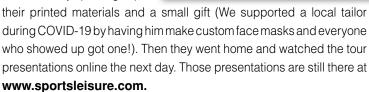


First-ever Drive-Thru Preview Day!

In our 41 years, we have had over 70 Tour Preview Days. Until now, **ALL** of them had been held **inside** a building. Until now.

On June 6th, we moved **outside.** Indeed, over 200 attended a most unique Preview Day picking up



From top: Mark, Lloyd and Fran Johns and Clayton are the masked people on the masthead; Donna Carey offers information in our "drive thru express lane" (you didn't even have to get out of your car); Marcia Amant decorated her car in grand style in case there was a parade; Michael and Donna display the custom-made masks; and the bottom picture is of a gang of masked protesters who... no wait, those are all masked Sports Leisure ladies!







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Just One Man's Opinion by Mark Hoffmann

Grateful & Looking Ahead

As you can see from the front cover of this newsletter, our "Drive Through" Preview Day was a success. Perhaps it was because

most of us hadn't seen another human being in months...

It was a grand day. Seeing all of you lifted **OUR** spirits. Monday morning at 9am, the phone lines went bonkers. The



Christmas Mystery Tour was sold out by 9:08. New Orleans, which had limited seating available because many from last year rolled over, was full at 9:15. Goodness gracious. (The Christmas Mystery Tour has added a second departure due to demand.

We celebrated **Lloyd John's 90th birthday,** marveled at **Marcia's** car, decorated in "*Sports Leisure*" fashion and in general, just enjoyed being an a safe place with friends. And yes, we all wore masks and "elbow hugged."

Some people have said, "Why do you keep announcing trips? Why not just wait until this is over?"

Valid point. Travelers are always in search of the journey. We plan and wait for it, experience it, remember it forever. It isn't just an adventure, for many of us, it is the way we are wired.

Of course, right now, safety has to be a big factor. The next is, are there services available when and where you need them. Restaurants who can accommodate a group, attractions that are open and available, etc.

We've heard it said, "If you have to wear a mask and things are closed and all messed up, travel will be a hassle. It won't be fun." Perhaps folks who say that are right. But maybe they are more *casual* travelers.

Real travelers know travel is an inexact science by nature. They learned long ago to take inconvenience or the unexpected and turn it into something positive. A lot of us are like that. Real travelers tend to be people who take things in stride. Sometimes, you find something you would have never discovered if not for the detour. In fact, **most** of the time it seems to work that way. It's all part of the journey.

We are hearing you may be looking at trips closer to home for the short term. We are listening. Our winter/holiday schedule reflect this. Our annual **Christmas Mystery**

Tour is staying within California. For the first time in nearly 30 years, we won't be heading to **New York City** over Thanksgiving.

Some new tours didn't get settled in time for this newsletter and you'll learn about them next time. Palm Springs and two great entertainers (Jackie Evancho and Michael Feinstein) will be featured in separate concerts on a trip over Valentine's Day; I'm trying to get Chris to consider part of his California Missions tour for an encore next year. If either of those sound fun, call the office and tell them you'd like to be on the list for Valentines in Palm Springs or California Missions.

The Travel Guys Radio Show

Every Sunday at 3pm on KFBK 1530AM/93.1FM, **The Travel Guys** can be heard. Long time friend and career radio man **Tom Romano** joins me as we cover travel, entertainment, and anything else that seems appropriate. Of course, the program has a bit of a *Sports Leisure slant*, and it's a great place to get the latest travel news and information.

Cards for Joey

Many of you reading this know **Joey Querio.** Joey was a Tour Director for us for many years, retiring a little over a year ago. She has moved into an assisted living center and is experiencing some memory issues.

Would you help us? We would like to show our friend **Joey** she is not forgotten in our hearts. Send or deliver your cards to our office before June 25th. We'll make sure they all get hand delivered.

Sports Leisure Vacations 9812 Old Winery Place, Ste 1 Sacramento, CA 95827 Attn: Greetings for Joey

And so it goes...

Mark Ho Smann

Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder



Mark with some of the pet food and socks donated by our Drive Thru attendees. When Sports Leisure Travelers gather, someone benefits. It's the way we roll. Loaves & Fishes collected and distributed the stash. We thank them for their help. We thank you for your generosity.

The Customers Always Write

Dear Mark and Clayton,

Thank you so much for your generosity in the scholarship award. I really appreciate your kindness and it will definitely help me out significantly. It's really wonderful of you to help support college students in studying and achieving our dreams, so thank you again.

Johanna Bergstrom

Ed. Note: SLV offers scholarships each year to the family or Travel Club Members going to a college/university or trade school. For information, email:

Clayton.Whitehead@sportsleisure.com

Dear Mark and Crew,

Just wanted to let you know I have moved to Paso Robles, California. Since the death of my husband Don in February, my family wanted me to be closer. I have a daughter and son-in-law and granddaughter and family all here. So I am busy going to volleyball and soccer games that the greatgrand kids are involved in.

I bought a doublewide in a 55 and older gated community, called Quail Run. I am close to all my kids and the other greatgrandma lives here to.

I always remember the great trips I've enjoyed with Sports starting years ago with a small cruise in Alaska. We were hooked on Sports after that. You do such a wonderful job with all your travelers you'll be missed. Hugs to all of you,

Loa Christensen

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:

SPORTS LEISURE VACATIONS

Attn: Mark/Clayton 9812 Old Winery Place, Suite 1 Sacramento, CA 95827

Or e-mail Mark or Clayton at:

markslt@aol.com clayton.whitehead@sportsleisure.com

Dear Sports Leisure Vacations,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of Assistance League of Sacramento for your sponsorship on our Bingo Fundraiser. Financial support from generous donors such as yourself helps us to fulfill our mission of transforming the lives of children and adults through community programs.

Assistance League of Sacramento has been serving the greater Sacramento community families. Contributions such as yours help make this possible. Thank you again for your support and generosity. Sincerely.

Nancy B Baker

Dear Mark,

Thank you so much for the drive thru this morning... it was efficient, friendly and sooooo good to see everyone. We really miss **Sports Leisure**, everyone on staff is like family to us. Cheers,

Tony & Rosemary Leo

Dear Sports Leisure Travel,

You all are deeply valued and appreciated



Thanks to Georgian Gee, who brought these beautiful roses by the office for our 41st Anniversary

and I can honestly say I've loved every trip, either extended or just a day, that I've been able to take with SL. I know I'm among so many when I say I hope and pray we will all emerge from this dark and bewildering time and travel again together. And every day remember that along with prayers those deep slow breaths of fresh air really help with anxiety!

Ann Saibeni

Sacramento's Favorite Radio Show is now heard every Sunday from 5-6pm

The Travel Guys

- Making you a smarter traveler with tips you can use on the road
- Weekly Travel News, with updates on stories you won't hear elsewhere
- Consumer Advocates **Chris Elliott and Ed Perkins**

Every Sunday 3-4pm KFBK, 1530, 93.1FM



The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

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

Travel in 2020 and Beyond

How many people can ride on a motorcoach right now? To socially distance (in US terms), you would only be able to have 11 people on board. So how do you mitigate that, on a bus or plane or train or any type of transport? Space costs money and it isn't economically feasible to put people 5-6 feet apart.

We are lucky, in that 20 years ago, after 9-11, the 50-passenger jet came into being. Airlines would only sell us 25 seats in advance on those planes at a reasonable fare. What to do? That's when the 25-passenger capacity tour was invented.

Years later, many destinations, including Key West, Cape Cod, Moab and a number of others still operate under that philosophy. Our travelers already know the benefit of a half-full coach and are willing to pay the slightly higher cost. Moving forward, for now, trips with a lot of coach time will be capped at 25. Trips where the coach time is just moving around a city, will be capped at 30.

This will allow those not traveling from the same household (couples, roommates) to have a double seat (the seat next to you empty) if you wish. Of course, you can sit with your traveling companion if you prefer. Masks will be required on the coach. According to the CDC and others, this is one way to offset the lack of distancing.

Safety is never something anyone can guarantee 100% and these times are no exception. Everything involves some risk. Our job is to make informed decisions that limit risk where we can.

