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# The Mystery Tour Brings Surprise Birthday Wishes to a Route 66 Icon

Scott Angeletti's Mystery Tour in April visited the area around Flagstaff and Sedona, Arizona. One day of the itinerary was spent on a journey on historic Route 66 between Flagstaff and Seligman. Joined by *Sports Leisure Owner* and Route 66 historian Mark Hoffmann, the group stopped in Seligman for lunch and to meet Angel Delgadillo.

**Photos:** It was Angel's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we brought two beautiful Route 66 cakes with us from Flagstaff (kudos to Scott for finding an awesome bakery). Angel's family was there (he has two brothers [pictured] and a sister in their 90's), along with his wife [pictured]. Mark and Angel got to share a few moments, and as you can see from the bottom picture, our gang was part of the party.

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Angel's story is amazing. He single-handedly lobbied highway officials to make the old road into a historic landmark in Arizona, and pretty much saved his town in the process. To have the opportunity to honor and thank him on a landmark day was a treat. You can meet him and other **Route 66** legends on **Mark's Route 66 Tour,** Spring (eastern side) and Fall (western half) 2018. Call to put your name on the **Priority Notification List**.







# Just One Man's Opinion by Mark Hoffmann

### The Thrill of Discovery

By the time you read these lines, **Sports Leisure Vacations** will have turned 38 years old. June 8<sup>th</sup> is the official date. Actually we celebrate our anniversary on

June 8-9, because the first official trip left Sacramento on Friday night, and after a stay at the old Park Tahoe Casino (later Caesar's and now the Mont Blue), returned to town on Saturday morning.



So celebrating our birthday requires a two day spread. Sort of like an Irish wake.

As the years go by, I'm often asked why I have owned a tour company for 38 years, almost all of my adult life. The answer is really pretty easy. From the beginning, there has been a sort of magical match between the people who work here and the people who travel with us.

Which brings me to the two other significant reasons for our success the last 38 years. There are the people who travel with us, and the staff here at *Sports Leisure*. Those who travel with us are people who have made the conscious decision in many cases to pay a little more for a little better product. The staff is a group of people truly committed to creating amazing adventures, close to home and far away. They are hard-

working and dedicated to their mission.

Because our trips cost a little more and are held to a little higher standard, regular Wal-Mart shoppers aren't often found in the mix. There's nothing wrong with shopping at Wal-Mart, I go there myself from time to time, but I think those who travel with us know exactly what I'm referring to here. People who tend to complain a lot, who tend to be concerned about the cost of every little item, to wonder why we didn't stay in the Days Inn or the Motel 6 instead of the Marriott, those folks are not generally in our group of travelers. From the beginning, you have told us you prefer to travel in an upscale fashion. Perhaps not always staying at the Ritz Carlton (well, maybe occasionally) but always in someplace that offers quality and value at the same time.

So what drives those who work at *Sports Leisure?* I think I can speak for them fairly easily here. They love what they do. From the accountant to the owner to the newest staff member, they enjoy working here. Trust me, like any business, even *Sports Leisure* has its heart-stopping moments. We take the responsibility of dealing with people's dreams quite seriously. We work hard to give you the best travel experience possible, form the moment you dial the telephone until the time you walk back in your door at the end of your trip. It's important to us that you have the best possible experience.

So I've spoken of the staff and the people

who travel with us. What you do to make this company successful. So why has there only been one owner? Why, at some point along the way, didn't the guy who started it all decide to cash in and walk away? Two reasons. The joy of discovery and loving what I do. Like those who work for and with me, I really enjoy what I do. So it's easy to keep coming to work each day and dreaming along with you. The second reason is the joy of discovery. I still get a thrill out of finding a new destination, a new restaurant, or a person with great ideas on how to create the perfect experience for our travelers.

On a recent scouting trip for the new American Portrait Mystery Tour (October 12-17) I was excited to find a host of things I not only hadn't seen, I didn't even know they existed. To me, finding something new, something I know will bring joy to people when I share it with them, is one of the reasons I get excited about my job after so many years.

How many more? Good question. As long as I have a great team to work with me, and the special requests from our loyal travelers don't drive me completely wacky, we will be here. As long as you, many of you second generation *Sports Leisure Travelers*, will support us with your patronage, we will be here. Besides, I want to take some of my own company's trips and be on the more relaxing side of this equation!

Thanks to anyone who has taken the time to read these words. Thank you for your patronage, your friendship, your wisdom, your patience, your referrals and your kindness. For the hand-crafted treats we enjoy in the office, dropped off by grateful travelers; and for the words of support and your smiles, we thank you all. Few businesses survive as long as we have, but many of those who do are tour companies.

Together, we create travel magic.

And so it goes...

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder



Our recent baseball trip made a side trip on the Donut Trail near Cincinnati. Yum and double yum!

# Clayton Place

## Hello, Bette!

I well recall the absolute pandemonium that surrounded the 2011 opening of The Book of Mormon. I remember saying to someone. "Wow - there's never been

anything like this before, and there likely never will be again." And that was true... at least until Hamilton came along. Thankfully the saying as goes, good things threes.



New York was absolutely electric over the announcement that Bette Midler was planning her Broadway return in a revival of a well-known musical. Speculation was great. Even I compiled a short list of possibilities.

Her choice of Hello, Dolly! was a gutsy move. I once read even the legendary Barbara Streisand came to rue the day she took the lead in the 1969 film version. Perhaps Ms. Streisand's downfall was to attempt to copy Carol Channing's interpretation of the endearing, wonderfully conniving Dolly Gallagher Levi. To effectively reprise a role this well known and loved, an actress must not attempt to copy the past, but make it her own. From all accounts, Ms. Midler has done just that. The Tony Awards Nominating Committee agrees, having rewarded the show with 10 nominations including Best Revival of a Musical and Best Actress for Ms. Midler. (Winners will be announced June 11, so by the time you read this the results will be known.)

I am thrilled to let you know I have 32 mezzanine (first balcony) seats to the Wednesday, November 22 performance. If you've ever considered joining us on our annual pilgrimage to Thanksgiving in New York, there's never been a better time! You can find the day-by-day itinerary in the April/ May edition of our newsletter online, or a brief description is in the calendar in the back of this newsletter. We have a number of new additions this year. Here are a few highlights:



The "Devine Miss M" returns to Broadway in "Hello, Dolly!"

On Monday we'll take Disney's "Behind the Magic" tour and that evening enjoy dinner and live jazz at the Lincoln Center's new entertainment venue, Dizzy's Club. Check it out at www.jazz.org/dizzys/. Tuesday's line-up includes a visit to the World Trade Center and lunch with theatre critic and friend Peter Filichia. That night you are invited to Choose Your Own Show - musical or play, on or off-Broadway. You pick it; I'll by the tickets.

Wednesday features the ferry to Liberty and Ellis Islands. That night, of course, is Hello, Dolly! preceded by a Broadway and

dinner at Carmine's. Thanksgiving Day begins by taking to the streets to view the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (though you may certainly elect to watch it on television from the warmth of your room at the stunning Marriott Marquis on Times Square). Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular takes the stage at Radio City

Sports Leisure tradition,

Music Hall that afternoon, followed by a dinner cruise aboard the elegant Bateaux New York for a Thanksgiving feast.

So what's it going to be? Turkey, turkey and more turkey at home or a Thanksgiving to remember in The Big Apple? Did I mention I only have 32 tickets?

"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton Whitehead, CTP Vice President



Blueberry came of age a few weeks ago on a trip to Las Vegas with chaperone (and BPS photographer) Molly Granrud. My, what big... feathers you have!



# The Customers Always Write

#### Chris.

Frank and I could see that traveling is a passion of yours. From the time we landed in Fort Lauderdale, cruising through cities and wildlife, and arriving in **Key West**, every destination was fun and interesting. Thank you for all your preparations before the trip and before each activity throughout the trip. Yours and **Mark's** knowledge, enthusiasm and engagement with everyone provided us with a memorable trip. Until we meet again. *Frank & Joyce Nein* 

Dear Mark,

My husband and I were on the last Snow Train to Reno. Everything was so well planned and of course, **Chris** is a great host. Getting ready to come home on the bus, my husband, Joe went to buy a snack. When he left the Deli, he turned right instead of left and ended up at the El Dorado. We had planned to meet at the bus at about 1:00; I was there but he wasn't. By 1:30, he still wasn't there, so a Security Officer from Silver Legacy asked me if I wanted them to look for him. After about 20-30 minutes, they came to get me to go to get him. He had fallen or tripped over something and hit

his face on the concrete. A Security Officer was cleaning him up and put bandages on the cuts. Both Chris and **Greg** were so helpful, concerned and patient. Greg pulled the bus around so we did not have to walk so far. I want to thank both of them for the graciousness and help. Sincerely,

#### Carol Halterman

PS-We went to Kaiser (Morse) Emergency before coming home and Joe was seen by a doctor, had a number of x-rays etc. No broken bones, no sign of slight stroke, etc. Just lots of bruises, sore spots, etc.

#### Mark & Chris.

As a first time traveler to Spring Training in Arizona, I am indebted to you for a memorable trip. Initially, I wasn't too confident being a ninety year old senior and being a single participant, but you made it an unforgettable experience. Looking forward to other trips! Thank you again for offering us senior citizens a great time. If there is a better traveling organization, it would be difficult to find. My regards,

Arthur Zimmerman

**Ed. Note:** Thank you Art for the kind words. Both of our baseball trips this spring

were winners. Too bad we can't quite say that about our Giants, but when you travel with nice people and your team doesn't win, at least you have someone to drown your sorrows with!

#### Dear Friends,

This is to acknowledge receipt of the refund check for our cancelled Moab trip beginning on May 6. Thanks very much for your prompt handling of the refund. We were very sorry to have had to cancel this trip as we had looked forward to it for several months. Charlene is slowly recovering from pneumonia. She definitely made the right decision to cancel. We look forward to our next trip in October with **Scott** and **SLV**. Sincerely,

Dick Schiltz

#### Dear Mark,

Thank you for your gift of \$250 in support of Rosie the Riveter Trust and the programs of the Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park. We truly appreciate the contribution you have made to help us tell the important stories of the WWII Home Front, and to capture the inspiring histories of the people who planted the seeds for some of the most important social changes in our nation's history. Thank you again for your generous support in 2017! All best wishes,

Martha Mather-Thrift, Executive Director

#### Dear Mark & Clayton,

When I opened my mailbox a few days ago and saw the *SLV Traveler* I was overjoyed. I've read it from cover to cover. I only wish my health was better! I would like to receive *The Traveler* from time to time if at all possible. With Blessings, Hugs & Love,

Gloria McAdams

#### Dear Mr. Hoffmann,

A big thank you and praise for Greg and Joey. With I-80 East closed due to a crime investigation coming home from our one-day trip to Golden Gate Fields on March 9th, it took four hours to get back



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Tom Romano and Mark Hoffmann

home. Greg and Joey made a terrible traffic situation an adventure to remember. With the excellent service, the DVD's played for our entertainment and the interesting detour; we remained in good humor and had a joyous return to Sacramento. We members are very lucky Sports Leisure Vacations has such competent, dedicated people who go out of their way to make a bad situation not only bearable but enjoyable. Sincerely yours,

Gordon & Vida Adelman

#### Dear Mark,

On behalf of the entire St. Francis of Assisi Parish, thank you for your donation of two theater tickets, for a total value of \$500. Your donation to the St. Francis Mardi Gras Gala fund raiser on February 11, 2017, helped us to raise much needed funding to help support our parish operations and outreach ministries. Thank you!

