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Falling COVID Numbers and Rising Vaccines Make Limited Travel a Reality

After a long and deadly winter, COVID infections (as of press time), are down dramatically from their December peaks. There is growing optimism that the worst of it may finally be behind us. Because mature senior travelers have been among the first to be vaccinated, they are the first to be able to travel safely.

At **Sports Leisure**, we planned for this eventuality. Our spring and early summer schedule offers a wide variety of close-to-home tours. In fact, for the rest of the year, we are staying conservative, US and Canada, with just one overseas adventure in the fall (Italy Cooks).

Vaccine/Tested Travel

With more and more of us being vaccinated, travel for us will be safer. **Sports Leisure Vacations** has announced a new policy, **effective March 10th**. Beginning

that date, everyone on every trip will need to have proof of **at least the first shot of a two-shot dose seven days prior to departure, or the complete single shot vaccine**. (Studies have shown the first shot gives considerable coverage after 5-7 days.) If you haven't been vaccinated, or prefer not to be, you can travel with a **proof of a negative COVID test within 3-5 days of departure**.

Testing will be dramatically easier, as do-it-yourself home test kits become available. Within a couple of months, all who wish to be vaccinated will likely have the opportunity. While vaccination doesn't mean you cannot get the virus, it means the chance of it happening is greatly diminished. If you get sick, the length and severity has shown to be lessened in those who have been vaccinated.

Our travelers will continue to wear masks for the foreseeable future. That could be a few months, or it could be a year from now. We will follow the science and the medical experts in forming our way forward. We will continue to spread out on the coach and do hand sanitizing. Those who choose to travel in the coming months will need to be flexible. The landscape has changed a bit and will continue to change. One thing that won't change: Our commitment to creating unique, upscale travel experiences.

When looking at potential travel in the coming months, remember that **Sports Leisure** has one of the most liberal cancellation policies in the industry. For domestic (US and Canada) trips, you can cancel up to 60 days prior to departure and incur no penalty. This allows you to reserve a trip or two now, and if the landscape

doesn't meet your approval, cancel two months before you go and no one gets harmed. (If we think you are making multiple reservations and cancelling them all at 60 days, we reserve the right to add a \$20 charge to your account, but a trip or two is not a problem.)

Because the situation changes day-to-day, please consult our website at www.sportsleisure.com for the latest update. Our Facebook page and **The Travel Guys Radio Show** Sundays at 3pm also provide updates.

ZOOM BINGO

Our game scheduled for March 17 has been moved to March 10 at 11 a.m. Spread the word!



Sports Leisure Founder Mark Hoffmann says it's time to start traveling again...safely! Maybe to the Hawaiian Islands in November...

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Just One Man's Opinion by Mark Hoffmann

Things I miss during Covid times...

Spring Training: Heck, being in the stands for ANY baseball game. Little League would do at this point. Watched "Field of Dreams, 25 Years Later" on TV the other night. How can that have been 25 years ago?

Theater of any kind: First, I missed Broadway. That's a little bit "snobby," since I'm one of the few people in the world who gets to go there regularly and see incredible theater. Then **Music Circus** didn't happen last year. After *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *Singin' in the Rain* the last couple of years, I was really anticipating a great 2020 season. Now, the big question is, will there be a 2021 season?

Hawaii: Luckily, it was one of the last trips to go last spring. It's one of my favorite places, and our May departure has been pushed back to early November. Hawaii is a destination we do **very** well. The spirit of aloha is just what some of us could use right now. Maybe a big shave ice. Yum.

Eating inside at a favorite restaurant... without looking over your shoulder to see if everyone is obeying mask protocols: Speaking of Hawaii, I so miss going to **Chuck's of Hawaii in Waikiki**, a throwback of the old steakhouse which used to have a location across from Town and Country Village. It pains me to see the local restaurants that have become victims of the virus. I'm so desperate I stand at the door of my local **Jimboy's** and stare inside.

Shopping? Eh, not so much. But **May Wong** of our staff is starting to have afternoon shopping withdrawals at work. She's a people person, and loves the crowds of shoppers. Ok, so **May** is a little strange... LOL!

YOU! More than anything, personally I miss you. Certainly, if you took a survey among our 16 staff members, I suspect they



would agree. We miss our travelers. When you've done something for most of your adult life, more than 40 years, you are still doing it **because you love what you do**. At **Sports Leisure**, we are in the business of making dreams come true. That has been difficult for the past year. Difficult for you and difficult for us. Perhaps, just perhaps, we are nearing the end of all that.

Travel When You're Ready

While we have resumed a very limited tour schedule (one trip end of February, one in March, two in April, 5-6 in May and June), we fully understand there are many feelings and opinions about when to resume traveling. **Please don't let yourself be pushed into anything you are not comfortable with.**

We have intentionally offered a number of trips close to home in the next 6 months. If you want to stick your toes back in the water, why not try one of those and see how it feels?

I invite you to join me as we head out on **A Tale of Two Cities, Carson & Virginia**, in May. Two nights in Carson City, a living history speaker or two joining us to tell tales of the Comstock... one of them has a Sacramento connection. Not long, not far away. 24 travelers maximum.

As long as I'm being a bit self-promotional, **Walla Walla & Pendleton** in early June, followed by **Roll on Mighty Columbia** the 2nd week of June, are nearby getaways. Walla Walla and Pendleton was previously a mystery tour. The Columbia trip spends **all 3 nights in a room with a view of the mighty river**, while making sightseeing excursions on the water, in the Hood River Valley and on the Washington side.

Maybe this all goes south on us again. But maybe, just maybe, we really are over the hump. Might not be perfect sailing, but if we are willing to be careful, perhaps we restore some of the joys of travel and discovery to our lives. When you're comfortable.

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Baseball Dream Tour

We may not be able to do it this year, maybe in September. But for sure in the spring of next year, this is the plan. A tour which includes:

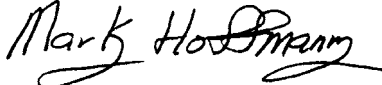
- **Negro Leagues Museum, Kansas City**
- **Field of Dreams near Dyersville, IA**
- **Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown**
- **Yogi Berra Museum in Montclair, NJ**
- **Gate of Heaven Cemetery in NY, final resting place of Babe Ruth, Billy Martin and Ralph Branca** (who gave up Bobby Thompson's Home Run)
- **Site of the Polo Grounds in NYC**

Certainly there will be a few ballgames along the way (possibilitites would include KC, Yankee Stadium, Fenway Park, maybe even a minor league game). But those are the places I'd really like to get back to. The last one is a spot I've never visted. I wonder if you stand where home plate once was at the Polo Grounds if you can hear the roar of the crowd?... Just wondering. Interested? Call and ask to be placed on the **Baseball Dream Tour Priority List**. Probably 8-10 days in length.

P.S. – Our first tour in four months left on February 28th for **Tonopah/Laughlin (20 travelers)**. Despite having no vaccination protocols in place for this trip, 14 of the travelers had already had one shot, 3 had both shots, the other 3 are waiting for appointments. It shows our gang is serious about being safe. I saw it as really, really good news. It was a masked but happy group which headed out with Simon as their Driver and Donnie as the Tour Director.

P.S.S. – We have just booked tickets for the hottest cultural arts attraction in SF this summer, the **Immersive van Gogh Exhibit**. If you like the arts and you haven't heard about this yet, check out Daycations, and/or go to www.vangoghsf.com to find out more.

And so it goes...