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00am – 3:00pm MON. thru FRI. Closed weekends & major holidays CLOSED TUES. 12:00pm – 1:15pm

Day Trips

This is a little more problematical. In order to keep the cost reasonable, day trips are based on 30 people, with a maximum capacity of 42. We will not put that many on a coach for a while. With fewer people, the cost of the bus (divided among all travelers) goes up (fewer to share the expense). The additional cost would be about \$25-\$30 per traveler, we estimate.

There are no **Day Trips** announced on these pages, because at this time, all theatrical productions have been cancelled, museums and attractions are mostly closed, restaurants not open enough to accommodate us in many cases. The entire Bay Area is still waiting to reopen. We hope to have an update, along with a selection of holiday day trips, in the **August newsletter**.

COVID-19 Protocols for all Sports Leisure Trips

Masks will be required to be worn on the coach by all people at all times. Knowing this is a sensitive subject with some, after discussion, we have decided all travelers will be **required** to wear a mask or face covering on the coach or while interacting

with others on the trip (meals, attractions).

This is not an option or a request. It is a requirement for traveling with us at this time. Truly, a mask is worn to protect others. Others, in turn, wear a mask to protect you. We protect each other. That's how we roll. If wearing a mask is a personal or political issue for you, we will welcome you back after we have a vaccine and masks are no longer needed, with no hard feelings whatsoever on our part. Thank you for understanding our need for safety.

Sanitizing of hands will be required each time you reboard the coach. We will provide alcohol-based sanitizer and wet wipes. If have allergies of refer something else, please bring it with you. Each traveler will be required to sanitize before boarding. Again, this is a requirement of every traveler/staff member.

Temperatures Checks with non-invasive thermometers will be done once a day. If your temperature is 100.6 or above, we will assist you in seeking medical assistance.

Medical Survey - You'll be asked to certify you are not exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus prior to departure on a short half page survey.

Peking Restaurant Re-Opens

The restaurant popular with our travelers as the spot where our **Pre-Tour Dinners** have been held for nearly 30 years, has reopened. You can use the coupon on this page for a modest discount. You'll be supporting our friends, a wonderful couple who will create a great sit-down or take out meal. You remember sitting in a restaurant and eating? I know, it was long ago. Tell **Li Yen** you are a **Sports Leisure Traveler!** Thank you.

10% OFF LUNCH or DINNER

11am - 7:30pm · Closed Monday

Serving up traditional Chinese dishes, such as lemon chicken and moo shu pork. Mark loves sweet and sour chicken and Clayton goes for assorted vegeables with tofu.

PEKING RESTAURANT Mandarin and Szechuan

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COUPON

The Human Side Learn, Laugh, Reflect

Quarantine, Oh The Joy...

- For the second part of the quarantine, do we have to stay with the same family or they're going to relocate us? (Asking for a friend.)
- Home Schooling, Day 3: If you see my kids outside and picking weeds just keep on driving. They're on a field trip.
- Can we all agree for the next apocalypse that hair stylists be an essential service?
- When this quarantine is over, let's not tell some people.
- They can open things up next month, I'm staying in until August to see what happens to you all first.
- People keep asking: "Is coronavirus REALLY all that serious?" Listen y'all, the churches and casinos are closed. When heaven and hell agree on the same thing it's probably pretty serious.
- The dumbest thing I've ever bought was a 2020 planner...

The Economy Has Been Particularly Tough on a Few **Businesses**

- 1. The bra manufacturer has gone bust.
- 2. The specialist in submersibles has gone
- 3. The manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation.
- 4. The Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders.
- 5. The suppliers of paper for origami enthusiasts has folded.
- 6. The bread Company has run out of dough.
- 7. The shoe shop has had to put their foot down and given their staff the boot.
- 8. The launderette has been taken to the cleaners!
- 9. The pet shop has gone to the dogs.

Proud members of the



Stopped by a brick

A successful young executive was driving his new Jaguar down a neighborhood street when he noticed a kid darting out from between parked cars. As he continued a brick smashed into his car door. He slammed on the brakes and backed to the place where the brick was thrown.

The furious man jumped out of his car, glared at a young boy and shouted, "What is this all about? Why did you throw a brick at my car?

The young boy was obviously shaking with fear, but was polite and apologetic. "I'm sorry Mister. I didn't know what else to do," he pleaded. "I had to throw the brick because no one would stop to help me." With tears rolling down his cheeks, he pointed toward the parked cars and said "it's my brother; he rolled off the curb and fell out of his wheelchair. He is hurt and cut his head. I can't lift him up."

The sobbing boy asked the man, "Will you please help me get him back into his wheelchair? He is too heavy for me." The man was moved beyond words and tried to swallow the rapidly swelling lump in his throat. He hurriedly lifted the injured brother from where he lay and put him back in the wheelchair. Using the first aid kit from his car he carefully bandaged the boys cuts.

When he felt that everything would be OK he returned to his car. "Thank you Sir and God bless you," said the brick thrower. The man had no words as he simply watched the little boy push the wheelchair-bound brother down the sidewalk.

He drove slower than usual to his home. When he got out of the car he looked at the dented car door. The damage was quite noticeable, but he never bothered to repair it. He kept the dent to remind him of the message: "Don't go through life so fast that someone has to throw a brick at you to get your attention."

Moral: Life whispers in our souls and speaks to our hearts. Sometimes when we don't listen - it throws a brick at us. It's our choice, listen to the whisper or wait for the brick.

Congratulations to Simon...



Simon Chen is our request driver at Lux. Congrats on your award Simon!



Look What We're Doing...



Find us on Facebook at www.facebook. com/sportsleisure. We post pictures of recent trips and sometimes trips that are currently on the road... so you may see a fellow **Sports Leisure** traveler while they are actually on vacation. How awesome is that?

New Vacations & Getaways

An Apple Farm Christmas

Featuring Hearst Castle and Cambria Christmas Market



4 Days • November 30 – December 3, 2020

A holiday favorite for *Sports Leisure* travelers for many years, the Apple Farm is classic Christmas. Add the grandeur of the Hearst Castle and their decorations and you will be inspired to come home and "deck your halls". This early December holiday trip includes three nights at the favored Apple Farm Inn; an "upstairs tour" of the Hearst Castle including Hearst's private office and living quarters; and the Cambria "Christmas Market" to get you into the holiday spirit.

1. Begin with a drive down through the western side of the Central Valley, arriving at Harris Ranch Inn for lunch. Their collection of Christmas decorations is sure to set the spirit soaring with delight. In the company store you will find almonds, apricots and other fine goodies fresh from the neighboring orchards. Continue to the coast, arriving in San Luis Obispo late afternoon. **Apple Farm Inn – 3 nights (L)**

2. Relax a bit with a later morning start before heading out on our excursions. Morro Bay is a quaint coastal village with plenty of shopping, and great clam chowder. We'll

start with a visit to the "rock" to see if we can spot some harbor seals playing in the bay followed with time to browse the shops. This evening, stroll through booths at Cambria's Christmas Market. Vendors, musicians and festive lights make this a great holiday event. **(FB,L)**

3. A nice hot breakfast prepares you for a day of touring along the Central Coast. First up, we will stop in at the little hamlet of Harmony. Once home to a dairy creamery, this little village is continually re-inventing itself with artisan shops. As time and weather allows, we will visit the Elephant Seal Rookery in San Simeon. December is the month the females arrive to give birth to their 70 pound pups! Then, step back in time as you tour the Assembly Room and the Upstairs Suites of Hearst Castle.

Please note: the tour is 60 minutes in length, includes **332 steps** both up and down, and **3/4 mile walk** with much standing. (You may OPT OUT of castle tour at time of registration and receive \$30 credit). **(FB,L)**

4. Begin your last day with another hot and hearty breakfast. On our return to Sacramento, we make a brief stop in Salinas at the Steinbeck Center. This quintessential

American author truly is the story of local boy "done good." While Steinbeck's writings were very controversial at the time they were written, today Salinas is proud of their Nobel Prize author. Arrive Sacramento, early evening to find the transfer to your home provided by our local car service. **(FB,L)**

This holiday vacation includes door-to-door service, r/t motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 7 meals (3FB,4L), all tours and attractions listed, and the services of a *Sports Leisure Vacations* Tour Director. 1450/1650 Gold Passport Points

\$1405 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1615 single \$ave \$40 until July 7



The California Christmas Mystery Tour

5 Days • December 3-7, 2020

We had a far away destination in mind for this year's Christmas Mystery Tour. But things have changed since we made that decision last fall. So we'll wait a year for that itinerary and offer a trip within California in 2020. This four-night adventure visits three different destinations and includes a wide variety of Christmas attractions. Let's see, water, rails, motorcoach, a short air flight in one direction (yes, it's a budget tour, so you fly one way and walk home... LOL). Lots of holiday treats (we never miss a feeding), accommodations of the finest order, and a true step back in time along the way. Even Santa himself would be jealous of our itinerary.