The proceeds from our 9th annual Mardi Gras Gala will aid us in furthering our mission of serving the community. We cannot thank you enough for your support and, in recognition of your generosity, you were featured in the evening program and signage at the event. Sincerely,

Richard A Hernandez, Outreach Coordinator St. Francis of Assisi Parish

#### Hi Mark.

Today I was reading the Bee and in the Life & Style section on the front page was a picture of the Ritz Carlton at Tahoe. Inside was a picture of the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. I have been both places because of you. Don't you think that our trips should be tax deductible because they are good for our mental health? Thanks for all the good times.

#### Amy Rath

Ed. Note: I think Amy is onto something here. Next tax season, let's all ask our accountants if our **Sports Leisure** trips can be deductable? Perhaps Congress will insert something in the new tax bill they are working (?) on...

#### Dear Mark Hoffmann,

Thank you for your contribution of \$2520.00 to the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. We certainly hope you enjoyed your recent trip to the top of the colossal mountain carving. At 563 feet, Crazy Horse stands higher than the Washington Monument (555 feet), the Great Pyramid of Giza (455 feet), and the State of Liberty (203 feet). Truly, it is a scale for the ages. Your gift provides essential support for our mission "to protect and preserve the culture, tradition, and living heritage of the North American Indians." Again, thank you for your thoughtful and much appreciated gift. Please know your gift will make a difference. Sincerely.

## Monique and Jadwiga Ziolkowski, CEOs Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation

Ed. Note: It is our pleasure and privilege to support the folks at Crazy Horse. This writer considers it one of the most remarkable places on the planet. A man attacked a mountain with a jack hammer, 70 years ago, with a dream. That dream is slowly becoming a reality. The man is gone, but the dream gets closer to reality every day. It should be on your bucket list. Look for it next year!

#### **Dear Blueberry:**

I just received your note and See's gift card. What a great surprise. I enjoy traveling with you and taking your picture as you experience so many adventures. I'm slower than most sharing our pics with you - no smartphone... just a 35mm camera. I'm looking forward to our next excursion.

Patti Wright



This little guy sure does get around! Interested in having Blueberry join you on your next tour with us? Send an email to blueberry@sportsleisure.com and join the Blueberry Photographic Society. We'll mail you your very own Blueberry to take on future tours. Send us a photo of our mascot on tour and you will be entered to win prizes throughout the year.

#### Hi Mark,

I just want to say thank you so much for the trip to San Francisco to see Roman Holiday. The play and trip was awesome !!! It was a great day. The best part of my job is meeting people like you and your staff. What an awesome group you have. I can't thank you enough!!!! Have a GREAT week!!!

Ed. Note: Cathy is Cathy Marshall from Raley's Deli at College Greens, the lady who makes sure our goodies are made fresh and delivered to the coaches. She does such an amazing job for us, we rewarded her with a special day.

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 Human Side Learn, Laugh, Reflect

## More Comments From Travelers to Their (British) Travel Agents

- **1.** "They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax."
- **2.** "We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish."
- **3.** "The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room."
- **4.** "We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white but it was more yellow."
- **5.** "The roads were uneven and bumpy, so we could not read the local guide book during the bus ride to the resort. Because of this, we were unaware of many things that would have made our holiday more fun."
- **6.** "It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair."
- **7.** "I compared the size of our one-bedroom suite to our friends' three-bedroom and ours was significantly smaller."
- **8.** "It is your duty as a tour operator to advise us of noisy or unruly guests before we travel."

- **9.** "I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes."
- **10.** "My fiancée and I requested twinbeds when we booked, but instead we were placed in a room with a king bed. We now hold you responsible and want to be re-reimbursed for the fact that I became pregnant. This would not have happened if you had put us in the room that we requested."

## A Pending Divorce...

Sarah was reading a newspaper, while her husband was engrossed in a magazine. Suddenly, she burst out laughing.

"Listen to this," she said. "There's a classified ad here where a guy is offering to swap his wife for a season ticket to the stadium."

"Hmmm," her husband said, not looking up from his magazine. Teasing him, Sarah said, "Would you swap me for a season ticket?" "Absolutely not," he said. "How sweet," Sarah said. "Tell me why not." "Season's more than half over," he said.

## **Kids Say the Darnest Things**

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work.

As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied. "They will in a minute."

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A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God's watching the apples."

## We will miss our friends...

Shirley George Sandra Reese Jeannine Hagele

Three longtime **Sports Leisure**Travelers. Ladies who were a big part of our travel family for many years. Now their travels will be on the wings of angels.

Godspeed

If you know of someone from our travel family who should be remembered here, please call or drop us a note.

Proud members of the





When you travel with **Scott** to Croatia, you might have to climb a "few" stairs... these folks are climbing all the way to heaven, to visit the Croatian Catholic Mission Assumption of Mary

## Casino Daytrips, Overnighters & Baseball

#### The Rat Pack is Back!

Harrah's Reno

2 Days • June 29-30

Celebrating its 18th year, The Rat Back is Back is a living tribute celebrating the heyday of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Sammy Davis Jr. And it's appropriate the show is coming to Reno to perform at Harrah's in time for the 50th Anniversary of Sammy's Showroom! We'll stay overnight at Harrah's where the both the show and a buffet dinner will be included. You may opt out of the show and dinner at the point of reservation and receive a credit of \$50. The tour includes roundtrip transportation, accommodations at Harrah's Reno for one night and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. Limited space available! 275/300 Gold Passport Points

> \$265 p.p./dbl.occ., \$295 single Add door-to-door transportation for \$80 per person

## **Cirque Le Noir!**

Silver Legacy Hotel/Casino in Reno

2 Days • August 17-18

The producers of the Broadway smash hit The Illusionists and the Eldorado are teaming up to bring a new Cirque extravaganza to Reno and the newly renovated Eldorado Theatre. Cirque Le Noir is a truly unique and electrifying experience and features the world's greatest circus acts, aerialists and athletes. The show is carefully engineered with the deliberate intention of making the audience a part of the entertainment, bringing them physically closer to the artists than any other show. This production is surreal, beautiful, seductive and at times hilariously outrageous as it explores emotions through colors as the cast transforms from beautiful and pure white, through to the passion of red and finally culminating with the darkness of Cirque Le Noir. You may opt out of the show and dinner at the point of reservation and receive a credit of \$45. The tour includes roundtrip transportation, accommodations at Harrah's Reno for one night and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 250/275 **Gold Passport Points** 

\$235 p.p./dbl.occ., \$265 single Add door-to-door transportation for \$80 per person



## The 2017 Ballpark Express

For over 37 years, the BEST way to get to the major league ballparks in Oakland and San Francisco has been with Sports Leisure Vacations. Our original Ballpark Express allows you to travel to games in comfort without the traffic, tolls, gas, food stops, etc. Refreshments are served on board the motorcoach on your way to and from each game. You'll enjoy Field Reserved seating for A's games and Lower Box seating for all Giants games.

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Sun., June 2	25 Giant	s vs. Mets	1:05pm	\$172
Wed., June		s vs. Rockies sold out/waitlist ava	12:45pm ailable)	\$158*
Wed., July 1	19 Giant	s vs. Indians	12:45pm	\$172
Wed., July 2	<mark>26 Giant</mark>	<mark>s vs. Pirates</mark>	12:45pm	\$184*
Wed., Augu	st 9 Giant	s vs. Cubs	12:45pm	\$210
Sun., Sept.	3 Giant	s vs. Cardinals	1:05pm	\$175
Sun., Octob	er 1 Giant	s vs. Padres	12:05pm	\$172

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

#### **Oakland Athletics**

Sat., June 17 A's vs. Yankees 1:05pm \$123

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## The Champagne Express to Tahoe

#### **Tuesday, August 8**

Our popular Champagne Express to Harvey's at Lake Tahoe continues in 2017. Your 6-hour stay includes a \$20 slot credit and \$7 food credit. You must be a member of Harvey's Total Rewards Program to receive the bonus! \$50

## **Casino Mystery Overnighter**

Three casinos you know not where!

2 Days • September 13-14

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

> \$225 p.p./dbl.occ., \$265 single Add door-to-door transportation for \$80 per person

# Day Trips & Theatre Outings

## Degas, Impressionism and the Paris Millinery Trade and the Summer of Love: Art, Fashion, Rock & Roll

Legion of Honor and de Young Museums Tuesday, July 18

Enjoy an interesting day of contrasting exhibits beginning in the morning at The Legion of Honor for Degas, Impressionism and the Paris Millinery Trade. Featuring 60 paintings and pastels by Edgar Degas, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Edouard Manet, Mary Cassett, Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, plus 40 exquisite period hats, many of these works have never before been exhibited in the U.S. An accompanying audio guide is included for your enjoyment of this exhibit. In the afternoon we move to the nearby de Young Museum for Summer of Love: Art, Fashion and Rock & Roll. Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of San Francisco's counterculture that blossomed in 1967. the exhibit presents a wide array of iconic rock posters, clothing, photographs, and music and light shows. Wearing a French chapeau, love beads, tie-dye, fringe, or daisies is optional! Lunch is on your own at either museum. \$111

#### Take the Train to Oakland

Featuring the Photography of Dorothea Lange at the Oakland Museum

Thursday, July 20

Board Amtrak's Capitol Corridor for the short ride to Jack London Square. Lunch is included on the water at Kincaid's. A short distance away is the Oakland Museum of California, featuring an exhibit of the photographs of Dorothea Lange. Through the lens of her camera, Lange documented American life with riveting, intimate photographs that showed the major issues of the times. From documenting the plight of Dust Bowl migrants during the Great Depression to magnifying the grim conditions of incarcerated Japanese Americans during World War II, Lange's photographs demonstrate how empathy and compassion - focused through art - can trigger political action. View approximately 100 photographs, including vintage prints, unedited proof sheets, personal memorabilia, and historic objects. Return to Sacramento in the late afternoon by coach.

