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## Preview Day Draws Capacity Crowds

A total crowd over 600 **Sports Leisure Travelers** and their friends attended our annual **Tour Preview Day**, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. For the second straight year, the event was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, off Madison & I-80. Both morning and afternoon sessions were booked to capacity as attendees received advance copies of the new catalog, **"Come Sail Away,"** and had the opportunity to learn about many of the trips in breakout presentations.

Sales on the Monday following the event broke all **Sports Leisure** records. Many tours were sold out before the mailed catalogs were received by the remainder of the membership. To that end, on the back page you will find a list of trips with limited space. In the Tour Calendar, you will find another list, this time of tours with just one or two openings. If you are an active traveler,

may we suggest you check those spots first, to make sure you don't miss out on a trip you really want. In several cases, we have added extra departures, or have additional trips in the works behind the scenes.

## What's New?

Betty Buckley is playing Dolly as the timeless Broadway classic comes to SF in Feb./Mar., there's a tribute to Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli from the Santa Rosa Symphony (doesn't that sound like a great day) and a St. Patrick's Day trip to Cache Creek (luck o' the Irish, anyone).

If you are missing baseball, we have something to "tide you over." It's the first-ever **Hot Stove League Banquet** at Jack Clark's Pine Tar Grill in San Francisco. After a tour of AT&T Park, enjoy a 4-course dinner and lots of baseball talk. The **NY Yankees** come to play the Giants this year (only happens every six years). We have a very special overnighter for the Fri./Sat. games, including meals and accommodations in The City. Finally, not announced here but in the January newsletter, all the baseball day trips, including the **A's against the World Series Champion Boston Red Sox** on

**Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**. There are two A's and a dozen Giants day trips to be announced in January.

**Ramona** has a great new adventure in **British Columbia** on pg. 11, and **Donnie** has reprised her **Santa Cruz** trip in September. Speaking of Ramona, her successful trip to **Olympia, WA** and **Mount Rainier** is being repeated with info on pg. 12.

*Ramona Goodge kicks up her heels and Clayton Whitehead regales the crowd at Tour Preview Day. Record sales followed the huge Preview Day crowds*



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# Just One Man's Opinion by Mark Hoffmann

(**Note:** On Tour Preview Day, before the beginning of the day's program, Mark suffered a seizure and was taken from the hotel on a stretcher. A previously diagnosed condition flared up suddenly. He's doing fine now and the situation isn't expected to reoccur. Below, Mark reflects on the day's events.)



Sometimes, when you are the guy in charge, you wonder, "could they really do this without me?" Now I know the answer to that question. At **Sports Leisure Vacations** the answer is **yes**.

Not only could they do it without me, they did it so well they broke all of our old sales records. Indeed, a medical emergency meant not only that Mark wasn't going to be a part of the proceedings, but also

**Chris Galloway**, who played "ambulance chaser." So suddenly, without any warning, the team was down two of its five presenting speakers. The event was scheduled to start in less than an hour. Their leader was taken out on a gurney. Some groups might have folded. Ours did not.

Led by **Clayton** and **Ramona**, they sprang into action. With an assist from **Jim Pelley** (playing the part of Mark Hoffmann) and **Scott Angeletti**, the show went on. I'm not going to name everyone here, but the "back of the house" gang handled all the registration and "minor details" professionally, allowing our "front of the house" team to soldier on.

Kudos are also in order for those who attended. While a short announcement was made, staff had no details and so they just did their job. Our travelers, perhaps sensing something wasn't quite right, were polite and helpful. In the days that followed, I received dozens of cards and emails from many of you, inquiring about my well being. It makes a difference, when you are down, to get that kind of support. Our whole year revolves around the roll out of the catalog and the presentations at Preview Day. There was a lot at stake for our little company. Thank you all for hanging in there with us. Thank you for the cards and notes and for your business.

Thanks also to the folks at Mercy San Juan Hospital. This is the second time I've had the "opportunity" to sample the service and hospitality offered at Mercy. They really do a wonderful job and are caring people.

After 40 years on the road, my body is telling me to slow things up just a bit. I'll still be on the road, perhaps dropping in on tours and bringing with me a little surprise for the participants. Retirement isn't around the corner,

because if you get to do something you love for a living most of your life, why would you quit?

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Trips flew off the shelves after our Preview Day event. But new outings are added all the time. I'm particularly pleased about a connection I made last week at Jack Clark's Pine Tar Grill in San Francisco. Jack was an outfielder for the Giants in years gone by. He and a partner have opened a restaurant about a mile from the ballpark. It's full of memorabilia, especially baseball bats. We have already created our first off-season banquet (see the day trips section) and slotted the restaurant into our Giants/Yankees overnighter in April. If you visit, and you like ribs, the baby backs are amazing. So are the sliders...

Both the Yankees (Giants) and the World Champion Red Sox (A's) will play in the Bay Area in April, and we will be there! The overnighter is announced here, the day trip will be in the January newsletter.