Because many people repeat this trip every year, it is very popular (Imagine that, signing up year after year, for a trip where you don't know the destination.) We strongly recommend you register early. It is perhaps our most sought after reservation of the year! The package includes 9 meals, one way airfare, train, boat and coach transportation, plus the services of a *Sports Leisure Tour Director* (or two). 2200/2450 Gold Passport Points

\$2160 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2450 single \$ave \$75 until July 7



At the Apple Farm Inn, they take the song "Deck the Halls" literally... Enjoy the festive surroundings

Christmas in Victoria

4 Days • December 2-5, 2020 ★ Highlights ★



- Roundtrip air to/from Victoria
- 3 nights at an all-suite hotel
- · Dinner and lights at famed Butchart Gardens
- Holiday English Tea served at The Empress Hotel
- Tour the B.C. Legislative Building
- Enjoy unique holiday shopping at a local crafts fair
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 High Tea, 2 dinners
- 2200/2400 Gold Passport Points Kick off the Christmas Season with a bit of British flair in beautiful Victoria, B.C. Twinkling lights replace hanging flower pots, illuminating the streets as you go store to store to find that perfect gift for a loved one... or yourself! All the highlights are included with plenty of free time to create your own experience. It's truly a very special time to visit the quaint, yet lively little city on the picturesque Inner Harbour.
- 1. By way of Seattle, fly to Victoria arriving in the late afternoon. Lunch is waterside in quaint Sidney, a seaside resort town full of boutique shopping and a charming English Sweets shop. You'll get an assortment of traditional confections from across the pond to take with you. After checking into your all-suite hotel, grab dinner at your hotel or one of the many eateries nearby. Chateau

Victoria – 3 nights (L)

- 2. Enjoy breakfast at your hotel each morning. A narrated driving tour this morning gets you acquainted. Make note of the shops you want to visit! You'll have free time for lunch on your own and shopping before heading to the world-renowned Butchart Gardens. Arrive at dusk and enjoy an upscale three-course dinner in the original family home. Afterwards, stroll through a twinkling holiday wonderland. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" are cheekily represented with lighted displays. Bring your imagination, good cheer, and your camera! (FB,D)
- 3. The majestic Legislative Building is your first stop this morning. Look up, up, up at the tree reaching from the first floor into the vast rotunda. After touring, it's time



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

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

- Leisurely A tour that can be enjoyed by all. A minimal amount of required walking on city streets or generally level surfaces, with few stairs. A theater day trip might be an example.
- Moderate A tour with some walking activities, and standing/strolling at attractions and museums and possibly some stair climbing. A day trip to the ballpark or a short regional trip (Monterey, CA Coast) might be examples. A moderate trip could include air transportation and navigating through airports; and some high altitudes.
- Active A tour which includes longer walks (3-5 city blocks). Shorter walks could be on uneven surfaces. Days could be longer (including longer travel days with layovers). Some of the trip could be at high altitudes.

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

- Energetic A tour with an accent on opportunities for walking and other physical activities. Many overseas tours would fit in this category. Long plane flights, perhaps standing or walking longer distances. You might have to climb into a zodiac boat if you are with Ramona. If you need wheelchair assistance at the airport or other places, you should not consider a tour on this level.
- Challenging Tours like these are designed with daily physical activities like hiking and other vigorous activities and can be great travel experiences, but they are not typical of Sports Leisure Vacations trips.

for a spot of tea, finger sandwiches and decadent petit fours at the famed Empress Hotel! It's a meal fit for a queen! Learn about early Christmas traditions brought by immigrants at the award-winning Royal B.C. Museum, and stroll the decorated

replica streets of Old Town Victoria. Dinner is served atop your hotel overlooking the city with sweeping views of the harbor and surrounding Olympic Mountains (FB,HT,D)

4. Each year, artisans from nearby Salt Spring Island bring their wares to sell at



a local crafts fair. With unique offerings ranging from textiles, leather goods and specialty food times, you're sure to find something you must have! Fly home from Victoria through Seattle with memories and goodies to share. (FB)

> \$2200 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2360 single \$ave \$75 until July 7

Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas



Featuring Sunday brunch at the Hayes Mansion and a Christmas visit to Filoli

3 Days • December 13-15, 2020

- 1. We pick you up from your home and deliver you to the Sports Leisure Vacation office where you will board the coach for San Jose. 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, which resembles a grand European country estate set on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. (BR)
- 2. Enjoy a free morning at the resort; amenities include a coastal trail, beach, gas fire pits overlooking the ocean, a fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Spa services are available for additional costs. Lunch will be hosted on Main Street in Half Moon Bay followed by a visit to Filoli for a tour of their Mansion and formal gardens all decked out for the holidays. (L)
- 3. Depart the coast; lunch is hosted on the way back to Sacramento. (L)

This package includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all attractions listed above, and 3 meals (1BR,2L). 1500/1800 Gold Passport Points.

\$1495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1795 single \$ave \$25 until July 7

All Aboard the **Christmas Train**



A close-to-home holiday expedition to The Silver State!

3 Days • December 23-25, 2020

- 1. Start your holiday like all good vacations should - by sleeping in! The California Zephyr leaves the Amtrak Station at half past 11, arriving in Reno at 4 p.m. Whether there's snow or not the trip through the Sierra Nevada, complimented by a gourmet boxed lunch, is always stunning. Tonight enjoy the gaming action, dining options and other exciting opportunities offered in The Row, the new interconnected entertainment venue in downtown Reno bringing the Silver Legacy, Eldorado and Circus Circus together under one roof. Silver Legacy - 2 nights (L)
- 2. Visit nearby Virginia City where a holiday scavenger hunt awaits prompting you to visit beautifully decorated shops, bars and historic sites as your interest warrants. Of course, in Virginia City bars and historic sites are often one in the same – not completely a bad thing and we think Mark Twain would agree! Back in Reno enjoy a traditional gift exchange and dinner followed by optional church services. Let's pray "midnight mass" begins well before midnight! (FB,D)

3. Our fun and funky gift exchange assures lots of laughs whether you end up with a keeper or white elephant! A midday Christmas feast and the scenic drive home via Lake Tahoe's south shore is the perfect way to end our holiday expedition. (FB,L)

Tour includes home pick-up and return, Amtrak ticket (one way), deluxe motorcoach service, accommodations, activities as indicated, 5 meals (2FB,2L,1D) and the services of a Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director. 1000/1100 Gold Passport **Points**

> \$960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1060 single \$ave \$20 until July 7

132nd Tournament of Roses Parade: A California **New Year Tradition!**

3 Days • December 30 - January 1, 2021 ★ Highlights ★

- Tasty guided tour of the LA Farmer's Market
- Tram tour of Hollywood's Warner Bros. Studio
- Lunch on Santa Monica Pier
- Pre-parade viewing of the building of the
- New Year's Eve dinner buffet and hosted toast
- Reserved parade seating, commemorative souvenir pin and program
- 6 Meal: 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door transportation
- 1700/1900 Gold Passport Points

Celebrate the New Year in true Southern California style! The brilliant colors of elaborately decorated floats, the pageantry of majestic equestrian teams coupled with the chest-thumping rhythm of the marching bands will ring in the new year on the right note! Always been on your to-do list? Why not make it 2021?