#### The Lettermen

Bankhead Theater, Livermore

Friday, July 21

When The Lettermen take the stage it's a trip down memory lane to a time when three young men in letter sweaters rode their first hit single "The Way You Look Tonight" to the top of the charts. Their more than 50 albums are filled with such familiar hits as "When I Fall in Love" and "Put Your Head on my Shoulder." Once described as "the best thing that happened to romance since moonlight," The Lettermen's sweet harmonies and smooth, romantic sound simply never go out of style. Dinner is included prior to the 8pm show. \$181

## Gilroy Garlic Festival

Friday, July 28

Our daytrips to Gilroy for its annual Garlic Festival continue to sell out! Here's your next opportunity to try everything under the sun made with garlic, even ice cream! Arrive when the gates open at 10am (7am departure from Sacramento) to beat the summer heat. We'll also stop at famous Casa de Fruta to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables on our way home, arriving back in Sacramento around 4pm. \$95

#### Summer of Love

50th Anniversary in San Francisco

Thursday, August 10

In commemoration of what is now known as "The Summer of Love," the city of San Francisco celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this memorable period with a variety of exhibits and remembrances. Join our resident SF guide Craig Smith as we revisit the cultural sites and events that led up to this transformative moment in California history. Included is a tour of the Haight-Ashbury district, including painted apartments buildings, the Grateful Dead Victorian,

Golden Gate Park, the Jefferson Airplane Mansion, the Janis Joplin apartment, Buena Vista Park, and a special photographic exhibit at the California Historical Society. Lunch is included at the Beach Chalet in Golden Gate Park. Wearing tie-dye clothing, love beads, and daisies in your hair are optional! \$134

## **Something Rotten!**

Orpheum Theatre, SF

Wed. August 16 or Sat., August 12

Set in 1595, this hilarious Broadway smash tells the story of Nick and Nigel Bottom, two brothers who are desperate to write a hit play in an age when people only talk about that Shakespeare guy. When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical! Nominated for 10 Tony Awards, including Best Musical, this show is simply funny! Wednesday trips include a snack-sized box lunch, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee, and dinner on your own at Pier 39 after the show. The Saturday trip includes lunch on your own in Union Square before the 2pm matinee and a return to Sacramento after the show. Wed. -\$155, Sat. - \$181

## A Magical Mystery Tour

A new mystery daytrip filled with surprises! Thursday, August 24

A third departure! Have you ever wondered about taking a mystery trip but didn't want to commit to a multi-day vacation? This is a great first-time mystery daytrip. We can't give you too many clues so we'll just say that a magical luncheon is included along with a matinee performance that is sure to leave you mystified and laughing. \$159

#### Yeoman of the Guard

Bankhead Theater, Livermore

Sunday, August 27

Gilbert & Sullivan's dark musical comedy is full of lies, deceit, and corruption, and set in 16th-century England's bloody Tower of London. The closest thing to grand opera in

the Gilbert & Sullivan repertoire it combines poignancy and tragedy with humor to an extent not seen in any other Gilbert libretto. Orchestra seating with lunch included at Poppy Ridge prior to the 2pm matinee performance. \$150

#### Flower Power

Asian Art Museum, San Francisco

#### Tuesday, September 19

In celebration of San Francisco's 50th Anniversary of the Summer of Love, the Asian Museum presents a special exhibit of the meaning and significance of flowers in the Asian culture. During the "Summer of Love," flowers became the recognized symbol of peace. This concept of botanical imagery prevalent in Buddhist art is thousands of years old and still significant in paintings, scrolls, screens, porcelains, textiles, jewelry, and sculpture. A private docent tour is included to learn the unspoken language of favorite flowers and the message they convey. In the afternoon, enjoy free time to explore galleries of the permanent collection and lunch on your own in the museum café. \$105

#### Man of La Mancha

Fallon House in Columbia

#### Saturday, September 23

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

#### **An American in Paris**

Orpheum Theatre, SF

#### Wed., September 27 or Sat., October 7

Winner of 4 Tony Awards this new musical is about an American soldier, a mysterious French girl, and the magic of Paris. Acclaimed director/choreographer and 2015 Tony Award®-winner Christopher Wheeldon brings the magic and romance of Paris into perfect harmony with unforgettable songs from George and Ira Gershwin including "I've Got Rhythm," "The Man I Love," and "But Not for Me." Wednesday trips include a snack-sized box lunch, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee and dinner on your own at Pier 39 after the show. The Saturday trip includes lunch on your own in Union Square before the 2pm matinee and return to Sacramento after the show. Wed. - \$155, Sat. - \$181

#### **Turnadot**

San Francisco Opera House

#### Sunday, September 24

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

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

## Comeback to Copia

The CIA at Copia in Napa

#### Tuesday, September 26

After several years of closure, this beautiful facility in downtown Napa has reopened to the delight of all who love food and dining. Like a playground for "foodies," enjoy a full day of culinary pleasures as we begin with a tour followed by a cooking demonstration by one of their master chefs. Considered the premier cooking school in the USA, Copia is part of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) and the best in preparation and presentation of fine dining. After the class, enjoy a three-course lunch of "chef's choice" tastings served family style. Linger in the ambiance of the dining room or take some time to browse their gift shop of cookbooks, foods, wine, and selection of cookware and tools for the kitchen and entertaining. There will also be free time to shop Napa's famous Oxbow Market adjacent to Copia before departing to Sacramento. Truly a special day for anyone who enjoys good food and a fun day close to home. \$172

#### **Edvard Munch at MOMA**

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

#### Thursday, September 28

Considered a master by the age of 30, famed Norwegian painter Edvard Munch was among the most celebrated artists of his generation. Feeling that his true breakthrough came later in his career, this special exhibit Edvard Munch; Between the Clock and the Bed uses his last self-portrait as a starting point to assess a lifetime of painting. Organized by SFMOMA, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the Munch Museum, Oslo, the exhibition features 45 landmark compositions as well as paintings from the artist's own collection. Enjoy an included private docent tour of the exhibit followed by free time to explore other galleries and lunch on your own in one of its cafes. \$120

## Traveling The Lincoln **Highway, America's First** Transcontinental Highway

Saturday, September 30

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

## Fleet Day on the Bay

#### Sunday, October 8

Enjoy a sumptuous luncheon buffet and cruise aboard Hornblower's San Francisco Belle. The two-hour cruise is timed to be on the bay during the performance of the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels air acrobatic team. This said, we cannot be responsible for any change in the Fleet Week schedule, including the performance time of the Blue Angles, due to weather or other circumstances. But still, it's a great day on the bay with free flowing champagne on board the Belle and musical entertainment! \$178



## Teasers

Below you will see several destinations we are considering for 2017 and beyond. Some are date specific - we know we're going but prices are not yet determined because air or hotel space isn't yet available. If you are interested in any of these tours, please call and place your name on the **Priority** Notification List! You will receive first shot at signing up including the opportunity to take advantage of Early Payment Di\$counts!

#### **Presidential California**

#### 3 Days • Spring 2018

Southern California hosts two presidential libraries, storing the papers and collections of Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan. We often travel to the Reagan Museum to enjoy a buffet lunch in the shadow of the president's former Air Force One. The galleries of the museum at the Nixon Library recently reopened after a \$16 million renovation. Walk in the footsteps of presidential history on this short getaway to Southern California.

#### **TV Land & Hollywood**

#### 3 Days • Spring or Fall 2018

Attend a live taping of a television show in Los Angeles! Past shows on this tour have included Jeopardy!, The Price is Right, and Dr. Phil. Stay at the beautiful Intercontinental Hotel in Century City. Because taping schedules are announced in many cases only 60 days in advance, this tour will have a very short window to book. Please call and place your name on the Priority **Notification List!** 

## Philadelphia: Revolution & **Brotherly Love**

#### 6 Days • Spring 2018

Our "unpack once" trips to San Antonio and Chicago have been very popular in recent years. Philadelphia has been a recent request and it comes at a good time: the NEW Museum of the American Revolution has just opened! We'll also visit the Philadelphia Museum of Art (run up the steps like "Rocky" if you want, or just pose with his statue), The Franklin Institute, The Liberty Bell, and Independence Hall. We may include beautiful Longwood Gardens and visit the homes of the DuPont Family.

## Japan, Land of the Rising Sun 10 Days • Spring 2018

A comprehensive look at this island nation featuring visits to Osaka, Kobe, Mt. Fuji (5th Station), and Tokyo with an array of cultural activities. See Hakone National Park and numerous Shinto shrines and holy sites at a leisurely pace with time for shopping and relaxation. First class hotel accommodations and a ride on the famous "Bullet Train." Fully escorted by a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director and a Japanese guide.

## San Antonio, Deep in the Heart **April 2018**

Visit the Lone Star State's most popular destination, San Antonio, for 4 nights on the famed Riverwalk. This is an unpackonce tour! Visit the Alamo, the Tower of the Americas, Mission San Jose and take the SAS factory tour in this fun-loving, historyrich city. A daytrip to nearby Johnson City and Fredericksburg is included to visit the LBJ Ranch and Nimintz Museum at the height of the Hill Country's bluebonnet blooming season.

#### **Norway's Fabulous Fjords**

#### 12-14 Days • Summer 2018

Explore the majestic coastline of Norway aboard one of Hurtigruten's comfortable cruise ships. Visit Bergen, Trondheim, and cross the Arctic Circle on your way to Kirkenes. Small towns and villages are spread across the passage with unmatched scenery. We may include rail passage on the famous Flam Railway to Oslo to roundout the tour.

#### **Polar Bears & Belugas**

#### 5-7 Days • Summer 2018

With Beluga Whales filling the Hudson Bay and Polar Bears leaving the melting sea ice, summer is an amazing time to visit Churchill! Guides will take you to beautiful wild places that offer the very best opportunities to see Polar Bears, Beluga Whales and many more species of migrating wildlife. Scenic flights over the landscape, walking tours of historic and cultural sites, and even a tundra tour in an arctic crawler offer the perfect arctic experience!

## **Cruising on the Canadian Empress**

#### 8 Days • Summer/Fall 2018

The Canadian Empress plies the mighty St. Lawrence River. The small replica steamboat hosts only 66 passengers and is small boat cruising at its best! Set sail from Kingston, on the northeastern shores of Lake Ontario, and voyage through the Thousand Islands to Montreál and Québec City. The six night cruise features many activities, shore excursions, and local fare for dining. Pre or post cruise stay in Québec City.

#### **Get Your Kicks on Route 66**

#### Spring (East) and Fall (West) 2018

Mark will be offering his original signature trip across The Mother Road, broken into two parts to allow you to see half or the entire route. We expect the spring trip to be 8-10 days (Chicago to Oklahoma City) and the fall trip to be a similar length (Oklahoma City to Santa Monica).

### **Scottish Tales and** the Beatles Trail

#### 12 Days • August 9-20, 2018

Visit the legendary Isle of Skye, Loch Lomond, Inverness and Edinburgh. Attend a performance of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Travel to the romantic English Lake District, see the homes of William Wordsworth and Beatrix Potter. Onward to Liverpool to walk in the footsteps of The Beatles and explore their humble start and rise to stardom.