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We are dropping the stop in Roseville, effective with the new trips in this newsletter (previously announced trips with the Roseville stop will still offer it). Fewer people are boarding there, perhaps because the nearby Antelope stop feels much more secure. The homeless problem, which is with us everywhere, has become more acute at Saugstad Park and we are concerned our travelers will be impacted. Again, this only impacts new trips going forward. If you made a reservation for a trip to get on in Roseville, the stop is still active for a couple more months.

Hope to see you on the radio on Sundays at 3pm on **The Travel Guys**. Lots of **Sports Leisure** destination information is shared and our goal is to make you a smarter traveler. Join Tom Romano and I if you haven't already.

And so it goes...

*Mark Hoffmann*

**Mark Hoffmann, CTP, President**



Along Route 66, many of the small towns have decorated some of the historic buildings with beautiful murals, like the one above. You can also meet some interesting "travelers" on the old highway, like the burros in Oatman. Yes, Oatman is part of Route 66, truly The Main Street of America.





**Ed. Note:** To follow Chris' column, you need to read the adjoining page first, and/or have been to Tour Preview Day this past September.

## Family, Holidays and More

I missed this year's Tour Preview Day because Mark decided to make the day all about him. You all know how he is; always has to be the star of the show! I'm only kidding. Actually, I



did spend the day at the hospital with him. It was a very scary moment, but we called all the king's horses and all the king's men and got Mark put back together again. Duct tape and twisty ties work wonders! I really am bummed that I missed the day. An incredible amount of time and energy goes into creating the new catalog and organizing the event, and I always enjoy seeing everyone and sharing in the fun and excitement. All the hugs are pretty awesome too! Definitely a perk of the job.

Around the office we often refer to ourselves as a family, and it's fitting. Not only do my coworkers lend me professional support when I am on the road, they help to pick up my dry cleaning so I can make a quick turnaround and leave food for me in the office fridge on the day I return from a trip because they know my cabinets are empty. In short, they take care of me. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by such amazing caring people.

I extend this sentiment to all of you as well. You're more than just a name on a passenger list. I've known many of you for a decade or more and often joke that you have practically helped raise me. I recently celebrated my 40th birthday in style out along Route 66 and returned home to a mailbox full of cards. I also got two new tubes of arthritis cream as gifts! Folks were planning ahead for me. It was very special! Through the years we have laughed over dinners, shared special moments together

and been there to comfort each other when a member of our travel family is ailing. We truly are a family of sorts.

The holidays are a time for reflection, to take stock of the past year, to plan for the next and to cherish friends and family. As I get older I find that my loved ones mean just a bit more to me, and that time is something I have perhaps taken for granted. The realization that it is finite is slowly setting in. Eat dessert first, only drink good wine and make time for the important things. With that, I encourage you to browse your 2019 Dreambook, specifically pg. 43, **All the Best of Victoria, BC.** It's perfect for a girl friends getaway, mother/daughter or sister/sister bonding, a little romance or self-indulgence. We stay in a beautiful hotel in a great location, tucked right in behind The Empress, just off the harbor. I've been taking groups to Victoria for years now and

it's one of my favorite destinations. Hanging flowerpots, double-decker buses, and the amazing Butchart Gardens. If you haven't been there, I'd love to escort you to the wonderfully **British** part of British Columbia. What about family and holidays and all? Come on, you had to know there would be a cheap plug in here **somewhere!**

I wish everyone a very happy, healthy holiday season! I'm excited to celebrate Christmas at the beautiful Davenport Hotel in Spokane where Eggnog the Elf (me in green tights is a sight to behold!) will make his annual appearance to help Santa with the White Elephant gift exchange. Afterwards, I'll ring in the new year in sunny Pasadena at the 130th Rose Parade, then it's off to Hawaii and Key West with you. I welcome 2019 and the chance to continue sharing wonderful experiences and creating lasting memories together. Hope to see you on the road soon!



*Experience the Parliament Building and all things British (Canadian-style) in Victoria*

# The Customers Always Write

**Hi Mark,**

I have two trip ideas for you to think about. You probably have done them already, but I don't know.

1. Safari West near Santa Rosa. A safari adventure in safari vehicles with beautiful wild animals nearby. This could be a day trip or an overnight in their African tents (You wouldn't be roughing it in these tents!!)

2. Nevada City during the Christmas season. Snow, carolers, sleigh rides, shopping, etc.

Just some thoughts. Thanks for your great business.

*Janet Wright*

**Ed. Note:** Janet, Safari West is an attraction we have visited in the past. They now have 30 tent cabins, with bathrooms en suite. I spoke to Scott Angeletti, and we are thinking an overnighter might be fun. Sort of like being on safari in Africa, but still in California. Watch for an update in the next newsletter. Nevada City is an excellent choice in December for Christmas. Could happen next year. Thank you for your ideas

**Gentlemen,**

May I suggest Loomis in a year or so. They have revamped the main street (Taylor Road) and have developed a brand associated with the fruit industry. The murals around town have a narrative for each one by dialing a cell number and selecting the number of the fruit label mural you are standing in front of. There is the amazing High Hand repurposed fruit shed which has a greenhouse restaurant plus a lovely nursery. The formally old shed holds shops and an art gallery. In addition there are nearby orchards/farms/ranches as well as an Iris Farm (spring). I am sure people would find it delightful.