Mark Hoffmann, CTP, President



Hello Members:

Most tour companies refer to their travelers as clients or customers. But that's not how those of us here at **Sports Leisure Vacations** refer

to YOU. You are our Members, and membership has its benefits. Only Members can accrue and use Travel Club Gold and Day Tripper rewards. Only



Members receive notifications of upcoming daycations, vacations and events by mail and e-mail. And only Members can take a discount off each and every reservation made.

2020 was a crazy year, and we're still reeling in its aftermath. I thought this would be a good time to offer some updates to everyone in our two membership levels. While the world has been on hold, so has your membership. Expiration dates have been extended. Status levels have been extended. Please read on and let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Travel Club Gold Member Update

Travel Club Gold is our exclusive bonus rewards program and the most valuable benefit of membership in the **Sports Leisure Travel Club**. A frequent traveler is elevated to Gold status upon the submission of a Registration Card showing the completion of 20 days of travel.

Gold Passport Points are accrued by Gold Club members depending on the dollars you spend at a ratio of roughly one-to-one. Your points are kept and automatically tabulated within our database. You'll find your points balance printed on the second page of every Trip Invoice. Points can be "cashed out" at a number of levels awarding from \$50 to \$3000 in travel credit. Gold members are also invited to double the member discount offered on every reservation.

There is an additional benefit for Gold

members who remain frequent travelers (defined as at least 8 days per year): *The Traveler*, our newsletter, will be mailed first-class and/or sent ahead of the general membership for those who receive it electronically. This assures you the best chance of getting the tours and seats you want!

We've always said, "Once Gold, always Gold," and even the pandemic will not change this. Most of you found it impossible to travel 8 days in 2020 and status levels were frozen. Clearly 2021 is getting off to a slow start, so your status will remain unchanged until further notice.

Thank you for your continued trust, support and patronage. The world will start to travel again more sooner than later. When it does we'll be there leading the way. So pack those bags and get ready to go!

Travel Club Membership Update

Early in 2020 we sent out renewal notices to those with expired memberships in the **Sports Leisure Travel Club** and many of you responded. Then COVID-19 reached our doorstep and the travel world was shut down. Later that year we decided to go into our traveler management system and extend a free year to everyone with an active annual membership. New membership cards were not mailed out. Rather, the information is being kept electronically. This was a huge project which required that we individually look at literally thousands of electronic membership records, manually changing expiration dates and status as necessary. If you feel you or a friend might have "fallen through the cracks," give the office a call and let us have a look at the situation. Thank you for your assistance and understanding!

"Your Tour Guy,"

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton".

Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President



Kudos to **Margaret Williams** who won our Virtual Happy Hour drink contest late last year with her **SLV 2020 Blitz**. She assures us they remain just as good in 2021! Now that warmer temps are coming our way why not give this scrumptious thirst-quencher a try?

- 1) In a tall glass combine equal portions cranberry, pomegranate and orange juices.
- 2) Fill to the top with a generous pour of gold rum.
- 3) Garnish with fresh cranberries and an orange slice.
- 4) Enjoy!



On Thursday, February 26 the Mustard Seed School dedicated their new Playground and Learning Center, made possible in part by your Vacation Preview Day donations. Kudos to school director Casey Knittel and her team on this wonderful accomplishment!

The Customers Always Write

Thank you for Your Kindness

To all of you who have sent cards, made calls to check on us, sent food stuffs and other small bits of happiness, **thank you.** It has been a very difficult time for us at **Sports Leisure**, but knowing there are folks like you letting us know how much you appreciate our company and the services we provide means a lot. Soon we will be sharing adventures on the road. We are lucky to have you. – **Mark**

Hi Mark,

Want to thank you for the Christmas gift. It was so very thoughtful of you. You and Clayton should have come in. I realize you are a busy person. Hope you had a good Christmas. Mine was great. Probably won't see you for a while but hope the New Year will be better for you. Thanks again. Always,
Elda Troup

Ed. Note: Elda is one of our longest-travelers. She is a huge baseball fan. We stopped off with a little Christmas gift, but Elda was having her hair done. And after all this time with COVID, you just don't interrupt a lady getting herself prettied up. Sorry we missed you Elda. Hope we get to go to a ballgame together this year!

Hi Mark,

Season's Greetings to you and your staff! Please use the enclosed as you wish. William and I are still hanging on. Of course, there are the usual things that come with the aging process! William's walking is limited due to his arthritic knees. We certainly miss traveling with all of you. Best wishes for a better 2021. Sincerely,

Penn Yee

P.S. If it's of any benefit, you can discontinue mailing info to us. Just keep us on your email list as we can read the contents there.

Ed. Note: Baseball season must be just around the corner, because here's another of our longtime baseball travelers. Penn and her husband William, since moving to the Bay Area, have sent a generous Christmas gift to our staff each year. Thank you.

Hi Mark and Clayton,

We enjoyed the program last night and made a donation. Clayton, it was 20 years ago that we went to New York for Thanksgiving...our very first trip with Sports. Such a wonderful memory! Love to All,
Carolynn and Andrea Michaels

Ed. Note: During COVID, with all live performances canceled, some groups have been offering special online shows. Some are "best of," some feature one performer, etc. When we get one, we send it to folks who have traveled with us the destination, and also post them on our Facebook page and website. Many are free, some require a fee or ask for a donation. Enjoy!

Dear Mark, Clayton and May,

Thank you for bringing me the holiday treats. The little Christmas dog was perfect! I must tell you that I "paid it forward" by giving it to a young friend who probably will not get much of a Christmas this year. Thank you for your special accommodation to Mrs. Houston and me. So sorry it did not work out, but we will be back to **Sports Leisure** as soon as we all can. Merry Christmas and Happy 2021!

Carol Lambert

Ed. Note: We also delivered gifts to our **Zoom Bingo!** winners and to those on our canceled Christmas trip. Actually, while Clayton and I did a few, most of them were delivered by **Tyler Gerald's**, our youngest staff member. We nicknamed his deliveries **Tyler-dash!**

Dear Mark and Clayton,

What a wonderful day – when I opened my door to see the two of you with a Christmas gift for me... delivered to my door. WOW I felt **very special.** I have not been able to travel these past two years and believe me I have cried a few times missing a trip and then I missed about 4 that was not my fault – CANCEL. You poor guys I hear you are very well versed in planning the trips and then cancel. The travel industry has been hurting heavy since Covid. BAA Humbug. I am praying for a very big 2021 for travel and

hopefully I can join LOTZ!!! Mark you have done a **GREAT** job keeping Sports Leisure OPEN and I know you have had LOTZ of help and encouragement with Clayton being an important employee by your side. See you soon. Hugs,

Mary Brookshire

Dear Mark & Clayton,

On behalf of RememberAVet.net and the annual Wreath Project, we extend our gratitude for your extremely generous donations totaling \$1382 in support of the 2020 effort. We thank you for your continued support of this very heartfelt community event! Sincerely,

Curtis & Susie Stocking

Dear Mark and Clayton,

Your ongoing support means so much, especially now. We are deeply grateful for you! I hope when all of this is over you can come to Mustard Seed for a tour and a visit With our sincere gratitude,

Casey Knittel

Mustard Seed School

Ed. Note: Thank you letters from the two charities which received the **\$10 Preview Day Admission.** 100% of the money you paid to drive through our parking lot and get your catalog in October was donated to **The Wreath Project** and **The Mustard Seed School.** Once again, your \$10 made a difference to the community. Thank you for your donations, which allow us to support two amazing charities.