## The Alps of Switzerland and **Northern Italy**

#### 10 Days • Summer 2018

Begins in Lucerne where a visit to Mt. Pilatus employs a lake cruise, gondola, cable car and a ride on the world's steepest cog railway. Onward to Interlaken and visits to Trummelbach Falls, Kleine Scheidegg and "The Top of The World" on snowy Junegraujoch. Northern Italy is a place of art, history and legend. Cruise Lake Como, explore Verona, and walk the ancient streets of Padua. Your last full day is spent in Venice, the city of canals and islands.

# **New Vacations & Getaways**



The Dream Inn, on the beach in Santa Cruz

## Santa Cruzin' at the Dream Inn

Featuring the Santa Cruz Follies Show "Broadway, Then and Now"

#### 3 Days • September 12-14

Come with us down to the beach for two blissful nights at the beloved **Dream Inn** on the historic Beach Boardwalk in Santa Cruz. Awake each morning in your oceanview room overlooking the Santa Cruz wharf... isn't that what you've always dreamed about???

The Santa Cruz Follies has been entertaining us for over sixty years. This year the cast (all over 50 years of age) will present Broadway, Then and Now. Also included is lunch at Sports Leisure favorites Porter's Restaurant at the Poppy Ridge Golf Club in Livermore and The Crow's Nest in Santa Cruz with dinner at a local restaurant.

We'll get a tour of Santa Cruz by a local guide, head to Bear Mountain and Roaring Camp Railroad for a train ride into the redwoods, have time for shopping in nearby Capitola, and perhaps feel like a kid again riding the carousel on the Beach Boardwalk.

This includes door-to-door tour motorcoach transportation, service. accommodations, 2 lunches and 1 dinner, the Follies Show and the services of a Sports Leisure Tour Director. 1100/1300 **Gold Passport Points** 

> \$1099 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1299 single \$ave \$30 until July\*

## Passage to South America

Featuring Holland America's ms Zaandam 17 Days • March 2-18, 2018

Discover lands rich in history, folklore and wild beauty! South America has always held a special allure for explorers. Some came for gold, some for glory, and many more for adventure, but no one has ever truly succeeded in taming this vast and varied continent. On a Holland America Line South America cruise, you can experience these legendary lands in elegant comfort.

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

Designed to carry less than 1,500 guests while providing more space for maximum comfort, the ms Zaandam is a prize in the mid-size ship category. On the musically themed Zaandam, you'll find a Baroquestyle Dutch pipe organ in her soaring three-story atrium, inspired by the traditional barrel organs still found on the streets of The Netherlands. While on-board, choose from an array of onboard activities that allow you to pursue new interests or relax and rejuvenate. Enjoy onboard cooking shows and hands-on workshops in partnership with America's Test Kitchen. The Greenhouse Spa & Salon offers spa treatments, a thermal pool and lounge and salon services. The fully equipped Fitness Center offers classes in Yoga, Pilates, indoor cycling and more. On deck enjoy two outdoor pools, along with practice tennis courts.

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

Prices start at: \$5065 p.p./dbl. occ., \$6350 single (inside) \$5230 p.p./dbl. occ., \$6650 single (outside)

This vacation requires a valid passport! \$ave \$150-\$200 until July\*

2018 HOLLAND AMERICAN'S MS ZAANDAM – SOUTH AMERICA				
DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART	
0	Buenos Aires, Argentina	March 3	_	
1	Buenos Aires, Argentina		March 4 / 6PM	
2	Montevideo, Uruguay	March 5 / 8AM	March 5 / 6PM	
3	AT SEA	March 6		
4	AT SEA	March 7	_	
5	Stanley/Falkland Is/Islas Malvinas	March 8 / 8AM	March 8 / 6PM	
6	Strait of Magellan	March 9	—	
7	Punta Arenas, Chile/Cockburn Channel/Beagle Channel/Glacier Alley	March 10 / 6AM	March 10 / 6PM	
8	Ushuaia, Argentina	March 11 / 1PM	March 11 / 9PM	
9	Scenic Cruising Cape Horn	March 12		
10	Canal Sarmiento	March 13	_	
11	Chilean Fjords	March 14	_	
12	Puerto Montt, Chile	March 15 / 8AM	March 15 / 5PM	
13	AT SEA	March 16		
14	Valparaiso (Santiago), Chile	March 17 / 7AM	_	

## **Take the Sunset Limited** to New Orleans

Skipping across the Southwest by rail

#### 4 Days • March 9-12

Arrive in New Orleans in style aboard Amtrak's Sunset Limited. Crossing the deserts of the Great Southwest, be on the lookout for fantastic scenery, and maybe some blooming wildflowers! Fly home after one night in New Orleans or extend your stay by adding our New Orleans... And All That Jazz tour, featured next.

- 1. Fly to Los Angeles on a mid-afternoon flight and enjoy dinner before Train #2, the Sunset Limited, departs Union Station at 10pm headed for points east. On board the Sunset Limited – 2 nights (D)
- **2.** Awake in Tucson and feel free to stretch your legs during a short station stop. All meals are included on board in the dining car. Your accommodations are either a full bedroom. complete with a full bathroom and shower. or a roomette, a smaller accommodation with shared facilities. Throughout the day pass through New Mexico and into West Texas. (FB,L,D)
- 3. Find yourself in between San Antonio and Houston this morning. On into Louisiana and finally your arrival in New Orleans, the Crescent City, at 9:30pm. Your overnight accommodations are in the heart of the city and on the edge of the famed French Quarter. Sheraton Hotel (FB,L,D)
- 4. This morning we'll join fellow New Orleans travelers who arrived by plane last night for a buffet breakfast at our hotel. Following breakfast enjoy a morning tour of the Crescent City followed by free time for lunch and the opportunity to explore the French Quarter. Your return flight departs for home in the late afternoon. (FB)

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

Please note: due to new restrictive Amtrak policies, we encourage you to sign up for this tour no later than December 1 as any extra compartments will need to



The Sunset Limited winds its way through tumbleweeds and chaparral

be released near that time. Also, because of the limited number of bedrooms Amtrak offers on the Sunset Limited, single travelers will be initially restricted to roomettes to accommodate couples in bedrooms. If bedrooms are available on our space release date, we will accommodate singles who wish to have bedroom compartments in the date order reservations are received. We apologize for any inconvenience but Amtrak is Amtrak.

#### Roomette:

\$1640 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1795 single Bedroom: \$2265 p.p./dbl.occ. \$ave \$75 until July\* **Combination Sunset Limited & NOLA** Roomette:

\$3070 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3415 single Bedroom: \$3695 p.p./dbl.occ. \$ave \$125 until July\*

## **New Orleans... And All That Jazz**

Featuring the Best of the Crescent City and the Bayou

5 Days • March 11-15

#### ★ Highlights ★

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



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Life moves a little slower in New Orleans

French Quarter only steps away. This city is all about the food. Start it off right with dinner at the famous Court of Two Sisters! Sheraton Hotel – 4 nights (D)

- 2. A full breakfast buffet awaits you this morning at your hotel before a driving tour of the city to include a drive through the French Quarter, downtown, the Garden District and beyond. Tonight, learn the secrets of classic Creole cuisine with a dinner class at the New Orleans School of Cooking. (FB,D)
- 3. Take an excursion to Houma, located deep in the bayous of Cajun Country. Visit historic Ardoyne, a rare Gothic Victorian plantation, where you're greeted by descendants of the original owners. Explore the Greenwood Gator Farm, where you'll tour its breeding operation, and then see gators in the wild on a guided swamp tour before heading back to New Orleans. Have you worked up a thirst? A stroll down Bourbon Street to Pat O'Brien's - home of the Hurricane - should cure that! (FB,L)
- 4. Start the day with beignets and Café au lait at famed Café du Monde. The National WWII Museum has grown into a massive, world-class facility covering four square blocks. To fuel you through your visit, take a midday break in BB's Stage Door Canteen for lunch and entertainment! You'll also visit the museum's unique 4D theatre for its acclaimed production, Beyond All Boundaries. (CB,L)
- 5. Breakfast at Brennan's is a true New Orleans tradition. Where else will you get a dessert of flaming Bananas Foster following the morning meal? Return to your home state in the early afternoon. (FB)

\$2295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2535 single \$ave \$75 until July\*

## **Tulip Time in Europe**

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

#### 11 Days • April 11-21

Fly from the US via Washington Dulles (one stop!) on an overnight flight to Holland's principal city, Amsterdam, for a 2-night stay at the 5-star Grand Hotel Amrath. Joined by a local guide, explore the city from top to bottom with visits to the Anne Frank House, the famed Rijksmuseum and the Alida Hoeve cheese farm. Four meals are included in Amsterdam featuring a private canal boat dinner cruise designed to whet your appetite for Europe's culinary delights as well as the experience that lies ahead.

On the afternoon of Day 4 board the stunning AmaPrima for an 8-day celebration of spring cruising the waterways, rivers and canals of Holland and Belgium. Will there be tulips? Oh, yes! AmaWaterways is no ordinary cruise line. On board you'll find included options far outweigh costly addons. Wine, beer and soft drinks at lunch, the cocktail hour and dinner? Included. Onboard Wi-Fi? Included. A choice of shore excursions at each port of call? Included. Bicycles (for personal exploration as well as guided tours)? Included. Think about all these things you usually pay extra for, and you'll see the incredible value of cruising with AmaWaterways!

All-outside cabins are offered on three levels to suit your budget and taste, and most boast a private balcony. Ample public spaces provide room for sightseeing, onboard entertainment and relaxing, as well as the pursuit of fitness with a walking track, heated pool and fitness room. An attentive staff hails from around the globe, but English is the primary language used. Dining in the Main Restaurant is an unpretentious, yet elegant affair. Between meals, tapas are offered so you're sure to never feel hungry. For an even more memorable culinary experience, make a reservation at the Chef's Table, a nightly dinner event limited to just 28 where you'll witness the chef at work and sample his favorite dishes complete with wine pairings...all at no additional cost.

If this sounds like the trip of your dreams, call the office and speak to Michael Downer for a cruise catalogue and more information. This tour includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air to Amsterdam, all activities listed in the itinerary and the services of a Sports Leisure Tour Director. Gold Passport Points dependent on cabin category.

## **2018 CRUISE ITINERARY**

14 April	Amsterdam/Embarkation
15 April	Hoorn
16 April	Delta/Middelburg
17 April	Antwerp
18 April	Ghent (Visit Bruges)
19 April	Rotterdam/Schoonhoven
	(Visit Gouda and/or The Hague)
20 April	Keukenhof Gardens
21 April	Amsterdam/Disembarkation

Prices start at: \$5325 p.p./dbl. occ., \$6995 single \$ave \$200 until July\* This vacation requires a valid passport!