*Dot Shiro*

**Ed. Note:** Donnie resumes her quarterly Small Towns tours in the next newsletter. Keep the ideas comin'!

**Dear Mark,**

Completed the Iceland trip this past summer – AMAZING!! There were several

challenges, but the overall experience was exceptional.

I do want to commend **Scott** and the entire **Sports Leisure** team for their handling of our missed connection in Seattle on our return trip. We had no sooner learned that we would be staying in Seattle overnight, than we had a place to stay (at the airlines expense!!!!) and were on our way to the hotel. I was very impressed by how quickly it all came together and Scott's almost calm demeanor throughout. Thank you all for taking such good care of us in this awkward time.

*Jo Ann Perry*

**Hi Mark,**

Oh, the wooden nickels to spend, the Cottage Bakery pastries, the carousel rides, the Tillamook ice cream cones... It was like Daddy taking the kids on the best-est, fun-est family vacation ever. The treats and adventures just kept coming. The Oregon Coast trip was a standout! You really out did yourself Mark. Thanks!

*Ruth Werner*

**Ed. Note:** Ruth, I really appreciate your note, because it **seemed** like a fun trip to me, but you never know. Always nice to have it confirmed by someone who was in our gang. **The Oregon Coast** and **The Ferries & Towns of Puget Sound** are two short regional trips you should consider if you love the water. But don't "consider" them very long, because there are only a handful of seats left on each.

**Hi Sweet May,**

Eva is good. She still lives in her own home, does her own laundry, empties the dishwasher and fixes her own meals. She has slowed down a lot but loves to just be alive. She loves watching the birds (blue jays, robins, chickadees and hummingbirds) come to her feeders in the backyard. They just tickle her. Her other love is seeing her granddaughters. They all adore her and try to visit her when they can.

It's so hard when you have a loved one so far away when you need to work so hard

to pay rent and living expenses. Fortunately, she sees one granddaughter every six weeks or so. Her health is OK. She's 93 now and still ruling the roost. She rarely leaves the house now. I fly up about every other weekend from LA to check on her. No one like mom, right? She always talks about her **Sports Leisure** days. She loved traveling with all of you so much. They are certainly some of her best memories. Thanks for asking! Fondly,

*Annie Wolfstein*

**Ed. Note:** We hadn't heard from one of our dear retired traveling friends, **Eva Trebilcock**, for some time, so May contacted her daughter for an update.

**Hello Chris,**

We wish you a very Happy Birthday, even if it is too early or too late. Good wishes for your health and enjoyment, cannot do any harm, eh? We are your oldest couple from the trip to Puget Sound, Jules with the cane, Helga with a sore hip. Thank you once more for your care and help. Greetings,

*Jules & Helga Morganstern*

**Ed. Note:** The "baby" on staff, **Chris Galloway**, turned **40** on the recent **Route 66** tour. We asked members of the group to provide Chris with some of the things he might need as he grows older. Ask Chris about the "interesting array" of gifts he received...

**Dear Clayton,**

Thank you for the kind donation to Mustard Seed! Your support keeps us here for the kids, and it means a lot that you've remembered us over the years. Your help has eased the burden of homelessness for many, many vulnerable children. With gratitude,

*Casey Knittel, Director, Mustard Seed School*

**Mark and Clayton,**

Thank you for choosing my granddaughter – Molly Mort to be one of the Sports Leisure recipients for this years scholarship awards. It is truly appreciated. I find it interesting



that **Sports Leisure** put together a cruise package so I could take my family on a cruise to Mexico when Molly was only 3 years old! And she does remember it! Sort of. On another note – so sorry about your health concerns. I do hope you are doing ok. We need you! I have enjoyed the many trips I have been on with **Sports Leisure** in the past. Due to circumstances beyond my control I have not been able to go for the last few years and I miss that. Sincerely,  
*Mary Mort*

**Dear Mr. Clayton Whitehead,**

Thank you so much for choosing me as one of the **Sports Leisure Scholarship** recipients. I am currently having the time of my life at Texas A&M University at Galveston. This money will help fund my career here in college. Thanks again for helping me live out my dream of being an Ocean Engineer. Sincerely,  
*James Frizzell*

**Dear Mark,**

Thank you for your gift of \$2,205 to Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. We hope your group enjoyed your trip to the top of the world's largest sculpture, our tribute to the indigenous people of North American represented by legendary leader Crazy Horse. Your belief in us and your generosity continue the Dream. This gift was attributed where most needed. We rely on gifts from Storytellers like you as we live out our mission to protect and preserve the culture, tradition, and living heritage of the North American Indians. Sincerely,  
*Monique and Jadwiga Ziolkowski, CEOs  
Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation*

P.S. – Mark – It is always exciting to see your great friends at Crazy Horse – Amanda enjoys working with you – thank you for believing! Jadwiga

**Ed. Note:** Crazy Horse Memorial is certainly the single attraction with the most **human spirit** in our country. A man attacked a mountain with a jackhammer 70 years ago. Today, Crazy Horse is starting to take shape, and it is his family which carries on the mission. We are extremely proud of be a small part of their mission. **Sports Leisure Vacations** is the only tour operator who

takes their travelers **up on the mountain** to experience Crazy Horse.