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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Daycations & Theatre Outings

**Each itinerary and especially dining options (indoors or al fresco) are subject to COVID-19 regulations in place on the date of each tour. Updates will be provided in the Final Tour Notes and by your Tour Director upon departure.*

Shake, Rattle and Roll

115th Anniversary of San Francisco Earthquake

Monday, April 19

Felt from Oregon to Los Angeles, the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake continues to rank as one of the most powerful and significant of all time. Still referred to as "the big one," our local guide will provide history and commentary as we tour where it started, trace how it progressed, see what was destroyed, saved or relocated, and witness the ultimate rebuilding making San Francisco the city we know today. Lunch is included mid-day at the Beach Chalet Restaurant in Golden Gate Park. **\$173***

Rooftop Gardens and Pocket Parks in San Francisco

Wednesday, May 5

Planning codes in San Francisco require all new commercial buildings and sites to provide areas of open air and public access. Spend a day exploring a number of these treasures. Some are small and hidden; others large with expansive vistas including the new Salesforce Tower/Transbay Terminal in the heart of downtown. Home to more than 16,000 plants and 600 trees, it is quite simply amazing; an oasis of calm midst the skyscrapers. Lunch is included at Max's Opera Café in the Civic Center area. **\$164***

An Outing in Oakland

"Is it there?"

Wednesday, May 26

Contrary to Gertrude Stein's infamous quote, "There is no there there," Oakland is alive, well and most certainly there! Once prairie and woodland, its redwood timber built San Francisco. Once the western terminus of the Transcontinental Railroad,

the Port of Oakland has grown to become the primary and busiest trade center in Northern California. With Craig Smith as guide, tour sites in the East Bay's largest city from its early history to present day assets and attractions including Jack London Square, Preservation Park, Chinatown, Victorian mansions, Lake Merritt, Kaiser Center along with other athletic and cultural sites. Lunch is included at Lake Chalet Restaurant by Lake Merritt. **\$174***

Explore the Embarcadero by the Bay

Wednesday, June 2

Described as "a wharf or landing place" in the dictionary, San Francisco's Embarcadero is all that and so much more! Stretching approximately 3 miles along the waterfront from the Bay Bridge to Pier 45 just past Fisherman's Wharf, it is on the National Register of Historic Places and the city's #1 visitor attraction. Craig Smith is our "exploration" guide for its past and present history, enjoying the beautiful views both from the coach and while walking. Lunch is on your own at the Ferry Building. **\$126**

M & M & M's

Murals, Mosaics and Monuments in San Francisco

Wednesday, June 9

Museums remain closed or limited to the public in San Francisco due to the pandemic, but there is an abundance of public art available and ready for viewing throughout this city already known for its extraordinary beauty. Enjoy a day of discovery and hidden treasures as we tour with stops at several "M & M & M's" offering a variety of art experiences, mediums and styles. Lunch will be on your own with a choice of Pier 39 or Fisherman's Wharf. **\$125**

Under the Sea

Aquarium by the Bay & Sea Lion Center in San Francisco

Tuesday, June 15

Enjoy a fun getaway to San Francisco and Pier 39 beginning with a visit to the



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fascinating **Aquarium by the Bay**. Home to more than 20,000 marine creatures, this renown facility truly does give the feeling of being "under the sea" with walk-through tunnels and transparent pools exhibiting the diverse aquatic life of the Bay and Northern California. Lunch is included at Swiss-Louis Restaurant followed by private visit to the popular **Sea Lion Center**. A naturalist guide from the aquarium will accompany you to share fun facts and stories about the Pier's beloved residents. **\$165***

Immersive van Gogh in San Francisco

Tuesday, August 3

This blockbuster exhibit has sold-out in Paris, Toronto, Chicago and now comes to San Francisco providing a captivating and new way to experience the brilliance of Vincent van Gogh (tickets start at \$46). Featuring monumental projections, moving images, state of art technology, soundtrack, and animation, you will feel immersed and surrounded in the artistry of his memorable portraits, still life paintings, and landscapes including *Starry Night*, *Sunflowers*, and *The Bedroom*. Truly stunning, the enlarged and bold images of his brushstrokes, color, and detail bring to life his genius. Complete the day at Pier 39 with some time for relaxation, browsing, and **(late-lunch or early-dinner/** depending on entry time) on your own before return to Sacramento. **\$153**

Hamilton Comes to Sacramento

SAFE Performing Arts Center

Thursday matinees in September/ October

Broadway Sacramento has announced a limited 2021/22 season opening with the wildly-popular *Hamilton*, Lin-Manuel Miranda's epic jaunt through the life and times of patriot and founding father

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The Story of SHMILY (maybe one of the best stories ever)

My grandparents were married for over half a century, and played their own special game from the time they had met each other. The goal of their game was to write the word "shmily" in a surprise place for the other to find. They took turns leaving "shmily" around the house, and as soon as one of them discovered it, it was their turn to hide it once more. They dragged "shmily" with their fingers through the sugar and flour containers to await whomever was preparing the next meal. "Shmily" was written in the steam left on the mirror after a hot shower, where it would reappear bath after bath. At one point, my grandmother even unrolled an entire roll of toilet paper to leave "shmily" on the very last sheet.

There was no end to the places "shmily" would pop up. Little notes with "shmily" scribbled hurriedly were found on dashboards and car seats, or taped to steering wheels. The notes were stuffed inside shoes and left under pillows. This mysterious word was as much a part of my grandparents' house as the furniture. It took me a long time before I was able to fully appreciate my grandparent's game. They had love down pat. It was more than their flirtatious little games; it was a way of life. Their relationship was based on a devotion and passionate affection which not everyone is lucky enough to experience.

Grandma and Grandpa held hands every chance they could. They stole kisses as they bumped into each other in their tiny kitchen.

They finished each other's sentences and shared the daily crossword puzzle and word jumble. My grandma whispered to me about how cute my grandpa was, how handsome an old man he had grown to be. She claimed that she really knew "how to pick 'em."

But there was a dark cloud in my grandparents' life: my grandmother had breast cancer. He comforted her in their yellow room, painted that color so she could always be surrounded by sunshine, even when she was too sick to go outside. With the help of a cane and my grandfather's steady hand, they still went to church every Sunday morning. But my grandmother grew steadily weaker until, finally, she could not leave the house anymore. For a while, Grandpa would go to church alone, praying to God to watch over his wife.

Then one day, what we all dreaded finally happened. Grandma was gone.

"Shmily." It was scrawled in yellow on the pink ribbons of my grandmother's funeral bouquet. As the crowd thinned and the last mourners turned to leave, my aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family members came forward and gathered around Grandma one last time.

Shaking with my own sorrow, I will never forget that moment. For I knew then that, although I couldn't begin to fathom the depth of their love, I had been privileged to witness its unmatched beauty.

S.H.M.I.L.Y: See How Much I Love You

Definition of "Service" Explained...

I became confused when I heard the word 'service' used with these agencies:

- Banking "Service"
- Postal "Service"
- Telephone "Service"
- Pay TV "Service"
- State and Public "Service"
- Airline "Service"
- Bureaucratic "Service"

This is not what I thought "service" meant. Then I visited my uncle, he's a farmer, and he hired a bull to "service" his cows. Suddenly, it all became clear.

Now I understand what all those agencies are doing to us!



Friends We Have Lost...

Traveling friends, companions and spouses who have finished their journey on this earth. Many, many longtime travelers here. If you know of someone who should be remembered here, please drop us a note, or call **May** at the office.

Lorraine Clarke	Judy Wood
Betty Fassler	Claudette Wilson
Ruth Jackson	Jim Bean
Diane Morrison	John Joyce
Lee Stout	Fred Lugar
Christopher Hughes	Lynn Holton
George Cunningham	

Get Your Old Coins/Currency Appraised/Purchased

Have a bag, box, suitcase, or collection of coins you would like to have appraised? Mark would be happy to give you an honest appraisal and if you wish, a purchase offer. Call 916-361-2051 for an appointment for a free appraisal and find out what your treasures are worth. If you have a large collection or an estate, Mark can come to you.

