Bay. Travel down into Carmel Valley for sightseeing, lunch and optional wine tasting. Spend three nights on Cannery Row where breakfast is brought to your room on a silver tray and there is a complimentary wine reception nightly. We need your input: **The Spindrift Hotel** is in the center of it all and only a block from the Aquarium. All of their rooms facing Cannery Row are king-bedded – none have two beds. Both king and two-bedded rooms with ocean views are available... but at twice the price. This means the price for single occupancy (city view/king bed) is going to be about the same as double occupancy (ocean view/two beds). Which room type would you choose? If this tour interests you please let us know your choice of view and bedding when you place your name on the list.

Comedy, Dollars & Legends – A Mystery Tour

May 4-9

Various operational issues made this tour impossible to run this spring, but it's just too awesome an itinerary to dismiss! We'll try again next May! This trip is all about legends. We'll, not ALL about legends, but certainly many are highlighted. For example, wouldn't you consider a buffalo to be a legendary creature? And I don't know about you, but I always loved Lucille. OK, maybe that's a little corny. Some things on this tour are worth exactly one dollar and not a penny more. Others are worth a thousand words, and there are lots and lots of them along the way. Just don't fall over, because it's a long way down. Yes, it's only a brief moment, but still...

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The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

Summer in Oregon – Beer-making Monks, Gardens & Celebrating Scandinavians

Featuring a tour of a Frank Lloyd Wright home

4 Days • August 8-11



A casual summer adventure in central Oregon, with a wide variety of activities and attractions. Beer-making Monks? Beer drinking Scandinavians? 3 nights at the **Oregon Gardens** Resort? Yes to all three! The package includes 7 meals, airfare to/from Portland, house and garden tours, the Scandinavian Festival in Junction City, the chance to meet the monks, and more – maybe even a covered bridge or two. 1950/2200 Gold Passport Points.

\$1935 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2190 single

Laguna Beach Pageant of the Masters

3 Days • August 20-22



2 nights at the Hilton Costa Mesa and tickets to California's most unique cultural arts event. Famous works of art come to life before your eyes at the pageant. Hornblower Yacht Champagne Brunch, Rogers Gardens, Sherman Library & Gardens, Pageant Behind-The-Scenes Tour. Includes air and 3 meals 1700/1950 Gold Passport Points.

\$1699 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1910 single

South Dakota's American Adventures

7 Days • September 2-8



Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse Memorial, Boot Hill/Deadwood Tour, The Mammoth Site, 4 nights Deadwood Lodge – Black Hills, Devil's Tower Nat'l Mon., Tatanka – Story of the Bison. Roundtrip air and 13 meals included. 3400/3850 Gold Passport Points.

\$3365 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3820 single

Proud members of the



Giants – Dodgers Overnighter

2 Days • September 30 – October 1



Stay at the Hyatt Regency downtown and see the last two games of the regular season. Will the Giants have a shot at the playoffs? Seats for these two games are lower deck, section 127. The package also includes breakfast at the Hyatt. 650/800 Gold Passport Points.

\$635 p.p./dbl.occ., \$755 single

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

Packed with high-rising fast-paced fun

3 Days • September 7-9



★ Highlights ★

- Attend the Great Reno Balloon Race with Cloud 9 VIP Club access
- Tickets to the Virginia City Camel & Ostrich Races
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 4 meals: 1 breakfast, 3 lunches
- 1200/1300 Gold Passport Points

1. Lunch is hosted in Reno at a popular restaurant on the Truckee River before checking into your hotel. Your accommodations are connected to the Eldorado and Circus Circus hotels. **Silver Legacy Resort Casino – 2 nights (L)**

2. This morning is a balloon mass ascension! You have Cloud 9 VIP Club access which includes heated outdoor seating on the field, a catered breakfast and lunch, and a hosted bar with champagne, mimosas and Bloody Mary's. During the morning there will also be time to shop along Balloon Boulevard for unique gifts. There's an optional visit to the National Auto Museum. **(B,L)**

3. Depart the Silver Legacy and travel to Virginia City for the 63rd annual Camel & Ostrich Races. Watch jockeys perched on their beasts maneuver the track while the audience cheers! Arrive back in Sacramento in the late afternoon. (All events weather permitting.) **(L)**

\$1190 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1285 single

Mammoth & Mono Lakes, Fall Colors in the Sierra

4 Days • October 3-6



High Altitude Warning: Accommodations in Mammoth Lakes are at 7,900 ft.