**May,**

Recently returned from a week on Kauai, and visited a marvelous place, Na Aina Kai Botanical Gardens near Princeville. About 450 acres, including waterfalls, and fantastic sculptures. Low cost tours using 8-10 persons, open but covered trams, about 3 hours. Suggest your Hawaii tour directors look in to it.

*Bob Shuken*

**Ed. Note:** So many great ideas flowing this month. Bob, we have stopped their before, and your note reminds me it's about time for a return visit. Really nice people at the gardens.

**Dear Mark,**

On behalf of the Mercy Guild, thank you for your donation of the gift certificate that was be part of our fundraising raffle activities at the annual Mercy Guild Christmas luncheon. Mercy General Hospital Guild is comprised of 200 volunteers who provide services to the hospital, its patients and their families. Our fundraising is specifically directed to purchasing medical equipment for patient's care and comfort and providing scholarships to many Mercy General Hospital Junior Volunteers who will continue their education in the field of medicine. We are delighted about your generous and thoughtful gesture to help the Guild achieve its fundraising goals. Sincerely,

*Deborah McStocker, Treasurer, Mercy  
General Hospital Guild*

**Dear Clayton and Friends,**

On behalf of RememberAVet.net and the annual Wreath Project at the Sacramento Valley Cemetery, we extend our gratitude for your very generous donation of \$1,572.50 toward the 2018 annual project. Again, we thank you all for your continued support of this very heartfelt project! Sincerely,

*The Stocking Family*

**Ed. Note:** Each year, hundreds of you pay \$10 to be a part of **Tour Preview Day**. At this year's event, over **\$6,000** was raised. Every single dollar is then given to local charities. The Wreath Project at the Sacramento Valley

Cemetery insures that a holiday wreath is put on each and every grave of our fallen heroes. The Stocking family has taken on this challenge and it is our pleasure to help. In addition to the Wreath Project, donations were given to **The Mustard Seed School at Loaves and Fishes**, to our scholarship fund (we awarded **three** scholarships this year to the grandchildren of Travel Club Members) and to Tourism Cares' Puerto Rico Tourism Recovery Fund. Thank **you** for helping **us** support our community.

**Attn: Mark/Clayton**

I traveled to Victoria, BC on the Bloomin' Victoria Trip on June 15 with Chris Galloway. While there, I suffered a very serious medical emergency and was hospitalized for the better part of nine days. I wanted to let you know the outstanding work that Chris did to ensure my welfare not only while I was in the hospital but also all of the arrangements to bring me home. I will never forget his steadfastness in keeping in touch with me every day to see how I was doing and that I would be take care of upon discharge from the hospital.

Of course, I wish to thank everyone at **Sports Leisure** who also helped with the arrangements in getting back home. **S/L** was fantastic! From the hotel in Sydney (suburb of Victoria), out of the hospital and flights from Victoria/Sydney and Seattle, the car waiting for me at the airport; everything was perfect and so appreciated beyond words. To everyone at **S/L**, a huge 'Thank you'! You will always be my travel home. Sincerely,

*Gail Lincoln*

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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# Day Trips & Theatre Outings

## Baseball Hot Stove League Banquet & AT&T Park Tour

*Featuring former Giant Jack Clark's Pine Tar Grill in SF*

**Tuesday, February 5**

Enjoy a guided tour of AT&T Park, home of the Giants. You'll get to go places only players and staff go, like a dugout, batting cages, the press box, the visitor's clubhouse. After the tour, head to the **Pine Tar Grill**, where one of the partners is former Giants Slugger Jack Clark. You'll enjoy a 4-course dinner (choice of prime rib, halibut or their signature ribs) and talk some baseball with Jack and his friends. By the first week of February, we'll have a pretty good idea of what the team might look like for 2019. Come and shake off the baseball blues. (Each participant may bring an item for Jack to autograph, and everyone will receive an autographed 8x10. There will be a door prize drawing for one of Jack's bats.) **\$190**, inc. the ballpark tour and the banquet.