Two quick coin collecting tips: Do not EVER buy coins (or gold or silver bullion) advertised on television. They are often not good investments and even when they are, they can be purchased at a better price elsewhere. If you have coins of your own, never, ever clean them. No matter how dirty they are, leave them in their natural state to preserve their value.



The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

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

As Travel Begins Again...

We will continue our COVID protocols on all trips for the immediate future. These include:

All travelers must wear masks on the bus and during all group activities at all times, unless eating or drinking. Neck gaiters and bandannas are **not** considered masks. Face shields require a mask in addition to the shield.

Hands are sanitized each time you board the coach.

Temperatures are taken each day on extended tours, and upon initial boarding on day trips.

Our new vaccine/testing requirements can be read on the cover page.

Coach Seating

For now, we will continue our COVID policy of seating couples together on the bus and giving single travelers a double seat to themselves. Friends traveling together may choose either option. This means the capacity of the coach is 25-31 passengers, depending on how many are couples. (See the seating chart example on the right for an idea of how seating on the coach might look. P's represent passengers, X's represent blocked seats.)

Because the coach can only be filled to roughly 60% of capacity, the cost of the bus, per passenger, has increased. That is reflected in the current price of day trips. When we can go back to selling 42 seats on board, the prices will decrease.

Airline Seating

No airline has indicated they will continue to block middle seats on their aircraft after April 30. That may change, but at some point, they have to fill the planes to stay in business.

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TRIP: New York City - 29 passengers on board
DATE: _____ \$ _____

DRIVER				DOOR			
1	ESCORT	ESCORT					1
2	P	P		X	P		2
3	X	P		X	P		3
4	P	X		P	P		4
5	P	P		X	P		5
6	P	X		X	P		6
7	X	P		P	P		7
8	P	P		X	P		8
9	P	X		P	P		9
10	P	P		X	P		10
11	P	P		P	X		11
12	P	X					
TP:				TD:			

DAYTRIPS & THEATRE OUTINGS

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Alexander Hamilton. The production will be the first staged in our new SAFE Credit Union Performing Arts Center representing the majestic rebirth of the old Community Center in downtown Sacramento. We have requested matinee seats on each Thursday of the four-week run and current wait to see how many – if any – we receive.

Do not call the office as we are unable to make reservations at this time. Rather please register for By Invitation Only (BIO) on the website for date and price notifications when they are available.

Broadway SF/Curran Theatre

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, The Band's Visit, Mean Girls and My Fair Lady

The update on San Francisco theatre scheduled to start in April is... drum roll, please... there is no update yet. Spring

shows will most likely be pushed forward to future dates. We are hopeful summer and fall performances will take the stage as scheduled. As details for each show are confirmed everyone previously registered will be notified. Any remaining seats will be made available to the Travel Club. Watch future editions of *The Traveler* and the website for more information.

Come From Away

SAFE Performing Arts Center

Thursday, September 22, 2022

The compelling musical following the lives of locals and "from aways" in Gander, Newfoundland in the days following 9/11 has been moved once again, this time all the way to the fall of 2022. Those registered on the original 2020 date will have right of first refusal on their seats. A waiting list is available for any remaining seats.



New Vacations & Getaways

Mamma Mia! at Lake Tahoe

Presented by the Lake Tahoe Shakespeare Festival

2 Days • July 22-23

A midday motorcoach departure gets you to South Lake Tahoe just in time to check into your hotel for the night, the popular **Lake Tahoe Resort**. Then head to the west side of the lake to Sand Harbor where a boxed dinner is served *al fresco* before a rollicking performance of *Mamma Mia!* Sing along with hits like "Dancing Queen," "Super Trouper" and of course "Mamma Mia!" You may even find yourself dancing in the aisles. Don't worry – at this show it's not just encouraged, it's expected!

After breakfast on Day 2 travel to Zephyr Cove where you'll board the *MS Dixie II* for a cruise aboard an authentic paddle wheeler on the largest fresh water lake in the Sierra Nevada. A light deli lunch is included onboard. No matter how many times a person visits Lake Tahoe it just never gets old – don't you agree? Depart for Sacramento in the early afternoon.

This overnight package includes roundtrip deluxe motorcoach transportation, resort accommodations, three meals (1FB, 1L, 1D), theatre tickets, cruise and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 700/800 Gold Passport Points

\$655 p.p./dbl.occ., \$765 single

What's Up Down South?

Why do most of our trips to the Deep South operate in the spring? In a word: Humidity! If Mother Nature is working the way she should, March, April and May departures assure pleasant temps without too much of the sticky wet stuff. And if it does get a bit steamy perhaps the blooming azaleas, camellias, bluebonnets and dogwoods will help distract your attention.

Sadly trips to the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Virginia, Texas and Louisiana were necessarily cancelled in 2020 and rescheduled for 2021. Thanks to the many of you who rolled-over your reservations in happy anticipation of better times ahead.

Things are certainly improving this spring... but not fast enough. So all these tours are moving forward yet another year. (You can also be on the lookout for Washington, DC to be added to this list soon!)

Each tour below is date-specific (hotels and other major components are contracted), but it's too early to price them accurately as air is not yet available. You can hold a reservation risk free with a fully-refundable deposit. When the price is set you'll be sent updated paperwork. An Early Payment Discount will be offered as well as your opportunity to purchase optional Cancellation Protection. We will also work with all of you holding air vouchers at that time.

If you have any questions contact tour planner and resident Southern gentleman Clayton Whitehead at clayton@sportsleisure.com. (Look friends! This is my new e-mail address!)

Springtime in New Orleans

5 Days • March 6-10, 2022

Scheduled just one week past Mardi Gras, you'll find the city returning to its usual slow and sultry pace. Stay four nights downtown with a prime location on the edge of the storied French Quarter. Famous for cuisine and libations, you'll experience some of the city's finest and most unique creations at Court of Two Sisters (turtle soup), Café du Monde (beignets) and Pat O'Brien's (hurricanes!), plus learn a few tricks you can try back home at the NOLA School of Cooking. A city tour, a visit to the National WWII Museum and a day in Plantation Country to see famed Houmas House round out your visit. **\$600 deposit**

Colorful Carolina Coast

10 Days • March 22-31, 2022

Clayton's signature tour meanders its way from Norfolk, VA to Jacksonville, FL over ten memorable days highlighting the geologically unique, always mysterious (of course there are ghosts!) and lighthouse-studded Outer Banks; two nights in an

oceanfront condominium on the sandy shores of Myrtle Beach; and two nights each in the historic districts of Charleston and Savannah where amazing history and breathtaking beauty abound. In the past 26 years over 700 people have experienced the CCC – one member taking the trip an unprecedented five times! Isn't it your turn? **\$1000 deposit**

Fixin' Up Texas

6 Days • April 7-12, 2022

This vacation focuses on the Lone Star State through the lens of her three United States Presidents. See the Capital City of Austin with visits to the LBJ Library and Lady Bird's Wildflower Center. Onward to College Station, home of Texas A&M University and the Bush-the-Elder Library. In Waco we'll pause to explore the world of Chip and Jo, the famed fixer-uppers, and witness how they double-handedly put this formerly sleepy prairie town on the map. (And yes, you'll get to shop at the Silos and Magnolia!) Onward to the Metroplex and the Bush-the-Younger Library in Dallas. **\$600 deposit**