Enjoy a coach ride through the high Sierra at what is traditionally high season for fall foliage, destination Mammoth Lakes. Mammoth is one of the country's premier Ski Resorts, starting in November. Before the snow arrives, the colors change in the high mountains, offering the visitor an often-spectacular landscape at a time when the number of mountain visitors is traditionally low. If you enjoy spectacular mountain scenery and a bit of history, please join us.

Stay **three nights** at the **Sierra Nevada Lodge**, a newly reopened local facility with beautiful accommodations. Your itinerary also features 10 meals (every meal on the trip is included in the tour price), guided sightseeing and admission fees.

1. From the **Sports Leisure** office (our departure point) to Mammoth is roughly a 5-hour journey. On the way to Mammoth, we'll detour into the ghost town of **Bodie**.

Bodie State Historic Park is a genuine California gold-mining ghost town. Visitors can walk down the deserted streets of a town that once had a population of nearly 10,000 people. The town is named for Waterman S. Body (William Bodey), who had discovered small amounts of gold in hills north of Mono Lake. People flocked to Bodie and transformed it from a town of a few dozen to a boomtown.

Only a small part of the town survives. Interiors remain as they were left and stocked with goods. Designated as a National Historic Site and a State Historic Park in 1962, the remains of Bodie are being preserved in a state of "arrested decay". Today this once thriving mining camp is visited by tourists, howling winds and an occasional ghost.

Arrive in Mammoth at your lodge in early evening. **(L,D)**

2-3. Two, day sightseeing trips highlight your stay. The first includes a visit to **Mono Lake**. Mono Lake is an ancient saline lake



located at the eastern edge of the Sierra Nevada in California. Home to trillions of brine shrimp, millions of birds, and world-famous tufa towers, its tributary streams also supply water to Los Angeles, nearly 350 miles to the south. It's one of the most unusual lakes in the world. Your visit includes a guided walk, a stop at the visitors center and lunch in nearby Lee Vining.

On the return trip to Mammoth, detour onto the **June Lakes Loop**. Also a ski area in winter, it's a great place for an afternoon break.

The following day journey to **Convict Lake**. As you might guess, there's a story here. Nearby Crowley Lake also provides some photo opportunities. Back in town, there's a short visit to the ski resort area, then some free time to relax or browse the modest shops in town. **(2FB,2L,2D)**

4. The return trip is direct, with rest and lunch stops en route, arriving in late afternoon to your door-to-door service. **(FB,L)**

\$1720 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1980 single
1750/2000 Gold Passport Points

Route 66 – Western Side

Oklahoma City to Santa Monica, featuring the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta

9 Days • October 9-17



The second half of your journey down **The Mother Road** is very different from the eastern side. The spaces are more wide open in the west. There are national parks and the small towns are further apart and have a different personality.

In Winslow, you'll want your picture "Standin' on a Corner in Winslow, Arizona," (like the lyric in the old Eagles song), and we'll head out to Petrified Forest National Park, one of the most fascinating places in the country. Of course, the highlight of your Winslow stay, is your two nights at La Posada, a restored Harvey House Hotel from the highway's glory days.

See the old Cadillacs "rear ends up" in Texas and eat at the famous **Big Texan** in Amarillo. Meet legendary **Angel Delgadillo**, the retired barber in Seligman, Arizona, who is the man most responsible for the preservation of the old highway. He's 95 now and still going strong. Finish at the pier in Santa Monica.