1. Fly to Burbank and head to the LA Farmer's Market. Founded in 1934 and situated near Hollywood, the market has grown and morphed into a collection of vendors ranging from high end to comfort eats. It's anything but typical! Lunch features items from the market's top vendors with free time to shop! On a tram tour of Warner's



Join Scott at the elegant Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay for a close to home holiday

Bros. Studios, the magic of Hollywood comes alive! Afterwards, check into your accommodations for the next two nights. Hilton LAX – 2 nights (L)

- 2. At the Float Construction Barns in Pasadena, flowers, greenery and seeds are attached right up until the final hours. The task seems near impossible, but just you wait! Lunch is included on the Santa Monica pier. Stroll along the pier, watch the many performers, or find a comfy spot to sit and watch the waves. At your hotel, the evening festivities are being readied! Enjoy a New Year's Eve Buffet and toast to the ball drop in NY's Times Square. (FB,L,D)
- 3. Arrive to the parade in time to get settled before an Air Force flyover sets the day into motion! Miraculously, the floats you saw the day before in parts and pieces are assembled. The imaginative, elaborate designs are simply astounding! Enjoy it all from your reserved seating. You'll receive an official Rose Parade seat cushion, program and souvenir pin. At the Tam O' Shanter, one of Walt Disney's favorite spots, fill up on prime rib and Yorkshire pudding before your early evening flight home. (FB,D)

\$1690 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1860 single \$ave \$50 until July 7

The Queen Mary, New Year's Eve and A Salute to Vienna

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Ring in the New Year aboard the historic Queen Mary

4 Days • December 30 – January 2, 2021 Are you ready to "ring out" 2020 and start a new year? Sports Leisure Vacations has just the trip for you! A swanky New Year's Eve party aboard the historic Queen Mary in Long Beach. For several years now, travelers have been asking for a New Year's Eve party (we've had some great ones over the years especially at Harris Ranch Inn, and aboard the USS Midway) and May has discovered a new experience for you.

1. The festivities begin with a mid-morning flight to Long Beach. After lunch, settle into the Queen Mary Hotel. A docent-guided historical tour of the ship helps you get oriented to the docked ship; and provides some context for your stay. Queen Mary Hotel - 2 nights (L)

- 2. It is New Year's Eve Day, so we have planned a leisurely morning and afternoon. Choose from a visit to the Long Beach Aquarium, a nearby shopping center, or to just relax on the ship. Tonight, a fabulous dinner and music await, as everyone gets dressed up to ring out the old, and ring in the new. Get out your glitz and glitter... (L, D)
- **3.** A late morning start is planned after an evening of festivities, but you have another full day ahead. Depart Long Beach for San Diego. After a quick lunch, arrive at the Copley Symphony Hall in San Diego for the afternoon performance of "Salute to Vienna"... a dazzling performance evoking the golden age of Viennese music, and is a glorious re-creation of the beloved Neujahrskonzert, the concert that has welcomed the New Year for more than 80 years in Vienna and all over the world. Embassy Suites Waterfront Hotel - San Diego (L)
- 4. An mid-day flight returns you home after a festive beginning to 2021. With Strauss waltzes still playing in your ears, and visions of bygone elegance, you can welcome a new year filled with memories of beauty, joy and entertainment. (FB)

This package includes door-to-door service, roundtrip air to/from San Diego, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all attractions listed above, and 5 meals (1FB,3L,1D) along with the services of your Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director.

> Pricing and final itinerary TBA at later date.

Key West, Miami and The Everglades

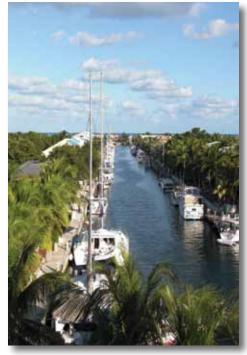


A SLV favorite; a winter tradition 6 Days • January 23-28, 2021

* Highlights *

- Tour Miami's Coral Gables, Coconut Grove and South Beach's art deco district
- Take an airboat ride through Everglades Safari Park; meet an alligator or two
- Overnight Key Largo; dinner at a nationally renowned Florida Keys seafood diner
- Meet the wildlife: visit a dolphin research center and butterfly conservatory
- 4 nights in Key West in the heart of town

- on Duval Street, spectacular location
- Cabaret Dinner Show at La Te Da: meet & greet with performer (another exclusive)
- Tour: Truman's Little White House, Hemingway Home, the island by trolley with Louie - a true entertainer
- 12 meals: 2 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Door-to-door transportation
- Roundtrip air to Ft. Lauderdale, return from Key West
- 3750/4250 Gold Passport Points
- 1. Arrive into Miami in time for dinner at a Brazilian Steakhouse. Come hungry! Gauchos arrive tableside with various cuts of juicy grilled meats. Tell them how you like it, they carve and you eat! Delicious! From presentation to service, everything about the meal is an experience. Hilton Garden Inn – Miami at Dolphin Mall (D)
- 2. Tour exclusive Coral Gables and Coconut Grove neighborhoods with a local guide and learn how some daring, enterprising women turned this swampy backwater into a truly international city. Cruise down Ocean Drive in South Beach, America's largest historic Art Deco District. After lunch on your own, it's off to the Everglades. Board an airboat to learn about the residents and the unique ecology. Keep your hands inside the ride at all times. Those alligators are real! Mother Nature serves up



Key West, Key Largo....Mark's favorite winter destination beckons



magnificent sunsets in Key Largo. Dinner features fresh local seafood (landlubber options available) at a funky island hotspot! Hampton Inn – Key Largo (B,D)

3. Travel the Overseas Highway, a ribbon of road stretching over 100 miles into the ocean. As the sun dances on the water, you've never seen so many shades of blue! At a dolphin research center, learn about their mission and watch as scientists work with local dolphins in an effort to promote conservation. Each dolphin has its own distinct personality. Can you spot the class clown? After a dockside lunch, visit the Key West Butterfly & Nature Conservatory, arguably one of the best in the country. Check into your perfectly situated hotel on Duval Street, the heart of town. Dinner is included tonight. Crowne Plaza La Concha – 4 nights (B,L,D)

4. A trolley tour of the island gives you the history and sordid stories of the Conch Republic's residents, past and present. Lunch is at famous Sloppy Joe's Bar, home to the namesake sandwich. Grab a drink and listen to live music or take the afternoon to shop in Mallory Square. Tonight we gather for a lovely dinner served al fresco at LaTeDa, followed by a lively femaleimpersonation performance. Stick around after the show to meet the performer. Ask all your burning questions, and be prepared for an honest answer! (FB,L,D)

5. Harry S. Truman was a huge fan of the island and visited frequently during his presidency, conducting official business under the palm trees at the Little White House. After touring, taste the best of Key West! Board a trolley and stop for all the island's classics: Key Lime Pie (TWICE!), Cuban Sandwiches, Conch Fritters and Conch Chowder. While sipping a cold beer, wine or tropical fruit juice on a topsail schooner traverse the southern coast as our captain shares local history and ecology of the area. Join your Tour Director for a nightly Key West tradition, the Sunset Celebration. Every night, the island turns out to grab a cocktail, toast the sunset and watch one of the many street buskers perform daredevil acts. Only in Key West! (FB,L)

6. At Ernest Hemingway's home hear about the author who was as known for his work as his antics. How many toes does that cat have? Six?! You counted correctly! These famous kitties spend the day lounging and posing for tourists. It's a rough life! With tropical memories and perhaps a new book in hand, board your flight, arriving into Sacramento by the early evening. (FB)

\$3725 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4250 single \$ave \$100 until July 7

Eagles, Owls and Agriculture



Unique birds of prey viewing and agricultural education experience 3 Days • January 29-31, 2021

★ Highlights ★

- · Private Ranch and Owl tours
- Sunday brunch at Harrah's Lake Tahoe
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- 1050/1150 Gold Passport Points
- 1. Experience the beauty of the Sierra Nevada Mountains in winter as you travel along Highway 50 to the south shore of beautiful Lake Tahoe. Pause for lunch before traveling east to Carson Valley and the town of Minden in Nevada. The annual Eagles and Agriculture gathering focuses on the influx of bald eagles and other birds of prey that come to the scenic Carson Valley each year during winter calving season. This remarkable interaction between nature and agriculture attracts photographers, birders and nature-lovers of all kinds who come

to closely observe raptors and a variety of other birds. Tonight, dinner is hosted with guest presenters. Carson Valley Inn - 2 nights (D)

- 2. Today is special treat! Visit local ranches and observe their operations up close with the men and women who run them. While learning about Carson Valley ranching and conservation, you have the opportunity to observe birds of prey from vantage points not available to the general public. This is a once in a year opportunity for eagle viewing and photography. The afternoon Owl Prowl Tour goes to historic area barns to view owls in their natural habitats. (L)
- **3.** Time to head back over the mountains stopping again at Lake Tahoe's south shore where you will enjoy the popular Sunday Brunch at the Forest Buffet, high atop Harrah's Casino/Resort, before returning to Sacramento. (BR)

\$1015 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1125 single \$ave \$25 until July 7

Winter in Yellowstone **National Park**



Featuring stays at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel in Yellowstone National Park

7 Days • February 19-25, 2021

Join our select group for a trip to the winter wonderland that is Yellowstone National Park. It's an adventure you'll never forget...