## Come From Away

*At the Golden Gate Theatre*

**TWO DATES TO CHOOSE FROM:**

**Wednesday, January 23 or**

**Saturday, February 2**

This musical is set in the weeks following September 11<sup>th</sup> and reflects the true story of what transpired when planes landed unexpectedly in the small town of Gander, Newfoundland, as part of Operation Yellow Ribbon. The locals opened their hearts and homes, and hosted this international community of strangers (6,700 airline passengers) for a week – spurring unexpected camaraderie in extraordinary circumstances. When the world stopped, their stories moved us all. Wednesday trip will include a lite box lunch served onboard the coach to San Francisco, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee and dinner on your own at Pier 39. Saturday trip includes lunch on your own at Fisherman's Wharf prior to the 2pm matinee (orchestra seating); return to Sacramento after the show. **Wednesday – \$180 or Saturday – \$190**

## Hamilton

*Broadways' smash hit comes to the Orpheum Theatre*

Lin-Manuel Miranda's spectacular musical returns to San Francisco! One of the hottest theatre tickets in the country, this show is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and was the new nation's first Treasury Secretary. Featuring an award-winning score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway; Hamilton is the story of America then, as told by America now. This is absolutely must-see theatre!

Our original dates for this show have sold out and we have a long waitlist. We anticipate more seats to be offered to groups later in the Spring. The trip price will be at least **\$330**.

## Wayne Thiebaud: "Artist's Choice" & "Paintings and Drawings"

*San Francisco Museum of Modern Art*

**Thursday, February 7**

Stationed at Mather AFB in 1942, Thiebaud became familiar with SFMOMA and this special show offers a first-hand look at his creative process from beginning sketches to finished paintings. Like a double scoop ice cream cone from one of his paintings, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art presents an exhibit of pieces selected by Wayne Thiebaud. The exhibit includes his own drawings and paintings along with personally selected works of other SFMOMA artists. With many of the pieces rarely seen and no curatorial idea in mind, "I just picked things I've loved to look at," Thiebaud includes works by Henri Matisse, Joan Miro, Pablo Picasso, Richard Diebenkorn, and Georgia O'Keefe. His own exhibit of "Paintings and Drawings" from SFMOMA's collection, spans 50 years of his career from 1962 to 2012. A docent tour is included for the exhibit. Lunch is on your own in one of the Museum cafes. **\$119**

## Responding to your request for more dramatic productions

The Gallo Center is home to their own Repertory Company, a mix of theatre professionals and community thespians, presenting a series of dramatic favorites in 2019. Presented in the more intimate Foster Family Theatre (440 seats) these shows offer poignant portraits of life.

## Steel Magnolias

**Saturday, February 2**

Set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done, Steel Magnolias is filled with hilarious repartee and humorously revealing verbal collisions. The play moves toward tragedy when the realization of their mortality not only affects the women profoundly, but also draws on their underlying strength – and love – which make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

An early lunch at Canal Street Grille is included prior to the 2pm matinee. **\$135**

## Tuesdays with Morrie

**Saturday, April 27**

This is the autobiographical story of Mitch Albom, an accomplished journalist driven solely by his career, and Morrie Schwartz, his former college professor. Sixteen years after graduation, Mitch happens to catch Morrie's appearance on a television news program and learns that his old professor is battling Lou Gehrig's Disease. Mitch is reunited with Morrie, and what starts as a simple visit turns into a weekly pilgrimage and a last class in the meaning of life.

An early lunch at Canal Street Grille is included prior to the 2pm matinee. **\$135**

**NOTE: Take a look at "M Butterfly" on page 8 as another cutting-edge drama to consider.**



## Chinese New Year in San Francisco

**Sunday, February 10 or February 17**

In celebration of Chinese New Year, Buddha's Universal Church in San Francisco presents their always colorful, classic, and entertaining Chinese operatic play. Presented in both English and Cantonese, this year's show "A Change of Heart" is the story of a mother and family who in spite of loss find their way home with laughter along the way. With glittering costumes, music, martial arts, dance, and playful monkeys, the show is always a fun day in the city. Family-style Chinese lunch is included at Far East Cafe and time to stroll historic Grant Street in Chinatown before the 2pm performance. Depart for Sacramento immediately after the show. **\$118**

## Hello Dolly

*Comes to the Golden Gate Theater*

**Wednesday, February 20 or**

**Saturday, March 9**

Broadway legend Betty Buckley will star in the first National Tour of *Hello Dolly*, in the iconic role of Dolly Gallagher Levi. Based in 1880's New York, a rich and cantankerous widower by the name of Horace Vandergelder is on the lookout for a wife. To help him on his quest he engages the services of professional matchmaker but little does he know that Dolly has his perfect match in mind from their very first meeting – herself! Now all she has to do is make Horace realize it as well. Our Wednesday trips include light box lunch served onboard the coach on the way down to San Francisco, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee and dinner on your own at Pier 39 following the show. Saturday trip includes lunch on your own at Fisherman's Wharf prior to the 2pm matinee with orchestra seating, and returning to Sacramento after the show.