Western Side Route 66

Day 1 – Fly to/arrive Oklahoma City

Day 2 – Oklahoma City, OK to Amarillo, TX

Day 3 – Amarillo, TX to Albuquerque, NM
– Balloon Fiesta (2 nights)

Day 4 – Santa Fe, Balloon Fiesta

Day 5 – Albuquerque, NM to Winslow, AZ (2 nights), stay at a restored Harvey House Hotel

Day 6 – Petrified Forest National Park from Winslow

Day 7 – Winslow, AZ to Laughlin, NV

Day 8 – Laughlin, NV to San Bernardino

Day 9 – San Bernardino to Santa Monica, fly home

\$4775 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5295 single
4800/5300 Gold Passport Points

Branson & The Ozark Mountains

6 Days • October 14-19



★ **Highlights** ★

- 6 days at the Hilton Hotel – unpack once!
- 5 musical performances, including the Presley's Jubilee, private tea with one of the Lennon Sisters
- Local touring with a focus on Ozark Mountain history and nature (travel with Scott and you know you are going to see the great outdoors)
- Titanic Museum, Fantastic Caverns, Sunday Brunch Cruise
- Visit College of the Ozarks – "Hard Work U"
- 9 meals: 1 brunch, 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Springfield
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 4250/4550 Gold Passport Points

\$4250 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4520 single



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A Pilgrimage to Plains, In Honor of President & Mrs. Jimmy Carter

Featuring a side trip to Alabama for a Salute to Civil Rights

7 Days • October 22-28



★ **Highlights** ★

- An up close look at America's 39th president, featuring his presidential library in Atlanta and his hometown of Plains
 - Visit FDR's Little White House
 - 2 nights at Calloway Gardens – a year round resort with over 2,500 acres of flowers and foliage
 - 2 nights in Americus at the beautiful Windsor Hotel
 - Step back in time to the Civil War days at Andersonville, a POW camp at the end of the war
 - Spend a day in Plains, exploring President Carter's hometown
 - Learn the story of the Tuskegee Airmen
 - Rosa Parks Museum, National Memorial for Peace & Justice – Montgomery
 - 14 meals, r/t air, services of an **SLV** Tour Director, home pick-up
 - 3900/4500 Gold Passport Points
- \$3890 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4470 single**

Catalina Island, Take Two – A different itinerary on California's Island

4 Days • November 3-6

★ **Highlights** ★

- 3 nights Atwater Hotel in the heart of Avalon
 - Avalon High Speed Ferry with Commodore Level Seating
 - Private Guided Tour of El Rancho Escondido & Wine Tasting
 - Movie Night at the Casino
 - Spa Day (massage) or Adventure Day (zip line), your choice
 - Interior Island Adventure Tour
 - 4 meals: 3 lunches, 1 dinner
 - Door-to-door airport transportation
 - Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
 - 2500/3000 Gold Passport Points
- \$2495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2910 single**





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Nov. – Thanksgiving Train to Reno – **Save \$10**

Dec. – Gettysburg & Hershey – **Save \$100**

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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. 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 PREVIEW DAY

Saturday, October 7th

Details will be coming your way in the August/September edition of *The Traveler*.

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TOUR UPDATE...

Below are lists of tours which are sold out (waiting lists available) or only have a limited amount of space remaining (available number of seats in parenthesis). Daycations are not included in these lists.

Sold-Out Tours

Scotland	Ferries & Towns of Puget Sound
Key West	Fall Colors of the West Mystery
Australia	American Queen Cruise
San Juan Explorer	Paths of Ancient Greece
Niagara Falls – Sept.	Coast Starlight to
Rhine River Cruise	San Simeon/Santa Barbara
Canadian Rockies by Rail	Arkansas – Eclipse
Alaska's Aurora Borealis	(possible second departure)

Limited Space

Trip with 10 or fewer seats available

Branson (8)	Laguna Pageant – July (2)
Sedona (5)	Laguna Pageant – Aug. (2)
Mammoth Lakes (4)	South Dakota Adventure (3)
Route 66 West (9)	New England Fall Foliage (1)
Pilgrimage to Plains (8)	Giants – Dodgers Overnighter (9)
Summer in Oregon (7)	Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas (2)
Christmas Lights Mystery (2)	