Is this your vision of Holland and the Netherlands?



## The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

## **Dietary Restrictions and the Travel Challenges They Bring**

In recent years, as medical science has made us more aware of our bodies and how to take the best care of ourselves, travelers have become more aware of what's good and what's bad for them. Some, perhaps even many, totally ignore this advice. Some have the attitude that when you are traveling, you can cheat a little (ok, maybe more than a little). A smaller, more attentive group does their best to take in more of the good and less of the bad into their bodies in almost everything they do. So why is this important to talk about in a travel newsletter?

Certainly dietary restrictions can be a challenge for the traveler. Everyone has a few things that just don't agree with their tummies when it comes to food. Some items you just don't like. Some exotic flavors are not of interest to some palates.

Then there are the things we just cannot eat. Allergies, sometimes with life threatening reactions, can ruin a trip. Diabetics have restrictions which vary greatly from person to person.

Some of these dietary restrictions require diligent monitoring. If the affected traveler pays attention and stays informed about what they are eating, sometimes travel can continue unabated. When you are considering travel with a group, and have a mild or serious food allergy or limitation, there are some things to consider.

First of all, if you are limited to eating Lucky Charms cereal and macaroni and cheese at every meal, group travel has to be eliminated from your plans. In our Special Tour Notes & Information brochure it says, "If you have severe dietary restrictions these tours may not be for you." Sadly, that is true. While the size of our groups often mean we can order off the menu for many meals, that isn't always the case. Sometimes the menu is restricted to 3-4 choices. This is often where the trouble begins.

When a traveler who didn't mention anything about any dietary issues suddenly makes it known that they cannot eat whatever is being served at that day's meal, it can cause some challenges. Once we went to a restaurant that only served fried chicken. A gluten-free traveler assumed something else would be available. It wasn't. Thanks to the owner of the hotel in the small Kansas town who took our meal-less traveler and his wife into town to another restaurant as a courtesy, but we are not always so lucky to find such accommodating locals.

## Within Reason, We Would Like to Help

We are happy to assist you in your travels with dietary issues. It seems unfair to us when someone calls and exclaims that they can't eat "red meat, shellfish, anything with flour, dairy or certain fresh vegetables," but still want to travel to Bulgaria, or even Boston. Those are considered severe restrictions, and while we happily welcome all travelers, if your "cannot eat" list contains several entire categories of food, one must consider skipping travel with a group.

## Timing is Critical

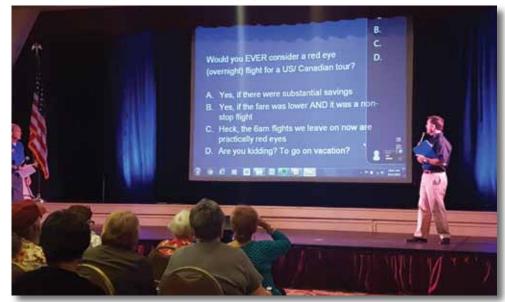
Simply put, it's critical you inform us of any food (or any other) issues when you register. If you wait until receiving the Final **Tour Notes,** 10-14 days prior to departure, we unfortunately must decline to assist you with dietary restrictions, because menus have already been finalized in many

cases. Recently, a staff member redid all the included meals for a 6-day trip to accommodate one person with a list such as the one in the above paragraph.

Sorry, but that will never happen again. It is your responsibility as a traveler to inform us of any challenges you may face in your travels with us that will require our assistance when you register for the tour. Remember, when you travel with a group of people, it isn't "all about you." Please help us provide you with the best service by informing us of your needs and asking important questions well in advance of the departure date.

## **Save The Date for Tour Preview** Day, Saturday, Sept. 16

Our annual Tour Preview Day, featuring the rollout of our new catalog, is slated for mid-September. It will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, off Madison & I-80. Shuttle buses will be available. We will begin accepting reservations on Tuesday, August 1st. As in the past, there will be a modest \$10 admission charge, all of which is donated to local charities on the day of the event. Payment is collected at the time of reservation, and because they are charitable contributions, we do not offer refunds. A maximum of 350 people may attend each of the morning and afternoon sessions.



Mark and Clayton conduct the audience survey during the general session at last year's Tour Preview Day. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this year... see details above...

# The Tour Calendar (Previously Announced)

## **Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters**

Art comes to life at one of the world's most unique festivals

3 Days • July 30 - August 1

Patricia Hansen has nurtured this trip for many years, adding pieces to create a complete pageant experience. There are two great lunches away from the pageant, at Las Brisas and on a yacht off Newport Harbor, both pretty classy. Speaking of pretty classy, you'll stay two nights at the Marriott Newport Hotel. At the pageant, you'll dine, tour, watch, listen and learn. Because we've included a guided tour, dinner, a speaker the following morning and of course tickets to California's most unique cultural pageant.

We encourage you to see the video from the 2016 trip online at www.sportsleisure.com, California trips and scroll down to the Laguna departures, then click on the "watch video" link. 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points \$1495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1675 single\*

\*Prices include a \$100 tax-deductible donation to Sacramento's National Public Radio (NPR) station.

## The Sounds of Music in Leavenworth

Take the Train to Washington's Little Bavaria 4 Days • August 7-10 (waitlist only) or **August 14-17** 

This summertime favorite is back again! It has a little bit of everything: theatre, stunning outdoor views, a train ride through beautiful mountain terrain, and the old world charm of Bavaria without a long plane ride!

1. Fly to Seattle this morning. Dine at a local institution, Chandler's Crabhouse, located along the shore of Lake Union. In the late afternoon, board Amtrak's Empire Builder for a short journey into the majestic mountains of Washington. Enjoy a box meal on board the train for dinner. At the heart of the state you'll find Leavenworth, Washington's own Little Bavaria. Your wellappointed and beautiful accommodations are located close to the center of the village with a full breakfast included each day. Bavarian Lodge – 3 nights (L,D)

2. Located in the heart of the Wenatchee Valley and surrounded by orchards, the community of Cashmere is known as the home of Liberty Orchards, makers of "Applets and Cottlets," the fruit and nut confections. Tour the factory along with the 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 and served family-style. Tonight, the hills come alive as The Sound of Music is performed in an outdoor amphitheater surrounded by majestic mountains. You'll feel like you're in the hills of Switzerland with the Von Trapp Family! (FB,D)

3. Discover Rocky Reach Dam and the Columbia River Museum on a tour today. After an included lunch, visit Ohme Gardens, situated on top of a large bluff overlooking the Columbia River. Tonight Annie, the musical story of the spunky orphan, is performed under the stars at Hatchery Park Amphitheater. The August 14 departure will include Bye, Bye Birdie. (FB,L)

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 includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air, deluxe motorcoach service, passage aboard Amtrak's Empire Builder, accommodations, all attractions and shows listed, 8 meals (3FB, 3L, 1BD, 1D), and the services of a Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director. 1900/2200 Gold **Passport Points** 

\$1890 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2165 single

## Washington's Masterpiece, The Olympic Peninsula

Featuring Ocean Shores, Lake Quinault and the Hoh Rainforest

4 Days • September 4-7

#### **★** Highlights ★

- Sleep with the peaceful sound of ocean waves at Ocean Shores,
- Let your imagination run wild as you stroll through a temperate rainforest
- Stand high above the Strait of San Juan De Fuca – you'll feel like you are on top of the world at Hurricane Ridge
- Ride the Bainbridge Ferry



Is that painting alive? Find out at the Laguna Pageant of the Masters...

- Stay at Lake Quinault Lodge, in lakeview rooms, nestled in the rainforest
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport service
- 6 meals: 1 breakfast, 1 full breakfast, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Tour Director: Ramona Goodge \$2005 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2265 single \$ave \$50 until July\*

## Yellowstone, Grand Tetons & Glacier National Parks

Ultimate Natural Experience in Montana & Wyoming – Our Premier Park tour of 2017 9 Days • September 6-14

Trips with accommodations inside or so close to the parks, covering such a magnificent array of natural scenery, don't come along often. This trip isn't inexpensive, but consider the length and the number of places visited and we think you will agree it offers solid value. Plus, with **three 2-night stays**, we believe the pace of the tour is excellent. See **page 36** of the catalog for the detailed, day-by-day itinerary.

### ★ Highlights ★

- Explore Grand Teton National Park by coach and Snake River float trip
- Yellowstone National Park unveiled:
   Old Faithful, Grand Canyon of the
   Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs,
   Midway Geyser Basin, Fountain Paint
   Pots and local wildlife
- Lake cruises plus Going-to-the-Sun Road by Jammer Car in Glacier National Park

- Tour the Smokejumpers Base in Missoula
- Lunch at the Lake Hotel in Yellowstone
- Discover Native American and Jesuit histories at St. Ignatius Mission
- Roundtrip airfare to Jackson, WY/from Kalispell, MT
- 15 meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches,
   5 dinners
- Tour Director: Scott Angeletti \$5195 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6170 single \$ave \$100 until July\*

## **Chicago: Your Kind of Town**

5 Days • September 21-25

Chris Galloway is the latest Sports **Leisure** staff member to fall in love with The Windy City. Join him on this "city adventure." Stay 4 nights at the Embassy Suites, just off The Magnificent Mile downtown. From the views atop the Hancock Building to the Polish Museum and the Polish dinner that goes with it, to the magnificent collection at the Art Institute and the 32,000 "friends in residence" at Shedd Aquarium, you won't run out of great things to do. (Plus, Chris knows all the important secrets, like where the Magnolia Bakery is and how to get that famous Garrett's Popcorn. See, the important stuff.) A better description is on page 17 of the catalog, or check online. Or bother Chris next time you see him. Combine this tour with our new **Empire Builder** trip! See the next page for details.

\$2565 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2940 single



Buffalo and geysers...only in Yellowstone National Park

# Land Without Limits: British Columbia's Cariboo Chilcotin

Ramona's newest adventure to the interior of British Columbia

7 Days • September 22-28

### **★** Highlights ★

- Spend 2 nights in comfort and luxury surrounded by the beauty of the Chilcotin Mountains at the Echo Valley Ranch
- Step into the Gold Rush at Barkerville
   Historic Town and Park, with living history
   characters, and storytellers. Ride the
   stagecoach, visit with craftsmen, and
   enjoy the show.
- Participate in a cooking demonstration, ride horseback, relax with a Thai massage at the Echo Valley Ranch
- Visit a First Nation site Xats'ull Heritage Village; and a Gold Rush-era site – Hat Creek
- Dine next to the Fraser River, doze next to the South Thompson River
- Roundtrip airfare to Vancouver/from Kamloops in addition to air between Vancouver and Prince George
- Door-to-door airport service
- 11 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Tour Director: Ramona Goodge \$3990 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4330 single
   This vacation requires a valid passport!