**Wednesday – \$180 or Saturday – \$190**

## Tribute to Judy and Liza

*Santa Rosa Symphony*

**Sunday February 24**

Celebrate the music that brought the audience to their feet in November of 1964 when Judy Garland and Liza Minnelli teamed up for an unforgettable concert at

London's famed Palladium Theatre. Joan Ellison and Carolann Sanita, fresh from their appearance in *The Boy From Oz*, pay tribute to these dynamic divas singing "Once In A Lifetime," "Just In Time," "Gypsy In My Soul" plus other favorites such as "Cabaret," "New York, New York," and of course, "Somewhere Over The Rainbow." Lunch is included in Petaluma prior to the 3pm performance, and we've also included a lite dinner snack for the ride home. **\$181**

## A Chorus Line

*At the East Sonora Theatre*

**Saturday, March 2**

The Sierra Repertory Theatre group offers their version of a classic Broadway musical. Exploring the inner lives and poignant ambitions of professional Broadway gypsies, this show features one powerhouse number after another. Lunch is included at Firenze in Oakdale prior to the show. **\$141**

## Cache Creek Casino

**Sunday, March 17 (St Patrick's Day)**

Join **Sports Leisure Vacations** on our trip to Cache Creek Casino. This trip will be a 4-hour stay and includes \$10 in slot play and a \$5 Food Coupon (Buffet not included). You must be a member of Cache Club Rewards Program to receive the bonus. You will each have an opportunity to sign up at the Cache Club service desk the day of the trip. You will need to show a California issued ID if you are new to Cache Creek. Do not forget to bring your Cache Creek players card if you have one. This is our second trip to Cache Creek on a St. Patrick's Day so bring along your lucky charm and come join us. You just might find the lucky leprechaun! **\$49**

## Monet: The Late Years

*de Young Museum San Francisco*

**Tuesday, March 19**

Following last years popular *Monet: The Early Years*, expect to be equally impressed and mesmerized with the de Young's latest exhibit which includes twenty works on loan from the Musee Marmottan Monet located in Paris. This final phase of Claude Monet's long career was spent close to home and inspired by his own garden at Giverny. *Monet: The Late Years* showcases

his evolving study of nature, flower beds, willows, wisteria, footpaths, bridges, ponds, and aquatic flowers. These paintings are some of his most famous and memorable works. The accompanying exhibit audio guide is included for your enjoyment. The afternoon is yours to explore galleries of the de Young permanent collections and special exhibit: *Gauguin: A Spiritual Journey*. Lunch is on your own at the museum cafe. **\$109**

## San Francisco Flower & Garden Show

**Thursday, March 21**

Welcome the return of Spring with a visit to the annual San Francisco Flower and Garden Show at the historic Cow Palace. Enjoy strolling through full-sized fresh garden landscapes, sit in on seminars and demonstrations by master gardeners, and browse a vast marketplace of unique items to inspire your own gardening adventures and outdoor pleasures. Whether you just love to look or are a do-it-yourself gardener, this creative and colorful show has something of interest and inspiration for everyone. Lunch is on your own from a variety of on-site food booths. **\$100**

## San Francisco Cherry Blossom Festival

**Saturday, April 13**

The Northern California Cherry Blossom Festival is one of California's most prominent celebrations of Asian traditions and the biggest on the West Coast. The festival is held in Japantown on Post Street. Come along with us and enjoy it's many food and craft booths, cultural performances like Taiko and Martial Arts demonstrations, live bands and so much more! You will have ample time to discover all the Festival has to offer and have lunch on your own. **\$80**

## A Day Out in San Francisco

**Saturday, April 13**

Take a ride to The City with us and enjoy a day of shopping, lunch or ??? The motorcoach will stop at Union Square and Pier 39/Fisherman's Wharf and give you plenty of time to explore The City as you please. **\$80**

## **M Butterfly**

*CATS production in Nevada City*

**Sunday, April 14**

The Community Asian Theatre is offering us a bold new experience. Known for their depictions of the East through comedy and music; this year CATS is producing a **cutting-edge drama**. A Tony Award-winner for Best Play in 1988, *M Butterfly* is based on a true story that stunned the world. A French diplomat carried on a 20-year love affair with a Chinese opera diva spy with a secret. This is a drama of intrigue, espionage, deceit, misunderstandings and love told in a series of flashbacks. This is not "Madame Butterfly", the Puccini opera, although there are references to the opera. Please note: this is an R-rated show for mature audiences only due to language, sexual content and brief nudity. It is suggested that you look up the synopsis of the story before attending the performance.

Lunch is included prior to the matinee at Toffanelli's in Grass Valley. **\$146**

## **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

*Comes to Golden Gate Theater*

**Wednesday, April 24 or Saturday, May 4**

Roald Dahl's amazing tale is now San Francisco's golden ticket! It's the perfect recipe for a delectable treat: songs from the original film, including "Pure Imagination," "The Candy Man," and "I've Got a Golden Ticket," alongside a toe-tapping and ear-tickling new score from the songwriters of *Hairspray*. Willy Wonka is opening his marvelous and mysterious chocolate factory... to a lucky few. That includes Charlie Bucket, whose bland life is about to burst with color and confection beyond his wildest dreams. He and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a mesmerizing joyride through a world of pure imagination. Our Wednesday trips include light box lunch served onboard the coach on the way down to San Francisco, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee and dinner on your own at Pier 39 following the show. Saturday trip includes lunch on your own at Fisherman's Wharf prior to the 2pm matinee with orchestra seating, and returning to Sacramento after the show.