Pathways of Patriots

7 Days • April 25 – May 1, 2022

The Chesapeake. The Tidewater. Hampton Roads. These are all words used to describe eastern Virginia where history and beauty abound. Begin in Prince William County, home of Manassas, famed for two Civil War battles (known by the Yanks as Bull Run), and Quantico, a word synonymous with the US Marine Corps and home to their national museum. Next you'll visit the Thomas Jefferson-designed Statehouse in Richmond which also served as the capitol of the Confederacy, then spend a day in Colonial Williamsburg where it's always the late 18th Century. The journey draws to a close in Norfolk during their annual Virginia Arts Festival (Virginia International Tattoo) and NATOfest (Parade of Nations) with reserved seating for both! **\$800 deposit**

**See the back page for
Early Payment Discounts**



The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

Desert Beauty

Visit Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park

5 Days • March 15-19

★ Highlights ★

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

\$2490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2880 single

On the Central Coast

Featuring oceanfront accommodations in Avila Beach

5 Days • April 12-16

★ Highlights ★

- San Luis Lighthouse tour aboard a classic trolley
- Visit San Luis Obispo & the Madonna Inn
- Enjoy seaside dining with live entertainment in Pismo Beach
- Hummer tour on the beach
- 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 2050/2450 Gold Passport Points

\$2040 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2430 single

Springtime in Yosemite

Featuring the best of Mother Nature: waterfalls and spring flowers

3 Days • May 11-13

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at the Rush Creek Lodge, just outside the park
- Free time to visit Yosemite Falls, the Ansel Adams Gallery, and the Yosemite Museum
- Guided tour highlighting the history and

points of interest throughout the valley

- 3 meals: 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service
- 1350/1550 Gold Passport Points

Springtime is the optimum season to view Yosemite's magnificent waterfalls and get a peek at its display of spring flowers. With one full day in the park, the morning will consist of a fully narrated tour to discover the history, geology and people of Yosemite. The afternoon is your time to explore the valley as you wish. Perhaps a walk out to Mirror Lake, or time at the museum and Ansel Adams gallery. In the evening, return to your mountain resort for quiet reflection upon the day.

During our time in the park, visit the area around the newly restored Mariposa Grove (weather and conditions permitting). This area has undergone major reconstruction with new walkways and the removal of its concessions facilities. Galen Clark, the grove's protector, found healing within these trees and the restoration seeks to bring peace back to the grove as it was when first discovered.

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

\$1310 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1545 single

Temporary Office Hours:

**9:00am – 3:00pm on Mon, Tues,
Thurs and Fri / Closed Wednesdays,
weekends and major holidays**

Relax on Catalina Island

Enjoy three nights in the heart of Avalon

4 Days • May 16-19 or
October 17-20

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge
- Be whisked away across "26 miles across the sea" on the high-speed *Catalina Express*
- Tour the Casino, the grandest structure on the island
- Explore the island with a scenic guided tour and special "undersea" experience
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Long Beach
- 2050/2400 Gold Passport Points (MAY)
- 2000/2350 Gold Passport Points (OCT)

Our annual escape features **three nights** at the **Pavilion Lodge**, right on the harbor and within walking distance of countless shops and restaurants. With mild temperatures the spring and fall are perfect times to visit this iconic California island.

After a short flight to Southern California and Sunday Brunch, the *Catalina Express*, a high-speed ferry, transports you to the historic and charming village of Avalon on Catalina Island. At your hotel, relax and enjoy a wine and cheese reception each afternoon; and breakfast each morning with a build-your-own omelet bar.

The itinerary includes several adventures on the island as well as plenty of free time to enjoy additional activities or simply relax on your own. Perhaps you would like to enjoy a glass-bottom boat ride in the harbor (additional charge).

Tour the Casino, the grandest structure on the island, which showcases the ornate Avalon Ballroom. Experience the scenic island tour and catch a glimpse of the underwater world surrounding the island on board a semi-submersible vehicle. Return to the mainland mid-morning, with lunch included at Parker's Lighthouse prior to your late-afternoon flight home.

May: \$2010 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2370 single
Oct.: \$1970 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2310 single



Niagara Falls, Naturally Awesome!

Your room overlooks The Falls

5 Days • May 17-21 or September 13-17

★ **Highlights** ★

- 4 nights Embassy Suites Fallsview – premium views of Niagara Falls – daily breakfast & evening cocktails included
- Take a *Journey Behind the Falls* & sail to the base of Horseshoe Falls
- Enjoy the IMAX Presentation & Daredevil Museum, ride the Whirlpool Aero Cars
- Stroll the boutiques of Niagara-on-the-Lake; visit the Niagara Botanical Gardens & Butterfly Conservatory
- Sample “ice wine,” an uniquely Niagara Region product
- Visit the Welland Canal, a shipping lane connecting Lake Ontario & Lake Erie
- 7 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Buffalo
- 2650/2900 Gold Passport Points

\$2620 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2895 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Carson and Virginia

A Tale of Two “Cities”

3 Days • May 20-22

The Capital City of Nevada, **Carson City** began as a stopover for California bound emigrants, but developed into a major city with the discovery of silver in the mountains. It's been the state capital since 1864. **Virginia City** developed virtually overnight as a boomtown as a result of the silver strike in the region.

1. Arrive at our office via your home pick-up and board your bus for Carson City. There's a break for lunch at a popular Basque-style restaurant in Gardnerville. The Stewart School is one of many where Native Americans were educated from 1989-1990. Now on the National Register of Historic Places, the school represents a huge piece of local history. Your tour includes a chance to interact with a native guide. Following the tour and a refreshment break, arrive at the **Gold Dust West Casino Hotel**. This evening, meet a famous local visitor... (L)

2. After breakfast, head to Virginia City, called the Queen of the Comstock. The silver

boom started in 1859 and lasted almost two decades, driving the population to almost 18,000 people. Today, only a few hundred residents live here. Your visit features a trolley tour of one of America's most interesting towns. There's time for lunch on your own, and to explore the stores or tempt Lady Luck! End the day with dinner back in Carson City, followed by a short Ghost Walk. It's your chance to meet some of the city's more interesting former residents. (B,D)

3. A docent meets us at the Nevada State Museum, to bring all the state's history to life. There's even a stamping press from the old Carson City Mint. After lunch in Reno (a BUF-FET lunch, no less – done really well and safely, at the Atlantis), head home via I-80. (B,L)

\$899 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1029 single

Falling for Boise

Featuring Shoshone Falls in the Snake River Canyon

4 Days • June 1-4

★ **Highlights** ★

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

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

Walla Walla and Pendleton

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

5 Days • June 1-5

★ **Highlights** ★

- At Sacagawea State Park and Patit Creek, a living history guide brings you back to the days of Lewis & Clark
- Walk on a piece of the Oregon Trail
- Unique cider/chocolate and local wine tasting
- Makers Tour in Pendleton – Hats, saddles, boots
- 2 nights each – Walla Walla & Pendleton
- Learn about CBDs, the new hemp/cannabis-based pain med

- Lunch at the Columbia Gorge Hotel – 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

- 2250/2450 Gold Passport Points

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

\$2220 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2435 single

Roll On Mighty Columbia

Three nights on the shores of one of America's great rivers

4 Days • June 6-9

Celebrating our 42nd Anniversary

Sail the waters, ride the rails and dine at the famous Columbia Gorge Hotel.