1. Fly to Bozeman Montana. Lunch is



Local wildlife experts demonstrate the skillful birds of prey in Carson Valley



Join Scott on a winter adventure to Yellowstone "Ride the big Yellow Sno-coach"

hosted before traveling to Gardiner situated at the North entrance of Yellowstone National Park. Ridgeline Hotel (L)

- 2. Enter the incredible landscape of Yellowstone National Park. Winter is a special time to visit Yellowstone. Deep snow in the high country pushes the wildlife down to lower elevations. Today we explore the famed Lamar Valley on a wildlife tour. Elk, bison, coyotes and fox are some of the animals we are looking for but our big prize here is to spot wolf packs. Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel (B,L)
- 3. Today we travel south to Old Faithful. Sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery in comfort, as you are move easily across the snow in custom snow coaches chauffeured by an experienced guide. Along the way learn about the park's history, walk thermal basins viewing geysers and hot springs. Your accommodations for the evening are just steps away from the famous geyser. Old

Faithful Snow Lodge – 2 nights (B,L)

- 4. Today enjoy a free day to walk the Old Faithful geyser basin and spend time in the visitor's center. For (extra cost) rent snowshoes / cross-country ski's and head off on your own adventure or join a guided walk. **(B)**
- **5.** Depart the park for West Yellowstone. Lunch is hosted before a visit to The Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center. The Center is home for grizzly bears from as far away as Alaska. Each bear and its story are unique, but they all have something in common; they came to reside here after becoming nuisance bears or orphaned cubs of a nuisance bear.

Holiday Inn West Yellowstone (B,L)

- **6.** Travel south through Idaho crossing the Grand Teton Mountains to the town of Jackson. Lunch is hosted before taking a horse-drawn sleigh ride among an elk herd numbering in the thousands at the National Elk Refuge. Wort Hotel (B,L)
- 7. Enjoy a free morning to visit the shops in town before your afternoon flight back to Sacramento. A memorable trip you will not soon forget! (B)

This tour is limited to 20 people and includes roundtrip airfare, deluxe transportation and airport accommodations, all attractions and meals listed in the itinerary and the services of Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director Scott Angeletti. 4000/4500 Gold Passport **Points**

> \$3950 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4495 single \$ave \$125 until July 7

Winter at the **Majestic Ahwahnee**



Featuring an overnight stay in Yosemite National Park

2 Days • February 21-22, 2021

This trip is a **Sports Leisure Vacations**' favorite! And the focus is all about the Ahwahnee Hotel... recently re-named The

Majestic Yosemite Hotel. For this writer, and many others, it will always be the Ahwahnee. Enjoy brunch in the grand dining room, have docent-quided historic tour of the public areas, and spend one night in what is considered the Grand Dame of National Park hotels.

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 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 in the valley; then enjoy a brief stop at the Hilmar Cheese Company before returning home.

This package includes motor coach transportation, accommodations, 1 brunch, all tours and attractions as listed above and the services of a Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director. 800/900 Gold Passport Points \$770 p.p./dbl.occ., \$870 single \$ave \$20 until July 7

Face masks required on coach: protect others, protect yourself!



Awaking to a fresh snowfall while at the Ahwahnee Hotel is magical

Tonopah and Laughlin with Just a Glimmer of Vegas

An "all coach" trip through the desert, with 3 nights on the Colorado River

6 Days • February 28 – March 5, 2021 ★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights next to the Colorado River with
- river view accommodations
- Optional side trips to Oatman, AZ and Lake Havasu
- 1 night Tonopah, home of the Mizpah Hotel; and 1 night at Tachi Palace
- Door-to-door service
- 6 meals: 1 brunch, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- 1750/1950 Gold Passport Points

For many years we have stayed in Las Vegas but now travelers' comments ask for more time in Laughlin, and less in Vegas... We will still stop on "The Strip" for several hours to satisfy your curiosity, and then continue to your hotel on the Colorado River for 3 nights.

1. Our convenient door-to-door service brings you to the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office. Depart for the south shore of Lake Tahoe for the popular Forest Buffet at Harrah's. Continue your travels down Hwy. 395, crisscrossing California and Nevada as you make your way to Tonopah. Indulge yourself at the Mizpah Hotel, a landmark of luxury since 1907, when Tonopah was the last of the Wild West boom towns, bustling with those seeking fortunes in the silver mines. Due to a limited number of twobedded rooms at the historic Mizpah Hotel, additional double rooms will be provided at the nearby Best Western High Desert Inn. (BR)

2. A quick stop in Las Vegas is just enough to whet your appetite; next, drop by Sam's Town for a dinner buffet. Arrive Laughlin early evening with three nights to enjoy the river view from your hotel. Golden Nugget – 3 nights (D)

3-4. With two full days in Laughlin, you have several options. Travel the Colorado River by jet boat to Lake Havasu, home of the famous London Bridge; and view breathtaking Topock Gorge, only accessible by river, along the way. Enjoy a hosted lunch before returning to Laughlin via our coach. (If you opt out of the jet boat ride and lunch at Lake Havasu, you may deduct \$100 from

the price of the tour. This must be done at time of making your reservation.) Or maybe you'd rather visit Oatman, a Route 66 landmark and home to the famous burros. Have lunch at the Oatman Hotel: tho' a word of warning - watch out those burros don't steal your ice cream! (Opt out at time of booking, and receive \$25 credit.) (2L)

5. Depart Laughlin this morning, stopping in Yermo for lunch at the fabulous and fun Peggy Sue's, then continue on through Mojave and Bakersfield to Tachi Palace for one more opportunity at the slots. This beautiful hotel is one of the finest casino hotels in California. Tachi Palace (L)

6. Enjoy a relaxing morning before traveling north, arriving in Sacramento early afternoon. Your transportation waits at the office to take you home. (L)

> \$1705 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1945 single \$ave \$60 until July 7

Alaska's Aurora Borealis

Featuring small group travel with unique winter attractions

7 Days • March 6-12, 2021

★ Highlights ★

- Small group; 20 people maximum
- View the Aurora Borealis in the dark sky's outside of Fairbanks
- Tour of the BP Ice Art Championship sculptures
- Travel on the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Healy

- Dogsled at Dallas Seavey kennel, winner of the 2012, 2014, 2015 & 2016 Iditarod
- Star Lady Aurora presentation
- Door to door airport transportation
- R/T air to Anchorage and from Fairbanks
- 8 Meals: 1 breakfast, 4 lunches, 3 dinners
- 4350/4650 Gold Passport Points
- 1. Fly to Anchorage where lunch is hosted before we try on our winter gear and check into our hotel. Winter jackets, snow pants and boots are provided to you to use during the tour at no extra cost if you do not have your own. Captain Cook Hotel (L)
- 2. Journey north to Willow for the official start of the Iditarod! Our hospitality tent is right at the starting line, a great spot for watching the mushers take off across the frozen lake. There will be an option to try snowshoeing as well as an Alaska-style camp lunch on the lake. This afternoon travel to the town of Talkeetna, a quaint "mountain climbing" town, featured on several TV shows for good food and fun personalities. Enjoy a family style mushers dinner at the historic Talkeetna Roadhouse, followed by a slide show and an Iditarod guest speaker. Tonight the Star Lady will make an Aurora presentation before we head outside on the lodge deck to look for the Northern Lights!

Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge - 2 nights (B,L,D)

3. Wake up and look out your window and hopefully view the majestic Alaska Range



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The aurora borealis are both eerie and fantastical on Scott's Alaska trip

and North America's highest mountain Denali! Visit the homestead of Dallas Seavey, the 2012, 14, 15, & 16 Iditarod Champion to learn what it takes to train and race in the Last Great Race, the Iditarod. Tour the kennel, and go for a wilderness ride on a real dog sled with Iditarod Champion sled dogs! In the afternoon take a tour of the town and an optional (extra cost) flight seeing tour. (L)

- **4.** This morning journey on the Alaskan Railroad for an amazing snow train ride. We will depart the train near Denali National Park and continue by bus to Fairbanks. After checking into our hotel we travel to a remote location that will allow us to get away from the city lights of Fairbanks to enjoy the aurora and photograph this spectacular show! NOTE: The aurora is weather and solar flare dependent – it takes clear skies and active solar activity combined to make for a great viewing experience. Westmark Hotel- 3 nights (L)
- **5.** Sleep in this morning. The Chena Hot Springs Resort is home to the world's largest year-round ice environment, the Aurora Ice Museum! Tour the museum and stop at the ice bar for an Appletini, served in an ice glass of course. After dinner at the resort stop at a remote Lodge for Aurora viewing. (D)
- **6.** Sleep in this morning. This afternoon get ready to be amazed at the BP World Ice Art Championships. Single and multi blocks of ice are sculpted into exquisite masterpieces, the detail will astound you! Dinner is hosted before heading back to the Ice Park to see the sculptures all lit up! There is optional aurora viewing tonight. (D)
- 7. You will not soon forget the magic you experienced in the Great North. It is time to take our photos and memories back home to share with our families and loved ones. Depart Fairbanks International Airport for Sacramento.

Please note: You must be prepared for cold weather (0 to 25 degrees Fahrenheit is typical) throughout this tour.

> \$4345 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4610 single \$ave \$100 until July 7

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Desert Beauty: Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park

Springtime wildflowers, majestic landscapes, and splendid beauty



5 Days • March 15-19, 2021

★ 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

The desert is a place of silence, light and space with beauty in its arid landscape, and wildflowers tucked into its crevices. Spend enough time here and the desert will weave a spell upon you. Experience the beauty and grandeur for yourself in this springtime expedition.

1. A late-morning flight delivers you to San Diego for lunch in the beautiful Old Town. After lunch, enjoy the view of the Pacific Ocean from Point Cabrillo, a monumental site commemorating the first European explorer.

Embassy Suites Waterfront Hotel (L)

Travel from the into seashore the mountains to Julian, a small mining town known for apple pies. A quick lunch and you are off to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California's largest. Famous for its sprinatime display wildflowers, this desert park has so much to offer: dramatic mountains and vast arid landscapes punctuated by oases prolific with all types of flora and fauna. Our late afternoon drive to Rancho Mirage, home to a "hot water" resort, provides insight into the agriculture of the Coachella Valley. Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa - 3 nights (FB,L)

- 3. Climb into one of the famous "red jeeps" for a trek into slot canyons and an open air ride through the desert landscape. With a local guide explaining the history, culture and legends of the Cahuilla people, the beauty of the desert comes alive with your driver's interpretation. And besides, the ride is just plain fun as the wind flies through your hair! This afternoon ascend two-andone-half miles through multiple life zones aboard the world's largest rotating tramcar to witness the diversity of the desert and amazing views of the Coachella Valley.
- **4.** Two distinct desert ecosystems, the Mojave and the Colorado, come together in Joshua Tree National Park. Forests of trees and jumbles of massive rocks make this an enchanting place - a land sculpted by strong winds and torrents of rain. The surreal geologic features add to the mystique of this vast wilderness. This evening you have the option to stroll through Village Fest, a



Ocotillo in bloom is just one of the many beauties found in the desert



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menagerie of crafts, art and music on Palm Canyon Road, in downtown Palm Springs. It's a fun evening out with the locals and visitors alike. (L,D)

5. Desert beauty comes in many forms. This morning, go behind-the-scenes for a private tour at The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens, providing insight to the survival of life in many deserts around the world. An afternoon flight from Ontario returns you home with a greater appreciation of the desert and all her beauty.

> \$2490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2880 single \$ave \$75 until July 7

NYC - Behind Broadway and The Bronx

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



6 Days · April 24-29, 2021

★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Times Square, in the heart of the city
- 2 included nights of theater (One we select, one of your choice - an exclusive SLV feature); a night at Carnegie Hall with the New York Symphony Pops Orchestra
- A Day Behind Broadway meet Broadway actors/musicians/technicians to learn the inner workings. Talk hits and misses with Peter Filicia, a theater reviewer
- A Day in The Bronx taste the real "Little Italy," meet the FDNY and NYPD with stops at a working fire station and police precinct.
- A Day Downtown stroll Wall Street & the Financial District, 9/11 Memorial/ Museum/Observation Deck (all 3 experiences included)
- Free day to visit Ellis and Liberty Islands; optional visit to Grand Central Station
- 6 meals: 3 lunches. 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from NYC

If you've always longed to wake up in the city that never sleeps, allow us to use our many years of expertise to help you personalize your visit. Harness the city's energy for a true New York experience. Come with us, we'll show you how!

1. Welcome to The Big Apple! Dinner is at Broadway hotspot, Sardi's, with caricatures of celebrity patrons lining the walls. The lights of Times Square are mesmerizing and right outside your hotel. It's the premiere address at the center of it all, and you call it home! Marriott Marguis Times Square - 5 nights (D)

- 2. In Central Park pay homage to John Lennon. At Strawberry Fields, a mosaic spells out "Imagine," timely still today. At a real working firehouse and precinct, Bronx FDNY and NYPD share the rigors of the job and their efforts to strengthen community relations and safety. True heroes! Eat your way along Arthur Avenue, The Real Little Italy. Meet shop owners producing the foods you enjoyed at lunch. Grab some to take home, our treat! Oh, and the fresh cannoli? Mangia, mangia! Tonight is your first night of theater. (L)
- 3. Do it the New York way, by subway and on foot. Take the subway to the Financial District. On Wall Street, pause at Federal Hall and say hi to Alexander Hamilton at Trinity Church. After lunch ascend One World Observatory with 360° views. Below, reflect at the 9/11 Memorial & Museum. Pause in

the West Village at the sight of the Stonewall Riots, a flashpoint that began the LBGTQ community's fight for Civil Rights 50 years ago. Get ready for a decadent family-style dinner at Carmine's. (L,D)

4. You decide how to spend your day! Join your Tour Directors and sail to Ellis and Liberty Islands, visit Grand Central Station, some shopping, take in a world-class museum qo sightseeing. together Come an early steakhouse dinner and share your adventures. Carnegie Hall will be abuzz for the New York Pops 37th Birthday Gala, and you have box seats! With

past and present stars of Broadway, it's truly a one-of-a kind New York evening. (D)

- 5. Pull back the curtain of Broadway. At a rehearsal studio, ask actors, musicians and technicians about their training, path to the stage or insider gossip! Meet Peter Filicia, a theater critic, with deep roots and a long history in the Broadway world. An endless source of information and full of entertaining stories, he's a show unto himself! Lunch is at an authentic New York Deli; try the pastrami! Your last evening on Broadway is the show of your choosing. (L)
- 6. Before Times Square roars to life, take a short walking tour as a local guide shares fabled stories and easily overlooked points of interest. If only the streets could talk! At Hershey Chocolate World, tap into your inner child with a S'mores. Why you ask? It's New York and anything is possible here, so... why not? With sticky fingers and a chocolate smudged smile, head to the airport to return home.

Pricing and final itinerary TBA at later date.



Join Chris for a walk in Central Park and on Broadway...a true New York Experience

The Tour Calendar (Previously Announced)

Soulful Santa Fe

Featuring scenery, inspiring art and creative cuisine



5 Days • August 29 – September 2, 2020 **★** 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
- 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 Skv City Pueblo
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque, door-to-door airport service
- 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points Known as "The City Different," Santa Fe is truly unique. There is a magic of sorts... the light is a little brighter, wonder is in the air and a calmness permeates your soul leaving you feeling refreshed and restored. A short stroll from your hotel is the central plaza

(location, location), the heart of town, lined

with boutiques, museums and restaurants. It's all yours to experience and explore!