**Wednesday – \$180 or Saturday – \$190**

## **Joey receives a certificate for a lifetime of complimentary daytrips with Sports Leisure Vacations!**



Long-time tour director, Joey Querio announced her retirement the first of September. The first thing she did was go on a 33 day cruise along the western coast of South America. Joey has been a part of the Sports Leisure family since 2002. Over the years Joey has conducted both single day and multi-day trips to Reno, Tahoe, Giants baseball games, numerous casinos throughout California and Nevada, and on cruises to Alaska and the Panama Canal. Who knows, she may be on your next daytrip as a passenger enjoying the ride.

## **Music of the Knights**

*Santa Rosa Symphony*

**Sunday April 28**

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John and Sir Paul McCartney have much in common: they are all British-born, they all have an Academy Award, they all have multiple Grammy Awards, and they are all knights. They also happen to be three of the most successful songwriters of all time with careers that extend through decades. Join Santa Rosa Symphony and *Music of the Knights* performers as they honor the enduring musical influence of these three legends. Highlights of the concert include popular hit songs such as "Memory" and "Don't Cry For Me Argentina," to "Hey Jude" and "Live and Let Die," to "Can You Feel The Love Tonight" and "Crocodile Rock." Relive the music of their lives with this

crowd-pleasing celebration of music royalty. Lunch is included in Petaluma prior to the 3pm performance, and we've also included a lite dinner snack for the ride home. **\$181**

## **Wildflowers and Roses**

*At the beautiful Eleven Roses Ranch*

**Monday, April 22**

In April there is an explosion of flowers in the little valley that is the 1895 homestead of Eleven Roses Ranch near Clear Lake. Meet Anne Garner who will share some stories about her heritage and her connection to the land. A wagon ride through the valley accompanies a chuckwagon BBQ. There is also time to walk around and take some pictures of the flowers and animals or just sit and enjoy the beautiful setting with your friends. Stop briefly at Granzella's in Williams before returning to Sacramento. **\$137**



## The Wooden Bowl

A frail old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his step faltered.

The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. 'We must do something about father,' said the son. 'I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food on the floor.'

So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, Grandfather ate alone. Since Grandfather had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. The four-year-old grandson watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son playing with wood scraps on the floor. He asked the child, 'What are you making?' The boy responded, 'Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when I grow up.' The four-year-old smiled and went back to work.

The words so struck the parents that they were speechless. Then tears started to stream down their cheeks.

That evening the husband took Grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table. For the remainder of his days he ate every meal with the family. For some reason, neither husband nor wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth soiled.

You can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, an elderly person, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

Proud members of the



## Reflecting on a Generation of the 'Green Thing'

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags aren't good for the environment. The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We did not have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days". The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation didn't care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that the cashier was right, our generation did not have the 'green thing' in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed & sterilized & refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we did not have the 'green thing' back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable, besides household garbage bags, was the use of these brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. Back then, we washed the baby's diapers, because we did not have the throw away kind. Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house not a TV in every room. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old news-papers to cushion it not Styrofoam, or plastic bubble wrap. We drank from a fountain, when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. And, we did not need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint. But we didn't have 'the green thing.'

We aren't crazy about getting old in the first place, so it does not take much to piss us off. Especially when the adversary is a tattooed, multiple pierced cashier, who, by the way, cannot even make change without the cash register telling her how much!

## Things to Ponder...

- I think I am starting to lose my mind, but as long as I keep the part that tells me when I gotta pee, I should be okay.
- I want to be like a caterpillar. Eat a lot, sleep for a while. Wake up beautiful.
- My super power is holding onto junk for years and throwing it away a week before I need it.
- I got called "pretty" today! Well actually the full statement was "you're pretty annoying" but I only focus on the positive things.
- Be the reason someone smiles today. Or the reason they drink. Whatever works.
- I think Senility is going to be fairly smooth transition for me.
- I wonder if clouds ever look down on us and say "Hey look... that one is shaped like an idiot."
- A Giraffe's coffee would be cold by the time it reached the bottom of its throat. Ever think about that?

## Remembering Friends We've Lost

Honoring the memories of our travel family members who are now traveling with angels. Lot of Sports Leisure travels on this list. Elsie was a HUGE Giants fan. Sue loved the mystery tours. Roger was the driver on a number of our Christmas trips. Don was the captain of the Marine Discovery Tour in Newport, OR, for many years. With the exception of Ron, who was a relatively new traveler, all of the folks on this list had longtime connections to our travel family. We will miss them.