1. Arrive in Portland at 8am and transfer to the Cascade Locks, about 40 minutes from the airport. A Sunday Brunch cruise aboard a sternwheeler takes you along the Columbia River. The town of Hood River is another 30 minutes up river. Your accommodations are in riverview rooms at the **BW Plus Hood River Inn – 3 nights**

2. It's a delightful location with its own restaurant and our itinerary allows time to enjoy the grounds and the activity on the river. (BR)

Mt. Hood is visible from the river, but you'll get an even better view today on our train ride through the Hood River Valley. Make a stop at one of the popular fruit stands in the area to sample the famous Hood River Strawberries, which are available now. A dinner shuttle is available this evening, if you'd like to go into town. (B,L)

3. The Maryhill Museum of Art is just a short distance away, on a bluff overlooking the river on the Washington side. It's a small museum with an eclectic collection (and a great view) Wine tasting follows lunch. Return to the hotel in mid-afternoon. Dinner is included this evening. (B,L,D)

4. Stop at Multnomah Falls and enjoy lunch at the **Columbia Gorge Hotel**. The



grounds are beautifully landscaped and you may enjoy a short walk before we head back to the airport for our flight home. **(B,L)**

\$1675 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1905 single

Soulful Santa Fe

Featuring majestic scenery, inspiring art and creative cuisine

5 Days • June 13-17



★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights in a beautiful, perfectly located hotel
- Savor fun, imaginative Southwest cuisine
- Guided tour of the Palace of the Governors & visit the State Capitol Building
- Visit Chimayo's healing shrine and weavers enclave
- Travel through stunning O'Keefe Country with a naturalist guide
- Immerse yourself in the art of famed Canyon Road
- Learn about Native Culture at Acoma Sky City Pueblo
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque
- 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points

\$2275 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2560 single

Highway 101 – The Oregon Coast, Berry Nice

The most spectacular coastline in America, a fly/coach tour

6 Days • June 20-25



★ Highlights ★

- Fly to Portland, returning by coach to Sacramento
- Overnight Eureka, 2 nights Coos Bay, overnights in Newport and Beaverton
- A very berry experience – learn how the marionberry was created, very berry milkshakes included
- Narrated cruise on Newport Harbor; upscale dining in town
- Scenic drive along the Oregon Coast
- Great local stops – Tillamook Smoker & Creamery, Cranberry Sweets
- Washed Ashore – Saving the ocean one piece of junk at a time
- Shore Acres State Park – awesome ocean views

- Redwood National Park
- Drive through “The Avenue of the Redwoods” near Eureka, more of the majestic trees
- Door-to-door service
- 2450/2800 Gold Passport Points

\$2450 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2760 single

The Best of the Dakotas

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse

8 Days • June 20-27



★ Highlights ★

- Relive the passion and excitement of the Western Expansion with the Medora Musical
- Get a sense of the wide-open plains of North Dakota, with roaming herds of buffalo and wild horses during your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Experience the grandeur of Crazy Horse National Monument as you stand on the carving, viewing the lands of Crazy Horse's people
- Visit Mt. Rushmore, both during the day and at night, for a patriotic tribute to the United States
- Thrill to the beauty of the Black Hills as you ride in jeeps across the hills – this is truly the where buffalo roam and antelope play
- Roundtrip airfare to Rapid City, SD/from Bismarck, ND
- 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3350/3800 Gold Passport Points

\$3350 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3795 single

Markets and A Mountain

An Oregon-Washington getaway: two summer markets & Mt. St. Helens

3 Days • July 1-3



★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at the Hilton Vancouver, WA – a beautiful hotel, across from a city park and next to site of the Farmer's Market
- Lunch overlooking the Columbia River
- Get a Lewis & Clark/Hudson Bay Co. history lesson at Fort Vancouver, a National Park site
- See vintage aircraft at the Pearson Air Museum

- Day tour to Mt. St. Helens National Volcanic Monument
- Browse the Portland Saturday Market and the Vancouver Farmer's Market on departure day – bring your treasures home!

• 4 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner

- Door-to-door airport service
- Round trip airfare to Portland
- 1300/1450 Gold Passport Points

\$1265 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1410 single

Crater Lake and the Umpqua National Scenic Byway



Featuring natural scenic wonders in Oregon

6 Days • July 3-8

★ Highlights ★

- Visit Crater Lake National Park
- Up close animal encounters at Wildlife Safari
- Hellgate Jet Boat tour
- Stay in the charming town of Ashland
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 11 meals: 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- 2000/2300 Gold Passport Points

\$1995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2285 single

Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters



Sport Leisure Vacations' annual summer tour to Southern California

3 Days • July 18-20 or August 22-24

★ Highlights ★

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



- 1650/1900 Gold Passport Points

A two-hour performance accompanied by a full orchestra, The Pageant of the Masters is one of the most unique and entertaining shows in the world. Words simply cannot describe it. Like watching magic, you will be both amazed and entertained as famous works of art and sculptures become realized and life-sized before your very eyes. You have to see it to believe it!

\$1625 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1855 single

Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound

Ride ferries, walk the streets of unique small towns, enjoy a room with a view, explore a national park

5 Days • July 18-22

★ **Highlights** ★

- 5 ferry rides on Puget Sound, including the longest routes, Seattle/Bremerton and Seattle/Bainbridge Island
- Visit the villages of Poulsbo, Sequim, Port Gamble, and Mukilteo as you make your way around the sound
- Guided tours: Poulsbo, learn about the town's Norwegian heritage; Mukilteo Lighthouse
- 4 nights Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish – gaming for those who enjoy it, beautiful views for those who don't
- Visit the grave of Chief Seattle, the Suquamish Tribal Museum and the Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial – local landmarks which tell the history of the region

- 9 meals: Sunday Brunch (plated), 4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Seattle
- 2450/2750 Gold Passport Points

\$2405 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2715 single

Newfoundland

Featuring rugged coastlines, quiet beauty and friendly folks

10 Days • August 30 – September 8

★ **Highlights** ★

- 3 nights in Gros Morne National Park region
- 2 nights in Central Newfoundland – Gander and Twillingate
- Visit the Gander International Airport, Aviation Museum and other “Come from Away” sites
- 3 nights in St. John's, the largest city with a dash of the Irish Coast
- 20 meals: 1 full breakfast, 8 breakfast, 7 lunches, 4 dinners (including 3 dinner shows)
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare from San Francisco to Deer Lake/from St. John's Newfoundland, fondly called “The Rock” is a large and diverse island – about the size of California. The sea still is a major influence on the food, the language, the history and the future of this land. Spend 8 full days exploring the rich diversity of people, from the Indigenous cultures to the Irish seafarers to the oil industry workers of today. As we travel from the west coast to the

east, keep your eyes open for moose; along the shoreline watch for the icebergs; in Bulls Bay visit the wildlife sanctuary for puffins and other seabirds. The island is populated with folks who love to sing and tell stories so we will join them on four different occasions to share some music, food and stories.

Pricing available soon.

Place your name on the Priority Notification List for more information.

This vacation requires a valid passport!

San Juan Island Explorer Cruise

Take in the scenic Pacific Northwest with two nights in Friday Harbor

4 Days • August 4-7

★ **Highlights** ★

- 2 days aboard a private nature cruise; sleep on dry land
- View marine life, birds, lighthouses and hidden coves
- Tour San Juan Island and upscale Roche Harbor
- Stay 2 nights in Friday Harbor
- 8 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip air to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2400/2700 Gold Passport Points

\$2395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2695 single

Cruising the St. Lawrence River

Relax as the Canadian Empress weaves through the islands

9 Days • August 15-23

The **Canadian Empress** is a grand ship built in the classic steamboat style with a warm and friendly personality. Her interior is designed in early heritage-style with brass and elaborate furnishings, recapturing the grace and charm of the early 1900's. The crew is committed to providing a relaxing and comfortable experience, regaling the elegance of the early era of cruising, as the ship plies the waters of the magnificent St. Lawrence River.