\$2275 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2560 single 15 seats remaining

See page 21 in our 2020 Dream Book

The Magnificent **Mendocino Coast**



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

4 Days • September 8-11, 2020

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

This tour includes door-to-door service, motorcoach transportation, accommodations, all attractions as listed in the catalog, 9 meals (3B,4L,2D), and the services of a Sports Leisure Vacations Tour Director. 1500/1750 Gold Passport Points

\$1490 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1725 single 12 seats remaining

See page 27 in our 2020 catalog

Join Chris in the search for unique gifts and treasures along the Turquoise Trail

Santa Cruzin' at the **Dream Inn**

Every room has an ocean view

3 Days • September 15-17, 2020



Come with us down to the beach for some sun-filled, fun-filled days in Santa Cruz. Spend two heavenly nights at the iconic Dream Inn where every room has an ocean view and you're steps away from the beach!

The Dream Inn has been a part of the Santa Cruz beach landscape since it opened in the early 70's. It quickly became THE PLACE to stay primarily because it's so close to the Santa Cruz Wharf and the popular Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. It's been recently remodeled and walking into its retro-chic lobby immediately reminds you that you are near the beach.

Still not convinced? How about waking up both mornings (promise not to rush you), to the sound of the ocean, with the Beach Boardwalk and Santa Cruz Wharf in sight? Also worth mentioning is that this is a no-fly trip, meaning we'll be traveling in the comfort of our deluxe motor coach.

Included: lunches at Porter's Restaurant at the Poppy Ridge Golf Club in Livermore and the Crow's Nest in Santa Cruz, and dinner with a sunset ocean view at our hotel.

We've replaced the canceled Follies Show with visits to either the Seymour Marine Discovery Center, a community-supported marine science education center of the UC Santa Cruz or the nearby Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Exploration Center, featuring state-of-the-art exhibits and interactive displays highlighting the sanctuary and its incredible underwater environment. A docent-guided tour of Santa Cruz with one of the city's native sons and time to shop in nearby Capitola round out your three days of sun and relaxation in this popular beachside resort town.

This tour includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, your accommodations, 2 lunches and 1 dinner, the activities mentioned and the services of a Sports Leisure Tour Director. 1250/1450 Gold Passports Points

\$1225 p.p/dbl.occ., \$1440 single



National Treasures of the West



Featuring the Black Hills, Crazy Horse Memorial, Deadwood and Mount Rushmore

6 Days • September 21-26, 2020

★ Highlights ★

- 4 days sightseeing in the Black Hills including Badlands National Park, and both day and night visits to Mt. Rushmore
- Go into the lab with researchers at the Mammoth Dig Site
- Ride the jeeps through Custer State Park's bison herd
- Stand on top of the arm of the Crazy Horse Memorial
- A guided tour at Sanford Labs explains the importance of neutrinos
- 9 meals: 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to/from Rapid City
- 3100/3450 Gold Passport Points
 \$3060 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3445 single
 6 seats remaining

Bonjour, La Belle Québec!

Featuring Canadian Thanksgiving Day and fall colors



8 Days • September 24 – October 1 OR October 6-13, 2020

Its geography, history and culture give Québec a most unique identity. With fall colors ablaze, experience the warmth and authenticity of a Canadian Thanksgiving, Québécois style! Rooms limited with one queen only remain.

★ 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
- 4250/4750 Gold Passport Points
 \$4220 p.p./dbl.occ, \$4710 single
 This vacation requires a valid passport!
 11 seats remaining
 See page 28 in our 2020 catalog

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



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

5 Days • September 29 – October 3, 2020

★ Highlights ★

- Authentic Basque-style lunch
- Visit the ghost town of Cherry Creek
- Explore McGill Drugs, frozen in time from 50 years ago
- Ride the Ghost Train of Old Ely, visit a bordello and meet the ladies... optional, of course
- Tour Eureka & Austin, tiny historical outposts on the historic Lincoln Highway
- Visit the Nevada State Museum in the old Carson City Mint
- Lunch atop Harrah's Tahoe, 11 included meals: 3 breakfasts, 1 full breakfast, 5 lunches, 2 dinners

- Door-to-door service
- 1550/1800 Gold Passport Points
 \$1530 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1775 single
 See page 45 in our 2020 catalog

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring reserved upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge and Gondola Club

5 Days • October 6-10, 2020

★ Highlights ★

- 3 balloon events: Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascension
- Ride the Sandia Peak Aerial Tram
- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge & Gondola Club
- Tour the Turquoise Museum Mansion
- Rio Grande Arts and Crafts Festival
- Door to door airport transportation
- R/T air to / from Albuquerque
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches,
 1 dinner
- 2550/2850 Gold Passport Points
- **1**. Arrive in Albuquerque and enjoy lunch and a group before checking into your hotel.

Albuquerque Marriott - 4 nights (L)

2. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta with over 600 balloons is the largest



A guided tour of Old Québec is a journey through time and cultures

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

- 3. This morning we are watching the balloons from another private venue on the other side of the balloon field the Gondola Club. Today is Special Shapes Day! This is a very popular ascension with approximately 100 special shape balloons. You might see Darth Vader and Yoda, a flying cow, maybe Smokey Bear, just to name a few. Take a docent tour of the Abruzzo Balloon Museum and learn about hot air and gas balloons from the first flight in 1783 to the present. (B)
- 4. Tour the Turquoise Museum which is housed in a mansion full of antiques; one of Albuquerque new top attractions, a must see! Tonight we re-group for the Fiesta's "Glowdeo" a static display of the Special Shape balloons. Dinner will be held in the private Gondola Club with live entertainment and an open bar. Following dinner is the spectacular afterglow fireworks show! (Weather permitting, high winds could possible cancel any events) (B,L,D)
- **5.** After a sleep in morning attend the Rio Grande Arts & Crafts Festival, 200 fine artists and craftspeople from throughout the U.S. come together each year for two weekends. Take a break from shopping and enjoy ongoing live entertainment, a food court and specialty food booths before heading to the airport for our flight home. (B)

\$2545 p.p/dbl.occ., \$2835 single 13 seats remaining

On the Central Coast

Relax at oceanfront accommodations in Avila Beach

5 Days • October 12-16, 2020

★ Highlights ★

- San Luis Lighthouse tour aboard a classic trolley
- Visit San Luis Obispo and 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 Scott's trip to the Central Coast is an early sell-out every year but with the rescheduling, a few spaces are still available. October is a great time to sit back and relax at the coast.

\$2040 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2430 single See page 8 in our 2020 Dream Book

Relax on Catalina Island

Enjoy three nights in Avalon 4 Days • October 18-21, 2020



★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge
- Sunday Brunch at Long Beach's elegant Queen Mary
- Be whisked away across "26 miles across the sea" on the high-speed Catalina Express
- Twilight in the Casino tour features wine and cheese on the balcony
- Explore the island with a scenic guided tour and special "undersea" experience
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Long Beach
- 1950/2350 Gold Passport Points \$1935 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2320 single 8 seats remaining

See page 11 in our 2020 catalog

Hidden Gems of the Ozark Mountains; a fall foliage tour



Featuring entertainment in Branson, MO 6 Days • October 23-28, 2020

★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the beautiful Hilton Convention Center Hotel
- Fantastic Caverns Tour

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- Top of the Rock Ozark Heritage Preserve
- Private Murder Mystery at the Titanic
- Dogwood Canyon Scenic Wildlife Tram
- See "Noah" at the Sight & Sound Theatre
- Musical Shows: "Noah", Yakov Smirnoff, The Presley's and the Hughes Brothers
- Door to door airport transportation
- R/T 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 15 seats remaining

Spectacular Sedona

Four nights at the Hilton Sedona Resort 5 Days • November 1-5, 2020



★ Highlights ★

- Brunch at the Wrigley Mansion
- · Ride the Verde Valley Railroad
- Visit the town of Jerome
- Guided tour of the Copper Museum
- · Lunch and entertainment in Flagstaff
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- 2500/2900 Gold Passport Points \$2495 p.p/dbl.occ., \$2885 single 14 seats remaining

Beautiful Bodega Bay and The Coast



Featuring the Sonoma Coastline

3 Days • November 8-10, 2020

★ Highlights ★

- Relax in comfort and enjoy the hospitality of Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa, overlooking Dorian Beach
- Tour the Marine Biology Laboratory
- Dine at the historic Occidental Union Hotel; and legendary Tides
- 5 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches
- Door-to-door service and deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 1200/1400 Gold Passport Points

There is something special about the Sonoma Coast: beaches that stretch for miles, remnants of rocks forming striking sea stacks, and ah... the sound of the ocean. As you walk along Bodega Head, listen for the barking of the sea lions; and as you relax in your room, the sound of the fog horn.