## Canada Coast to Coast by Rail

Featuring three rail experiences across Canada on board VIA Rail

9 Days • September 22-30

#### ★ Highlights ★

- First-class train accommodations aboard VIA Rail as you travel across the continent
- Halifax: 2 nights at the Westin Hotel, city sightseeing including Citadel Hill
- Montréal: Overnight at the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel, visit Vieux Montréal (Old Montréal) and the Basilica of Notre Dame
- Toronto: Dinner at the CN Tower
- Vancouver: City tour with lunch
- Visit picturesque Peggy's Cove
- 18 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 6 lunches, 5 dinners

- Roundtrip airfare to Halifax/from Vancouver
- Door-to-door airport service
- 5850/6200 Gold Passport Points
- 1. Meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers at the airport. Get the long travel day out of the way early with your flights to Halifax, Nova Scotia, arriving in the late evening. Westin Hotel - 2 nights
- 2. Halifax is truly one of Canada's most amazing cities. Nestled on the Atlantic Coast, you'll see for yourself during an early afternoon tour following an included lunch. Visit the waterfront, historic downtown, and pause at well-known Citadel National Historic Site. (FB,L)
- 3. Explore Peggy's Cove, a quaint fishing village and one of the most photographed communities in the world, before meeting your first train, VIA Rail's Ocean. The service and hospitality of Easterly Class begins from the moment you step on board with an included lunch. Couples will enjoy private sleeping quarters, which feature upper/lower berths while single travelers will occupy a roomette, a smaller accommodation.

### Overnight on board The Ocean (FB,L,D)

4. Bienvenue à Montréal! A morning tour highlights the old and new of this beautiful metropolis, including the Basilica of Notre Dame and a visit to Vieux Montreál (Old Montreál) with an opportunity to do a little shopping. After lunch, the afternoon and evening are yours to explore this walkable city or simply relax at your hotel, a former Canadian Pacific hotel built by the famous railroad and recently closed for one year for a complete top to bottom renovation. Located atop the rail station, you can't find a better location for your travels! Fairmont

#### Queen Elizabeth (FB,L)

**5.** Strolling back down to the train station, begin your next rail experience aboard VIA Rail's Corridor train, traveling from Montréal to Toronto. Arrive in Toronto in the early afternoon and in time to enjoy a visit to the Royal Ontario Museum. Discover Canada's premier collection of art and artifacts during a private tour. Dinner tonight is a "tall order," served high above the city at the CN Tower. Spend some time exploring the tower's observation deck, with its infamous glass floor, and then make the short drive back to the train station to meet your final train, VIA Rail's Train #1. The Canadian, scheduled for a 10pm departure. Your sleeping car attendant will have your cabin ready for you.

#### On board The Canadian – 4 nights (D)

- 6-8. Your final days in Canada will be spent surrounded by the spectacular scenery of the western and central provinces as you pass through the lakes and rivers of Ontario. the prairies of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and the tall mountain peaks of the Canadian Rockies in Alberta and British Columbia en route to Vancouver. While on board the train, you will enjoy VIA Rail's famed Silver and Blue Service. All meals are included on board in the Dining Car and you will have access to the Park Car, with its sightseeing dome, and the Bullet Lounge. VIA Rail's on board service staff will be on hand during every mile of the journey to prepare your room and assist with meal reservations. (3FB,3L,3D)
- 9. Your long journey from coast to coast across Canada comes to an end today with a morning arrival in Vancouver. A quick visit to Stanley Park and Canada Place precede time for lunch and shopping for those last minute Canadian Treasures at Granville Market. Your return flight home arrives in the early evening. (FB)

\$5850 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6175 single This vacation requires a valid passport!

## Take the Empire Builder -Chicago to Seattle

An air/rail journey along one of one of Amtrak's most scenic routes

5 Days • September 23-27

## ★ Highlights ★

- Explore Chicago: Your choice of the Chicago Museum of Science & Industry or the Art Institute of Chicago, guided neighborhood tour, ride the new Ferris wheel on Navy Pier
- Discover Seattle: Private tour of the Chihuly Garden of Glass, city views from high atop the Space Needle, shopping at famous Pike Place Market
- Deluxe sleeper accommodations on board Amtrak's Empire Builder for your 44-hour journey from Chicago to Seattle
- Unique Meals: A Polish dinner at Staropolska, Sunday Brunch at Chief

- O'Neill's Pub, Lunch on the waterfront at Cutters Crabhouse
- Two nights in downtown Chicago at the Embassy Suites Hotel with daily cookedto-order breakfast and Manager's nightly Reception
- Fly to Chicago/return flight from Seattle
- 10 meals: (4FB,1BR,2L,3D)
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2700/3950 Gold Passport Points

Considered by many to be one of the most beautiful of Amtrak's routes, the Empire Builder traverses a portion of the country visited by precious few and passes within a glimpse of Glacier National Park. Interested in seeing more of Chicago during your visit? Inquire to combine this rail trip with our "Chicago: Your Kind of Town" tour for a special vacation.

\$2680 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3930 single **Bedroom Accommodation** \$2680 single (no dbl.occ. available) **Roomette Accommodation** 

## Catalina Island Getaway

4 Days • October 1-4

Our annual escape to the island "26 miles across the sea" features three nights at the Pavilion Lodge, in the heart of Avalon, right on the harbor and within walking distance of countless shops and restaurants. Begin with a short flight to Southern California. Enjoy a tour and spectacular Sunday Brunch aboard the Queen Mary, moored in Long Beach Harbor. Travel aboard the high-speed Catalina Express ferry to the island. At your hotel, enjoy a wine reception each night and a continental breakfast each morning.

Included in the package is a behind-thescenes tour of Catalina's famous ballroom and Casino Building. Catch a glimpse of the underwater world surrounding the island on board a semi-submersible vehicle. Additionally, view Avalon and its beautiful harbor from high above on the Inland Motor Tour; the tour follows the island's original stagecoach route aboard a specially designed bus and visits the Native Plant Nursery, the Bald Eagle Habitat, the Airport in the Sky, and Conservancy Nature Center. A final night dinner is just steps from your hotel.

The tour includes door-to-door service,



roundtrip airfare, deluxe motorcoach transportation, accommodations and three tours on Catalina Island, 6 meals (3B,1BR,1L,1D), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1750/2000 Gold Passport Points \$1740 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1990 single

#### **Canyons and Monuments**

Featuring Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly and Lake Powell

7 Days • October 3-9

## ★ Highlights ★

- Discover Lake Powell on a scenic boat cruise and in the air by helicopter, stay two nights at the Lake Powell Resort – find the complete itinerary online or on page 49 of the catalog
- Learn about famous Antelope Canyon on a guided tour
- Explore Monument Valley & Canyon de Chelly by four-wheeled drive vehicles, stay at famous Goulding's Lodge overnight, Native American tour of the canyon, a memorable experience
- Roundtrip air to/from Phoenix
- Door-to-door service
- Tour Director: Scott Angeletti
- 13 meals: 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches
   \$3205 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3585 single

## British Columbia Bear Experience

Featuring the Knight Inlet Lodge and Grizzly Bear viewing

6 Days • October 4-9

#### ★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Knight Inlet remote floating wilderness lodge in a comfortable room with private washroom and shower
- 2½ days of guided wildlife viewing, including watching grizzly bears from nearby viewing platforms
- Marine wildlife viewing excursions as weather allows
- Seaplane from/to Campbell River
- Interpretive rainforest walk in the Kwalate Valley or a walk above the clouds
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Vancouver
- 12 meals: 1 breakfast, 4 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 5750/7000 Gold Passport Points



Colorful hot air balloons fill the skies above Albuquerque in October

This is truly an incredible opportunity and a must on your bucket list if you are a nature enthusiast! Our 2016 group of adventurers didn't want to leave! Knight Inlet is home to one of the largest concentrations of Grizzly Bears in British Columbia. With ample seafood and other food sources, these Grizzlies are magnificent! We will be visiting during the fall salmon run so we will be walking out to viewing platforms in order to see the bears filling up on fresh salmon. Bring your cameras and binoculars for spectacular viewing! This is a Sports Leisure Vacations exclusive, as we are the only tour operator with the premier fall viewing season availability!

Please note: 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, walking through water and 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 serious mobility issues. If you have questions or concerns, talk with Ramona before booking. Space is limited, with only 4 rooms available for single occupancy.

\$5750 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6985 single This vacation requires a valid passport!

Visit us 24/7 on the web at: www.sportsleisure.com

## Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring reserved upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge – this trip fills early

4 Days • October 11-14

### **★** Highlights ★

- Stay 3 nights at the Drury Inn & Suites with daily breakfasts and evening hospitality
- 4 balloon events including Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascensions
- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge
- Guided tour of the Abruzzo International Balloon Museum
- Presentation at the Turquoise Museum
- Roundtrip air to Albuquerque
- Door-to-door airport service
- 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches,1 dinner
- Tour Director: Scott Angeletti \$1960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2235 single

## An American Portrait – A Fall Colors Mystery Tour

6 Days • October 12-17

Those who appreciate the joys of a mystery tour will find this one of particular interest. If you've never attempted one of these popular adventures, this might be a place to begin. The itinerary displays a wonderful canvas of important historical figures; people who in some cases we have overlooked in our studies and our travels. People who did significant things in these United States.

You'll marvel at an engineering feat that was ahead of its time, and see so many great attractions and have so much fun, you'll probably think to yourself, "It's a Wonderful Life!" Ladies who like history will find this trip of particular interest, as will those who enjoy ice cream. Look here, don't point your finger that direction: If you want to find what you are looking for, point west towards the lakes, because "that must be the place."

Many years ago, people came to one of our destinations to discover something about themselves. Wonder how they feel about that adventure now? Oh, and "Please remember not to put anything in the water that could kill the fish," in the words of the late explorer Henry Hudson. By the way, is that a river or a ledge? Or maybe it's both.

OK, we've practically given it away with all of those obvious clues. Now all that's left is for you to call and sign up. Mark will be your Tour Director as you head into the wilderness... The package includes doorto-door airport service, roundtrip airfare, 11 meals, all tours and admissions, It's an American History lesson of the most interesting kind. Maximum 29 travelers, 2700/3000 Gold Passport Points.

> \$2655 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2985 single \$ave \$50 until July\*

## **Magnificent Mammoth** in Autumn

Featuring Tioga Pass and Bodie State Historical Park

4 Days • October 12-15

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

This mountain vacation includes roundtrip transportation aboard SuperCoach III, accommodations, 5 meals (1BR,3L,1D), all tours and attractions listed, and the services of a Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director. Please note: this trip travels over roads above 9,000 feet and the hotel is located at 9,000 feet. This trip is not recommended for those with heart or respiratory conditions. 1150/1300 Gold Passport Points.