The cruise features daily attractions with included shore excursions, complimentary domestic beer and wine with meals, nightly entertainment and a never ending supply of inspiring river scenery.



The St. Lawrence River is surely one of the most enchanting rivers on the planet. Your journey will traverse through the scenic "1000 Islands" between Kingston and Brockville – an archipelago of 1870 islands stretching over fifty miles; passing beyond Montreal to conclude in Québec City. The shallow draft of the *Canadian Empress* allows her to meander close to the islands and slip into hidden bays and cruise waterfront scenery.

Your journey begins with a flight into Toronto. Drive to Kingston and board the ship the next day. Cruising the river you'll sail past Millionaires' Row, Boldt Castle and the St. Laurens Statue. Dock in Brockville for an evening in this delightful heritage town that was once the center of wealth and industry. Continue along the river to the Fort Wellington National Historic Site, commemorating the War of 1812. Farther along the river, visit Upper Canada Village depicting life in a rural English-Canadian 1866 setting. As your horse and carriage passes through the 1850's toll gate into the village, the sights, sounds and smells of a past era are immediately evident.

As you leave Ontario and cruise into Quebec waters, pass through the Eisenhower and Snell Locks (U.S.A.); the Beauharnois Locks, and Cote Ste. Catherine and St. Lambert locks; arriving into Montreal harbor late afternoon. Spend the evening enjoying the unique French-Canadian characteristics of Montreal. In Trois Rivières, visit Notre Dame du Cap Shrine, a famous place of pilgrimage and devotion to Our Lady of the Cape. Explore the beautiful grounds along the way to the Shrine. On your final day, sail past Montmorency Falls as you approach the romantic and beautiful Québec City. After departing the ship, visit the old district of Québec City and enjoy an evening dinner with your fellow travelers.

This package includes **Sports Leisure's** signature door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare to Toronto/from Montreal, daily shore excursions and sightseeing activities, 21 meals (6FB,7L,8D), accommodations pre- and post-cruise in addition to shipboard stateroom; and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. Stateroom amenities, and pricing vary with cabin category.

St. Lawrence Class Staterooms:

\$5185 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6405 single

Ottawa Class Staterooms:

\$5460 p.p./dbl.occ.

5200/6450/5500 Gold Passport Points

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Maine – Lobsters and Lighthouse



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

7 Days • August 18-24

★ Highlights ★

- Stay 2 nights waterfront near Bar Harbor and tour Acadia National Park
- Guided tours of Portland and Kennebunkport
- Enjoy a Lobster cruise and traditional Maine Lobster bake dinner
- See 4 lighthouses and visit the Maine Lighthouse Museum
- Join a moose-viewing expedition in the western mountains
- Visit the Maine State Capitol and Museum
- 13 meals: breakfast daily, 1 lunch, 6 dinners (including a Maine Lobster bake)
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland, ME
- 4000/4650 Gold Passport Points

\$3995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4620 single

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

A weekend packed with high-rising, fast-paced fun!

3 Days • September 9-11



★ Highlights ★

- Attend the Great Reno Balloon Race with VIP access to the Cloud 9 Club
- Tickets to the Virginia City Camel & Ostrich Races
- Door-to-door service
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 2 Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 lunch
- 1000/1100 Gold Passport Points

\$960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1090 single

Proud members of the



Capitol Reef National Park and Monument Valley

Featuring three nights at the new Dwellings Resort in Bluff Utah



6 Days • September 16-21

★ Highlights ★

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

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

Bonjour, La Belle Quebec!

Featuring a Canadian Thanksgiving Celebration on both trips

8 Days • September 21-28 or

October 5-12 (sold out)



★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights in a French Bed & Breakfast with home cooked meals
 - Brilliant fall colors in the beautiful Charlevoix Region
 - Enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner with a French flair
 - 2 nights 4-star accommodations in Québec City
 - Visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica & Montmorency Falls
 - Tour Montreal, including Notre Dame Basilica
 - 15 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
 - Door-to-door service
 - Roundtrip airfare to/from Montreal
 - 4300/4900 Gold Passport Points
- Its geography, history and oh-so-French culture give Québec a most unique identity. With fall colors ablaze, experience the warmth and authenticity of a Québécois style autumn!

\$4270 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4860 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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Rails Around Colorado

Three scenic train rides during fall foliage

7 Days • September 26 – October 2

★ Highlights ★

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- Three scenic trains: Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton
- Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
- Fly high above Telluride on a gondola ride
- 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 5 lunches
- Roundtrip airfare to Denver/from Durango
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3900/4300 Gold Passport Points

\$3865 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4270 single

Epicurious? A Mystery Tour

A foodie's journey into the soul of America

5 Days • October 1-5

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The United States is home to an amazing epicurean experience, one that is a melting pot (pun intended) of numerous traditions brought to the New World by our immigrant ancestors. The brainchild of **Mark and Clayton**, travel to a city that is 100% American while holding fast to its largely European roots. Nowhere are their Old World traditions experienced more than in food and drink... oh please, don't leave out the drink! In fact, libations made this city famous! (Yes, that's a clue.) Stay all nights in a city-center hotel and feast on daily expeditions built around the city's varied culinary offerings from modest to grand. Are you epicurious? Then call and book your spot today! The tour includes door-to-door service, airfare, 8 meals and LOTS of snacking. 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points

\$2295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2580 single



New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

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

7 Days • October 3-9

★ Highlights ★

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- Visit 3 New England states!
- NH: Canterbury Shaker Village and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site
- 3 nights in lakeside cabins on Lake Champlain
- VT: Shelburne Museum, Trapp Family Lodge and Ben & Jerry's
- 2 nights in Lake Placid
- NY: Lake Placid Olympic sites, Ausable Chasm, John Brown Farm
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip air into Manchester/out of Albany
- 4100/4650 Gold Passport Points

\$4095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4620 single

The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring upgraded reserved seating in the Chasers Lounge and Gondola Club

5 Days • October 5-9

★ Highlights ★

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- 3 balloon events: Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascension
- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge & Gondola Club
- Ride the Sandia Peak Tramway
- Tour the Turquoise Museum
- Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip air to/from Albuquerque

- 8 Meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
 - 2550/2850 Gold Passport Points
- \$2545 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2835 single**

Italy Cooks

For the food-lover and aspiring chef in all of us

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8 Days • October 16-23

★ Highlights ★

- 6 nights in the Tuscan village of Montefollonico
- I Castagni – superior accommodations in a restored villa
- Daily cooking classes, wine tastings and cultural expeditions
- 17 meals: daily breakfast, lunch (that we usually prepare) and dinner (usually served at a local *ristorante*)
- Small group experience
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Rome or Florence

"I love Italy for its idiosyncrasies – the fun, the unpredictability and the serendipity. The country bubbles with emotion, traffic jams, strikes, and irate Italians shaking their fists at each other one minute and walking arm-in-arm the next. Have a talk with yourself before you arrive. Promise yourself to relax, and remember precision in Italy is limited to the pasta (which is always exactly and reliably *al dente*)."
Rick Steves

Pricing available soon.

Place your name on the

Priority Notification List to receive more information.