\$1200 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1390 single 14 seats remaining

See page 9 in our 2020 catalog

Visit us on the web at: www.sportsleisure.com



Rescheduled Tours for 2021



In New Orleans that can make a party out of every situation, especially St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans

5 Days • March 14-18, 2021

WAITLIST... 2ND DEPARTURE BEING ADDED

The luck 'o the Irish is yours on our annual journey to New Orleans



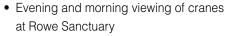
★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
- Downtown Irish Club's Twilight Parade on St. Patrick Day
- Scenic New Orleans driving and French Quarter carriage tours
- A day in Plantation Country and visits to Houmas House and San Francisco
- Visit the National World War II Museum and Stage Door Canteen
- Learn the secrets of great Cajun chefs at the NOLA School of Cooking
- 8 meals include daily breakfast,
 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Round trip airfare to/from New Orleans
- 2250/2500 Gold Passport Points
 \$2210 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2465 single
 \$ave \$75 until July 7

Nebraska: Cranes, Chickens and Kool-Aid

Featuring Willa Cather's praire lands

5 Days • March 22-26, 2021



- Visit the Crane Trust Foundation headquarters
- Drive through the countryside with local crane "guy"
- Walk through the Kool-Aid exhibit at the Hastings Museum
- Spend the morning in Red Cloud, home to author Willa Cather
- Early morning "chicken dance" experience
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches,
 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip air to Kearney/from North Platte
- 2350/2600 Gold Passport Points
 \$2335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2580 single
 \$ave \$75 until July 7

We appraise and/or buy old coins

Just about everyone has a jar of old coins sitting around. Turn those coin collections, big and small, into cash. Mark was a coin dealer in his previous life and is interested in expanding his collection. Call for an appointment to have your coins appraised and/or purchased. Find out what your treasures are worth! 916-361-2051 and ask for Bob or Mark.



The Colorful Carolina Coast

Meander the beautiful Southern Atlantic coastline from Norfolk to Jacksonville

10 Days • March 23 - April 1, 2021

★ Highlights ★

- Visit North Carolina's Outer Banks, Kitty Hawk, New Bern and the USS North Carolina
- See South Carolina's Myrtle Beach, Brookgreen Gardens, Charleston and Ft. Sumter
- Enjoy Georgia's first city, Savannah, and historic Jekyll Island
- 2-night stays oceanfront on Myrtle Beach and in Charleston and Savannah's Historic Districts
- Overnights in Norfolk, the Outer Banks and New Bern
- 17 meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Round trip air to Norfolk/from Jacksonville
- 4300/4850 Gold Passport Points
 \$4260 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4820 single
 \$ave \$150 until July 7

The NEW Fixin' Up Texas

Three presidents, two Fixer Uppers and a million bats!



6 Days • April 15-20, 2021

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights Austin, 1 night College Station
- LBJ Library, State Capitol, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Congress Bridge Bats
- George H.W. Bush Library, Texas A&M University
- George W. Bush Presidential Center
- 2 nights in Downtown Waco on the Brazos River
- Famous "Fixer Uppers," Magnolia Market,
 The Silos and other sites from the show
- Ft. Worth Stockyards
- 10 meals: Daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip air to Austin/From Dallas
- 2800/3200 Gold Passport Points
 \$2795 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3190 single
 \$ave \$75 until July 7

It is still too early to finalize air schedules and prices for many of these trips... Watch upcoming newsletters and the SLV Website for release of 2021 details. Call to book your seat on the new departure, with a minimal deposit. Once the final pricing has been determined. new Trip Invoices will be mailed later this summer and you will have the opportunity to cancel without penalty up to 59 days prior to departure. (Day-by-Day itinerary and highlights may be found in the 2020 Dream Book)

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Celebrate the beauty of Spring in the lush Pacific Northwest

3 Days • April 15-17, 2021 See page 19 in our 2020 catalog

Moab, Gateway to Arches National Park

4 nights at the spectacular Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River

5 Days • May 2-6, 2021 See page 22 in our 2020 catalog

Springtime in Yosemite

Giant Sequoias, waterfalls and spring flowers 3 Days • May 11-13, 2021 See page 6 in our 2020 catalog

Niagara Falls. **Naturally Awesome!**

Your room overlooks The Falls 5 Days • May 17-21, 2021

See page 34 in our 2020 catalog

Walla Walla & Pendleton

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

5 Days • June 1-5, 2021 See page 24 in our 2020 catalog

Falling for Boise

Featuring Shoshone Falls in the Snake River Canyon

4 Days • June 1-4, 2021 See page 43 in our 2020 catalog

Lassen Volcanic National Park

Featuring rivers, lakes and waterfalls 3 Days • July 7-9, 2021 See page 7 in our 2020 catalog

The Sound of Music in Leavenworth

Take the Train to Washington's Little Bavaria 4 Days • July 2021

See page 41 in our 2020 catalog



"Look at that!" Whether you are outdoors or in a cathedral, there is always something spectacular to see



Traveling is an exploration and discovery of local color and characters

Maine - Lobsters and Lighthouses

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

7 Days • August 18-24, 2021

See page 29 in our 2020 catalog

Cruising the St. Lawrence River

Relax as the Canadian Empress weaves through the islands

9 Days • August 15-23, 2021 See page 33 in our 2020 catalog

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

SLV's annual summer tour to Southern California's Premiere Event

3 Days • July and/or August, 2021 See page 40 in our 2020 catalog

Newfoundland

Featuring rugged coastlines, quiet beauty and friendly folks

August 30 - September 8, 2021 See page 35 in our 2020 catalog

New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

Our annual expedition takes a new turn this vear - to Lake Placid!

8 Days • October 2021

Check out the SLV website for details





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Early Registration Payment Discounts listed here expire on Tuesday, July 7th; or may be withdrawn when 50% of the available space has been reserved. To receive the discount, you must pay in full within ten days of registration. If you accept this option, the monies paid (less \$20 administrative fee), including the cost of Cancellation Protection, are returned to you if you cancel more than 60 days prior to departure for US and Canadian tours or 75 days prior for International tours, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Within the time limits noted above, restrictions on refunds apply. See the Special Vacation Notes & Information brochure for complete details.

Dec. - An Apple Farm Christmas - \$ave \$40 Dec. - Christmas in Victoria - \$ave \$75 Dec. – California Christmas Mystery – \$ave \$75 Dec. - Puttin' on the Ritz - \$ave \$25 Dec. - All Aboard the Christmas Train - \$ave \$20 Dec. - Tournament of Roses Parade - \$ave \$50 Jan. - Key West, Miami and Everglades - \$ave \$100 Jan. - Eagles, Owls and Agriculture - \$ave \$25 Feb. - Winter in Yellowstone - \$ave \$125 Feb. - Winter at the Majestic Ahwahnee - \$ave \$20 Feb. - Tonopah and Laughlin - \$ave \$60 Mar. - Alaska's Aurora Borealis - \$ave \$100 Mar. - St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans - \$ave \$75 Mar. - Desert Beauty - \$ave \$75

Mar. - Nebraska - \$ave \$75

Mar. - Color Carolina Coast - \$ave \$150 Apr. - Fixin up Texas - \$ave \$75

VALUABLE COUPON

\$ave \$10-\$40 per person on Cancellation Protection

Valid only when used with Early Payment Di\$counts. Your savings depend on the double-occupancy price of the tour. \$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. To receive the above discounts, you must pay in full within ten days of registration and purchase the protection at the time you pay for your tour.

TOUR UPDATE...

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

Sold-Out Tours (waiting lists available)

San Juan Explorer Capitol Reef A Mystery to Talk About Niagara Falls Great Reno Balloon Pure Michigan

Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

Reno Balloon (4) Quebec - Oct. (4) Niagara Falls (3) Catalina Island (8) Nat'l Treasures (6) Tennessee (7)

Temporary Office Hours:

9:00am - 3:00pm MON. thru FRI. Closed weekends and major holidays