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

### **Italy... That's Amore**

Three of the world's greatest cities - Rome, Florence & Venice – are yours to discover! 9 Days (7 Nights) • October 22-30

#### **★** Highlights ★

- 2 nights each Venice and Florence; 3 nights Rome
- See the Doges' Palace and St. Marks's Square in Venice
- Explore Florence's Ponte Vecchio, Uffizi Gallery and beautiful Dromo
- Witness Rome's ancient monuments from the Forum to the Colosseum
- Tour Vatican City, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel
- · Visit the Medieval hill town of Assisi
- 14 meals: Daily full breakfast, 1 lunch, 6 dinners
- Services of a Sports Leisure Tour Director and a certified Italian Guide
- Roundtrip airfare to Venice/from Rome
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 5250/6100 Gold Passport Points

This tour was announced as a teaser in the November/December issue of the Traveler. You can find the complete itinerary in that publication as well as on our website: www.sportsleisure.com.

\$5240 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6095 single \$ave \$50 until July\*

This vacation requires a valid passport!

## Autumn in Appalachia, Asheville to Nashville

The Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains in Fall majesty

8 Days • October 23-30

#### ★ Highlights ★

- Feel the thrill during a tour of Charlotte Motor Speedway, read the itinerary on page 25 of the catalog
- Travel through the scenic wonder of the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains
- Sample flavored moonshine at Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery
- Spend a day at Dollywood Theme Park
- Experience a behind-the-scenes-tour of The Grand Ole Opry and attend the show

- Roundtrip airfare to Charlotte/from Nashville and door-to-door service
- 14 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Tour Director: Chris Galloway \$3960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4370 single

## Sedona & Grand Canyon **National Park**

Featuring a visit to Bearizona Wildlife Park 5 days • October 22-26

#### ★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at the Hilton Sedona Resort, nestled amongst the red rocks
- Lunch at the Enchantment Resort
- Trolley tour to the Chapel of The Holy
- Lunch at the historic El Tovar Hotel
- Guided tour along the rim of the Grand
- VIP guided tour of the Grand Canyon village historic sites
- 9 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 4 lunches
- Tour Director: Scott Angeletti
- 2350/2700 Gold Passport Points
- 1. Fly direct to Phoenix on Southwest Airlines. Enjoy a lavish brunch at the historic Wrigley Mansion before arriving at the red rocks of Sedona and your beautiful accommodations. Hilton

## Sedona Resort at Bell Rock - 2 nights (BR)

- 2. Start the day off with a private, fully narrated trolley tour of Sedona where you will learn about the history, geology, flora and fauna of the area. The tour takes you through the Mexican-style village of Tlaquepaque, nestled beneath the shade of the sycamores on the banks of beautiful Oak Creek. There's also a stop at the famous Chapel of the Holy Cross. Gaze through floor-to-ceiling windows at the dramatic towering red sandstone cliffs while enjoying lunch at the Enchantment Resort. The afternoon is at your leisure - browse the shops of Uptown or Tlaquepaque. (FB,L)
- 3. Head north through scenic Oak Creek Canyon to Williams and one of Northern Arizona's newest attractions Bearizona, a 150-acre drive-through wildlife park that promises to give you a

close encounter of the wild kind with big horn sheep, buffalo and, of course, bears and many more animals all roaming free. In the afternoon arrive in the town of Tusayan, just outside Grand Canyon National Park. Get a sneak peek at the wonders that await you with a viewing of the IMAX movie "Grand Canyon: The Hidden Secrets." Best Western Squire Inn – 2 nights (FB,L)

- 4. This morning enter one of the world's greatest natural wonders, Grand Canyon National Park. Enjoy a private guided tour along the southern rim to Hermits Rest, pausing to capture the colors of the canyon during your photo stops along the way. Experience lunch at the historic El Tovar Hotel before this afternoon's guided tour of the village. Visit the Bright Angel History Room, telling the story of Fred Harvey and his Harvey Girls. Stop at Mary Jane Colter's architectural marvel known as Lookout Studio. Go behind-thescenes and view fascinating art exhibits at the Kolb Studio, which clings to the very edge of the Grand Canyon. It was the home and studio of pioneers Emery and Ellsworth Kolb. (FB,L)
- 5. We have one more must see attraction before exiting the park's east entrance: The Desert View Watchtower constructed in 1932, is a replica of a prehistoric, 70-foot Indian tower and commands a magnificent view of the Grand Canyon and the Painted Desert. During your visit view the interior walls of the tower which feature murals by Hopi artist Fred Kabotie. Travel back to Phoenix this afternoon for your flight home. (FB,L)

\$2325 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2670 single \$ave \$25 until July\*

## Tonopah, Laughlin & Las Vegas by SuperCoach III

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

#### 7 Days • October 29 – November 4

Depart our office on board SuperCoach III for the south shore of Lake Tahoe where you will enjoy the popular Forest Buffet at Harrah's. Continue your travels down Highway 395, crisscrossing between California and Nevada as you make your way to Tonopah. Indulge yourself overnight at the Mizpah Hotel, a landmark of luxury since 1907. Due to a limited number of twobedded rooms the Mizpah hotel, additional rooms will be provided at the nearby Best Western High Desert Inn. (BR)

- **2.** Heading south stop for lunch in Beatty. Continue on to Las Vegas, where you will check in to your hotel located on Fremont Street. Golden Nugget – 2 nights (L)
- **3.** Today is at your leisure to explore some of the amazing hotels and casinos in Las Vegas. A mid-morning shuttle will offered to visit the strip. This evening enjoy the Neon Museum's "boneyard" tour of the incredible collection of retired neon signs. (You may opt out of this tour and deduct \$20 from the price of your tour. Please let us know at the time of your reservation.)
- **4.** Travel to Laughlin this morning. Check into your hotel later this afternoon and enjoy the view of the Colorado River from your room. Golden Nugget - 2 nights (L)
- **5.** Travel the Colorado River by jet boat to Lake Havasu, home of the famous London Bridge. Enjoy a hosted lunch and some free time in Lake Havasu. (If you opt out of the jet boat ride and lunch at Lake Havasu, you may deduct \$100 from the price of the tour. Again, please let us know at the time of your reservation.) (L-opt.)
- 6. Depart Laughlin this morning for the trip back to Sacramento. We have added an additional night to break up this journey. Stop in Yermo for lunch at the fabulous and fun Peggy Sue's. Continue on through Mojave and Bakersfield to the **Tachi Palace** Hotel & Casino. (L)
- 7. The final stretch to Sacramento is not so long today. Enjoy a relaxing morning before traveling north, arriving in Sacramento in the early afternoon. Your transportation home awaits at the Sports Leisure office. (L)

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

> \$1755 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2035 single \$ave \$35 until July\*

## **All Around California by Rail**

Featuring five scenic Amtrak routes through the Golden State

6 Days • November 7-12

#### **★** Hiahliahts ★

- Ride Amtrak's San Joaquin, Surfliner (twice), Coast Starlight and Capitol Corridor trains
- SuperCoach III provides all transfers, city sightseeing and transports your luggage
- Enjoy an authentic Basque dinner in Bakersfield
- Lunch and tour at Union Station in Los Angeles
- Tour San Diego by Old Town Trolley
- 9 meals: 3 full breakfasts. 1 brunch. 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- 2250/2550 Gold Passport Points \$2240 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2545 single \$ave \$40 until July\*

## "Hello, Dolly!" It's **Thanksgiving in New York**

New itinerary! New experiences! 6 Days • November 19-24

#### **★** Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marguis Hotel on Times Square
- Tickets to two Broadway shows including Hello, Dolly! and one of your choosing
- Radio City Music Hall Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular
- Theatre talk with nationally-syndicated critic Peter Filichia
- Visit Liberty and Ellis Islands
- Experience Disney's Behind the Magic
- Tour the 9/11 Memorial Museum and take in the view at One World Observatory
- See the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- 5 memorable meals featuring a spectacular Thanksgiving dinner cruise aboard the Bateaux New York and an evening at Dizzy's Jazz Club
- Roundtrip airfare to/from New York
- Door-to-door airport service
- 4100/4700 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. Marriott Marquis – 5 nights (D)

- 2. Disney on Broadway's Behind the Magic tour is set in the historic New Amsterdam Theatre, original home of the Ziegfeld Follies, on famed 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. After this behind-the-scenes experience, head to Rockefeller Center to see the sights there: from the iconic Channel Gardens, Saks Fifth Avenue (and its 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. In the evening, Dizzy's Jazz Club serves up a great dinner and toe-tapping jazz for a night of music and dancing. (D)
- **3.** Travel like a real New Yorker, by subway, Downtown for a lunch featuring syndicated theatre critic Peter Filichia to learn what's hot and what's not on the Great White Way. The afternoon 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 view from One World Observatory, located high atop 1776-foottall Freedom Tower. Tonight is your first taste of Broadway - Hello, Dolly! starring Bette Middler. It's Broadway's newest sensation. (L)
- 4. Join your Tour Director for 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 a performance of the Broadway show of your choice. You tell us the show play or musical, on or off-Broadway - you

wish to see. Check out the possibilities now at www.broadway.com. (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 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. The short trip to LaGuardia Airport for your early afternoon flight brings Thanksgiving in New York to a close.

\$4080 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4665 single \$ave \$100 until July\*

## Thanksgiving at the **National Hotel in Jackson**

2 Days • November 23-24

Enjoy a holiday dinner at the historic National Hotel in Jackson. The following day, the town has a special Christmas celebration we will be a part of. Explore the shops of Jackson and Sutter Creek, in search of the perfect gift. The package includes Thanksgiving Dinner, breakfast and a special entertainment surprise. Leave mid-day on Thanksgiving, return at 4pm the next afternoon.

**Note:** The National Hotel offers only rooms with one queen bed. Those wishing twobedded rooms will be accommodated at the Best Western Amador Inn. two blocks away. Transportation will be provided.

> The National Hotel haunted. Bia time. Single guests wishing to avoid the ghosts may also stay at the BW. 350/400 **Gold Passport Points** \$345 p.p./dbl.occ., \$395 single Add door-to-door service for \$80 p.p.



The Christmas Tree in Rockefeller Center is almost as tall as a skyscraper!

## **Puttin' on The Ritz for Christmas**

Featuring two nights at the Ritz Carlton Half Moon Bay

#### 3 Days • November 26-28

- 1. Enjoy the lavish award-wining Champagne Sunday Brunch at the popular Dolce Hayes Mansion before heading to the coast and the charming town of Half Moon Bay. Check into the Ritz Carlton Resort at Half Moon Bay for two nights. The resort resembles a grand European country estate set on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. (BR)
- 2. The amenities of the resort include a coastal trail, gas fire pits overlooking the ocean, a fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Spa services as well as a round of golf at one of their two championship courses are available for additional costs. When holiday schedules are set, an optional attraction/meal will be included during the day. (L)
- **3.** Enjoy a free morning at the resort and a hosted lunch before returning home in the mid afternoon. (L)

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

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

## **Christmas in Leavenworth** & Spokane

5 Days • December 2-6

Many of you have traveled with us to the Bavarian-style village of Leavenworth, in the Cascade Mountains east of Seattle, in the summer months. Some have stayed in the elegant Davenport Hotel in Spokane. Now, we offer you the opportunity to return and see the town and the hotel in all its Christmas grandeur. Fly to Spokane via Seattle, arriving in time for a late lunch at a beautiful spot, overlooking the waters of Lake Coeur d'Alene.