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Hidden Gems of the Ozark Mountains

Featuring entertainment in Branson, Missouri

6 Days • October 22-27

★ Highlights ★

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- 5 nights at the beautiful Hilton Convention Center Hotel
- Fantastic Caverns Tour
- Top of the Rock Ozark Heritage Preserve
- Private Murder Mystery at the Titanic Museum
- Dogwood Canyon Scenic Wildlife Tram
- See *Jesus* at the Sight & Sound Theatre



- Musical Shows: Yakov Smirnoff, The Presley's and the Hughes Brothers
 - Door to door airport transportation
 - Roundtrip air to/from Springfield, MO
 - 9 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
 - 3400/3650 Gold Passport Points
- \$3355 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3645 single**

Toe Tappin' Tennessee

Rock, soul, country and blues are all found along Tennessee's Musical Corridor

7 Days • October 19-25

★ **Highlights** ★

- Stay on the grounds of the new Graceland entertainment complex and tour Elvis' home
 - Tour RCA Studio B and Music Row
 - Visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and the new Johnny Cash & Patsy Cline Museums
 - Behind-the-scenes-tour of The Grand Ole Opry and attend the show
 - Narrated tour of Nashville including a drive along Millionaires Row
 - Visit Franklin and dine in the world-famous Loveless Cafe
 - 14 meals featuring a wide range of regional flavors: 6 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
 - Door-to-door airport service
 - Roundtrip airfare included
 - 3700/4200 Gold Passport Points
- Memphis and Nashville are two cities known for producing legendary music.

Dust off those cowboy boots and stroll along Memphis' Beale Street and Nashville's Honky Tonk Row where the lights are bright and the tunes are thumping!

\$3680 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4160 single

The Mother Road, Route 66 in California

From Needles to the Santa Monica Pier

4 Days • October 27-30

★ **Highlights** ★

- Visit Oatman, AZ, one of the most unique towns on the entire route
- Overnights in Needles, San Bernardino, Hollywood
- Your opportunity to "sleep in a teepee" at the Wigwam Motel (optional)
- See Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch

- Attend "class" at the historic desert schoolhouse in Goffs, Patton trained here
 - Visit the McDonald's Museum and hear the founding brothers' story
 - Drive past the famous "Paramount Gates"
 - Lunch and time on the Santa Monica Pier
 - 7 meals: 1 breakfast, 1 full breakfast 3 lunch, 2 dinners
 - Door-to-door home pick-up
 - Round trip non-stop flights, to Las Vegas /from Burbank
 - 1250/1450 Gold Passport Points
- \$1245 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1440 single**

A Mystery You Will Be Talking About

All nights spent in luxury at a 4-diamond resort

5 Days • November 15-19

Join **Scott** on a journey he has not stopped *talking about* since he came back from scouting. This is going to be a fun one, gang! Stay four nights in a stunning 4-diamond resort reached via a non-stop flight. How about some clues? Have your camera ready because you will not believe your eyes! It is the largest of its kind in the country. Orange is a color you will remember. If you've never taken a mystery tour before and have been considering it, this is the one for you! The tour includes door-to-door service, airfare and 7 meals. 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points

\$2320 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2620 single

Off to Hawaii – Maui and Kauai, Land of Aloha

Four nights on each island

9 Days • November 3-11

★ **Highlights** ★

- Round trip air – one stop to Kauai on the outbound, non-stop return from Maui, inter-island flight from Kauai to Maui
- 4 nights on Kauai at the Sheraton Kauai in Kapaa, right on the water's edge, walking distance to shops and restaurants – option for ocean view rooms (slightly higher price)
- 4 nights on Maui at the legendary Royal Lahaina on Kaanapali Beach – includes upgraded side ocean view
- Many, many included optional activities

– Kauai: Lydgate Chocolate Farm Tour, Foodie Tour (featuring local products), flightseeing, The Russians are Coming (A History Lesson), Kauai River Cruise, botanical garden tour, visit the land of Puff the Magic Dragon

- Maui activities: Steel Grass Guitar Concert & Sunset Dinner, Farm to Fork lunch, the Story of the Whales, Maui Plantation, free time in Lahaina town
- Optional (extra charge) activities you can add. Like a trip to Haleakala Crater on Maui, or flightseeing on Kauai.
- 14 meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Round trip air to Kauai/from Maui
- 4350/5000 Gold Passport Points

If you've been once or a hundred times before, you are sure to find fun, new, unique activities on a **Sports Leisure** trip to the islands. If it's your first journey to the islands, get excited, because you have chosen to visit someplace truly special. It's always a privilege to take travelers to Hawaii. We work very hard to make our Hawaii adventures a cut above the rest.

\$4325 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4995 single



Hi there. I'm Doodle, one of Kauai's famous roosters. You'll see me and my friends underfoot all over the island. My main job is to make sure ALL of the tourists are awake in the morning, so they can enjoy our beautiful island. My natural wake-up call usually starts around 5am. Consider it 'a taste of local color.' Aloha! Or maybe 'cock-a-doodle-do' might be more appropriate...





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June – Walla Walla and Pendleton – **Save \$40**

June – Falling for Boise – **Save \$35**

June – Roll On Mighty Columbia – **Save \$25**

June – Soulful Santa Fe – **Save \$50**

June – Highway 101 – The Oregon Coast – **Save \$25**

June – The Best of the Dakotas – **Save \$50**

July – Crater Lake/Umpqua National Scenic Byway – **Save \$40**

July – *Mamma Mia!* at Lake Tahoe – **Save \$25**

Aug. – Cruising the St. Lawrence River – **Save \$100**

Oct. – New England Fall Foliage Spectacular – **Save \$75**

Oct. – Albuquerque Int'l Balloon Fiesta – **Save \$50**

Oct. – Route 66 in California – **Save \$40**

Nov. – Off to Hawaii – Maui & Kauai, Land of Aloha – **Save \$150**

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TOUR UPDATE...

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

Sold-Out Tours (waiting lists available)

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival	Old West Mountain Mystery
Moab	No One Ever Goes There Mystery
Pure Michigan	Leavenworth/ <i>Sound of Music</i>
Toe Tappin' Tennessee	A Mystery You Will Be Talking About

Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

Central Coast (7)	Pageant of the Masters – July (7)
Yosemite (7)	Maine Lobster/Lighthouses (6)
San Juan Explorer (4)	Niagara Falls – September (9)
Niagara Falls – May (3)	Ferries & Towns/Puget Sound (3)
Santa Fe (10)	Rails Around Colorado (10)
ABQ Balloon Fiesta (6)	Catalina Island – May (10)
Newfoundland (8)	Ozark Mountains/Branson (3)
Capitol Reef (5)	Catalina Island – October (9)
Quebec – October (5)	Key West/ Miami/ Everglades (5)
Winter in Yellowstone (2)	

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Key West	Christmas Mystery Tour
New Orleans	Christmas Puttin' on the Ritz
Texas	

Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

Sedona (6)	Skagit Valley (4)
Apple Far Christmas (6)	NYC (Spring) (1)
Christmas Train to Reno (9)	Moab (6)
Tonopah/Laughlin/Vegas (9)	Niagara Falls (1)
Alaska's Aurora Borealis (1)	Ferries/Towns Puget Sound (4)
Desert Beauty (10)	Maine (3)
Carolina Coast (9)	Capitol Reef (8)
Central Coast (8)	Quebec (2)



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



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Day Trips and Theatre Outings

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Lost and Found

If you are missing any cherished possessions and think you may have left them behind on a day trip or longer tour, please call the office or send an email to may@sportsleisure.com.

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I Once Was Lost...

Sports Leisure's "Lost & Found" drawer is filled to capacity with the usual assortment of coats, umbrellas, gloves, notebooks, walking canes, etc., etc., etc. Many items have been here for several months. If you have misplaced an item while traveling with us, please consider contacting the office to see if it can be found in our drawer. Any items remaining in the drawer will be donated to charity at the end of March.