The Davenport Hotel is your home for two nights. Recently added to the Marriott Autograph Collection of Classic Hotels, the Davenport is one of the most historic and to this day, finest accommodations in

the Pacific Northwest We've also included a guided historical tour of the property. Sunday Brunch at the Davenport is a special occasion and it is part of our itinerary. Also on the agenda: A horse and carriage ride through downtown Spokane. Those registering early have an option to include a performance of The Nutcracker (additional charge of \$56).

Travel by coach to Leavenworth on Day 3. It's a 4-hour ride, with a stop for lunch at Moses Lake, arriving at the Bavarian Village in mid-afternoon. Stay two nights at the Bavarian Inn and take in the sights, lights and sounds of Christmas. At night, the entire town turns into a holiday wonderland, with over a half million lights. During the day, we'll take you to a very special candy store where Applets and Cotlets are made, and give you the chance to learn more about Leavenworth, and of course, time to explore the shops. Door-to-door airport service, airfare and 9 meals are included. Your Tour Directors will be Chris and/or Mark. 1750/2000 Gold Passport Points

> \$1740 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1990 single \$ave \$40 until July\*

## 16th Annual Christmas **Mystery Tour**

Featuring a theme of Christmas-style entertainment

5 Days • December 7-11

One of our most popular trips is back for another year! But here's the deal: You have to sign up early, or you'll be on the waitlist, hoping for a cancelation.

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

Oh. What an interesting place. Who knew? So where should we go for Christmas? Greece? Mexico? To the train station? Maybe the old market has some great holiday gifts? It snows here. A little or a lot you ask? Sorry, that would be giving away too much. They do have a lot of poinsettias, look there's a tree of them 20 feet high. The

Mormons came here. So did the Germans. Probably came on the train I'm thinking. And no, we've already been to Salt Lake City. Scratch that one off your list. Las Vegas? Idaho? The Mormons went to those places too. Not sure about the Germans. Just don't go off half-baked with all this information. There's a lot at "steak" here. What a beautiful baseball stadium. Who plays there in the summer? Hmm, that's unique.

Enough with the clues. The package includes your airfare, 11 meals and all the admissions to a wide variety of entertainment that is bound to leave you in the Christmas spirit for the rest of the season. Added bonus: One hotel for four nights, no packing and unpacking. Since many of the people who take this trip go every year, we strongly suggest registering as soon as possible.

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

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

## A Coos Bay Christmas

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

5 Days • December 23-27

This is an all-coach trip. Travel north to Ashland/Medford the first day. There's a lunch break in Redding and tonight you'll partake in the annual Christmas Feast at the Winchester Inn. The six-course meal comes with carolers and costumed staff.

The next morning (Christmas Eve), before departing for the coast, make an early morning visit to Harry & David's. As is our Christmas shopping tradition, we have negotiated a little gift card to get you started on your expedition. Travel to the coast, stopping in Bandon at Washed Ashore, a most unique place that makes art out of ocean trash. At Cranberry Sweets, your sponsored-shopping activities continue. Finish the day at The Mill Casino/Hotel in Coos Bay. Dinner tonight is a Crab Fest (other options available), as the Dungeness season will have just started.

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

The trip home takes you down the Oregon Coast, with shopping stops at Misty Meadows Jams and the House of Myrtlewood. Spend the night in Eureka and head home through the redwoods. The package includes everything listed, door-to-door service, 11 meals and transportation via SuperCoach III. 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points

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

## The Tournament of **Roses Parade &** A Salute to Vienna!

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

3 Days • December 30 – January 1, 2018

- 1. Door-to-door service delivers you to the airport for your quick one hour flight to Southern California. Lunch is included in Downtown Los Angeles prior to a performance of A Salute to Vienna. The matinee performance at Walt Disney Concert Hall celebrates the ageless beauty of Viennese music with Strauss waltzes and sweeping melodies from operettas which are performed by hand-picked European singers and a full orchestra. You'll fall for the Blue Danube Waltz all over again! Hilton Hotel LAX – 2 nights (L)
- 2. It's New Year's Eve and begin with a Champagne Sunday Brunch aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach Harbor? After brunch you have the option of staying on board for a short highlights tour with time for browsing the shops in the ship's marketplace or visit the nearby Aquarium of the Pacific. There is a small additional charge of \$10 per person for the latter option. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a buffet dinner and "East Coast Toast." The hotel offers a midnight balloon drop for those who don't mind staying up late for a true West Coast celebration! (BR,D)
- 3. The 129th Tournament of Roses Parade kicks off at 8am and your reserved seats are right along Colorado Boulevard. Following the parade, lunch is served en route to the airport where you will meet your flight for the return trip home. (FB,L)

This tour includes roundtrip air, deluxe

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

> \$1675 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1840 single \$ave \$35 until July\*

## **U.S. Figure Skating** Championships

SAP Center Arena. San Jose

5 Days • January 4-8, 2018

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

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

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

According to the tentative draft schedule, you will have the opportunity to see the following: Opening Ceremonies, Championship Pairs Short Program, Junior Free Dance, Junior Men's Free Skate, Championship Short Dance, Championship Ladies Short Program, Championship Pairs Free Skate, Championship Men's Free Skate, Championship Free Dance, and Championship Ladies Free Skate.

We fully expect this package to sell out early. We have purchased our tickets prior to the public sale and strongly encourage you to make your reservations early before we begin advertising outside the Travel Club.

> \$2365 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2595 single \$ave \$35 until July\*

## Cruising the (NEW) Panama Canal

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

17 Days • February 3-19, 2018 ★ Highlights ★

- Pre-cruise overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Plantation
- Bon Voyage Dinner at Texas de Brazil
- All meals included on board ship
- Prices include all transfers, port taxes
- R/T air to Ft. Lauderdale/from San Diego
- Door-to-door airport service
- Fully escorted by an SLV Tour Director Inside cabins start at \$4095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5610 single Outside cabins start at \$4370 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6090 single This vacation requires a valid passport!

## Winter at the *Majestic* **Ahwahnee**

Featuring an overnight stay inside Yosemite National Park

2 Days • February 11-12

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

1. Travel through the Central Valley to Yosemite National Park and to the historic Ahwahnee Hotel, built in 1926. Sunday Brunch is presented in the Ahwahnee Dining Room, with its 34 foot-high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows. A guided tour of the public areas of the hotel deepens your appreciation for the architecture and interior design of this grand structure. Pause for a cup of tea in the Grand Lounge while awaiting check-in at 5pm. The evening is yours to enjoy the historic surroundings.

#### Ahwahnee Hotel (BR)

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

package includes motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 1 brunch, all tours and attractions as listed above and the services of a Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director. 700/900 Gold Passport Points

> \$695 p.p./dbl.occ., \$870 single \$ave \$15 until July\*

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

## 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. Sacramento Limousines and their partners provide transportation to/ from the airport, Sacramento's Amtrak station or the Sports Leisure Vacations office.

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

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

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

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

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Early Registration Payment Di\$counts listed here expire on Friday, July 7, 2017; or may be withdrawn when 50% of the available space has been reserved. To receive the discount, you must pay in full within ten days of registration. If you accept this option, the monies paid, including the cost of Cancellation Protection, are returned to you in full if you cancel more than 60 days prior to departure for US and Canadian tours or 75 days prior for International tours, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Within the time limits noted above, restrictions on refunds apply. See the **Special Vacation Notes & Information** brochure for complete details.

Sept. – Santa Cruzin' at the Dream Inn – **\$ave \$30**Sept. – Olympic Peninsula – **\$ave \$50**Sept. – Yellowstone & Glacier – **\$ave \$100**Oct. – An American Portrait – A Mystery Tour – **\$ave \$50**Oct. – Sedona & The Grand Canyon – **\$ave \$25**Oct. – Italy... That's Amore – **\$ave \$50**Oct. – Tonopah, Laughlin & Las Vegas – **\$ave \$35**Nov. – All Around California By Rail – **\$ave \$40**Nov. – Thanksgiving in New York – **\$ave \$100** 

Nov. – Christmas in Leavenworth & Spokane – **\$ave \$40** 

Dec. – Tour. of Roses Parade & A Salute to Vienna! – **\$ave \$35**Jan. – U.S. Figure Skating Championships – **\$ave \$35** 

Jan. – Winter at the Majestic Ahwahnee – **\$ave \$15** 

Mar. – Passage to South America – **\$ave \$150-\$200** 

Mar. – Take the Sunset Limited to NOLA – **\$ave \$75**Mar. – NOLA & All That Jazz – **\$ave \$75** 

Mar. – The Sunset Limited & NOLA & All That Jazz – **\$ave \$125**Apr. – Tulip Time in Europe – **\$ave \$200** 

## **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

## **VALUABLE COUPON**

## **\$ave \$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.

\$ave \$10 on tours priced from \$451-\$800, \$ave \$20 on tours priced from \$801-\$2250, \$ave \$30 on tours priced from \$2251-\$3500, \$ave \$40 on tours priced at \$3501 or more. The regular cost of this protection is \$15-\$295, depending on the tour price. To receive the above discounts, you must pay in full within ten days of registration and purchase the protection at the time you pay for your tour. Within 60/75 days of departure (see adjoining coupon), coverage is limited to verified medical emergencies. Please refer to the Special Vacation Notes & Information brochure for details, or call our office.

## **TOUR UPDATE...**

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

#### **Sold-Out Tours** (waiting list available)

Tony Bennett & Titanic
Hamilton Overnighter
Vancouver & Victoria
Laguna Pageant of the Masters — 8/6
Sounds of Music in Leavenworth — 8/7
Skamania Lodge, Gateway to Columbia
Laguna Pageant of the Masters — 8/20

Postcards from Puget Sound British Columbia Bear Experience Oktoberfest, Canadian Thanksgiving New England Fall Foliage Spectacular An Apple Farm Christmas Key West, Miami & The Everglades

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

Land Without Limits: BC Cariboo (10)
Canada Coast to Coast by Rail (4)
Canyons & Monuments (7)
Catalina Island Getaway (7)
Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta (2)

Autumn in Appalachia, Ash. Nash. (8) Thanksgiving at the National Hotel (10) Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas (8) Christmas Lights Mystery (3)