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| Sue Hunter   | Elsie Jasman |
| Jane Owens   | Jan Sullivan |
| Jean Weaver  | Ron Duran    |
| Roger Noonan | Sue Burchard |
| Don Mathews  |              |

If you know of someone who should be mentioned here, please call or drop a note to [Donnie@sportsleisure.com](mailto:Donnie@sportsleisure.com).

*Godspeed*

# The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

A place to find items of general interest. Certainly the most important page in the newsletter for our Travel Club Members.

## FB, B or CB – Different Types of Breakfasts

In our itineraries we have three different symbols to indicate a breakfast which is included in your package. **(FB)** indicates a choice of menu or a full buffet, often times with omelettes cooked to order (Hilton Garden Inn). When you see the **(B)** designation, it indicates a breakfast like you find at the Hampton Inn or Holiday Inn Express. In essence, what we consider an enhanced continental breakfast. Some limited hot items, with perhaps a waffle maker, etc. The **(CB)** designation isn't seen often these days. It indicates a traditional continental breakfast: juice, coffee, pastries.

## Congratulations to The Mizpah Hotel

If you listen to *The Travel Guys Radio Show* on a regular basis you already know that our friends at the **Mizpah Hotel** in Tonopah were recently voted the Best Haunted Hotel in America by readers of USA Today. They competed against nine other hotels, all of them better known or in larger, more easily accessible communities, which makes the win by the Mizpah all the more impressive. Our sincere congratulations to Jim McCormick and his staff.

## Challenges with Airlines

Recently, we have been hit with several dramatic schedule changes by airlines, impacting the travel schedules of some of our groups. When changes come close (within 60 days) of departure, we often have limited options, because by that time other carriers don't have enough seats for us or want far more money than the original ticket cost. Sometimes we have no choice but to

accept the changes. (Some examples: Our Christmas trip to Spokane is coming home on a 7:20am flight on the final day. Two recent trips had 3-4 hour airport layovers due to schedule changes on connecting flights.)

We use a variety of resources when researching flights to get what we feel are the best time/price combinations. It's disheartening to say the least when schedule changes happen, leaving travelers to wonder why the heck anyone would pick the schedule we have, with some assuming we picked the poor schedule because it gave us a better fare that somehow enhanced our profits.

That's just not the way we roll. Our tours are priced with a fair profit built in from the beginning, one reason you don't see a host of surcharges or add-ons on your confirmations.

## Ways to Help You Get to the Departure Point

Many of you are familiar with **Lyft** and **Uber**, ride sharing services that help you get around at a reasonable price. Many of our travelers use these services on day trips. There is another option we have mentioned before, **GoGoGrandparent.com**. You don't need an app on your phone like for the other services. You simply call **832-775-8713**. Because there is an extra middleman, your ride will cost you \$2-3 more, but then better service costs a little more.

We have had one of **GoGoGrandparent's** co-founder, Justin Boogaard, on *The Travel Guys* twice. **Sports Leisure Travelers** who have used the service have given it great reviews. Justin says he works with the other ride-sharing services to screen **GGP** drivers, to try and insure they know they are serving a senior clientele. If you try it, send me an email at [marksit@aol.com](mailto:marksit@aol.com) and let me know what you think.

## Passengers of Size

A friendly reminder to our larger travelers that if your body needs more than the space allotted by one seat on the coach/plane, we

will ask you to purchase a second seat. If the tour does not sell out, the cost of the second seat is refunded. Of course, you get the extra space regardless. You are more comfortable, as are your fellow travelers.

If you are a passenger of size, call and ask us about this policy/service. Likewise, if you experience a situation where someone should have purchased a second seat and you got smushed, let us know so we can try and work with the traveler to make sure it doesn't happen to someone else.

## Before You Know It, Baseball Season Will Be Here

Baseball day trips is how our company started. As **Sports Leisure** nears its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, baseball is still a part of what we do. Look in the **New Tours** section for our first SF baseball trip of 2019, an overnigher to see the **Yankees twice** on a Friday-Saturday in late April. The schedule of day trips (which will include a couple of A's games this year) will be in the January newsletter.

## Roseville Stop Ends

Due to the increasing homeless population in Saugstad Park in Roseville, our concern for our travelers safety, and the fact that we have a much more secure location only a few miles away, the Roseville pick-up location will have its last pick-up February 2<sup>nd</sup> (*Come From Away*). All day trips after that date will use the Antelope location as the furthest stop east.

## Rest Stop to SF

On many of our day trips to San Francisco, we are making a rest stop in Vallejo. For some, the trip is almost three hours. Comments on trips that have utilized the stop have been positive, so we are expanding the idea to include more trips. The stop is at the Tour Director's discretion, due to traffic and other conditions that could impact your arrival time for a show/game/event.

## OFFICE HOURS:

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





## The Yankees/ Giants Overnighter

2 Days • April 27-28

The Bronx Bombers only come to San Francisco every six years, for one short series. If you are a Giants fan, this is your opportunity to watch your team, with its roots in New York City, play the Yankees, in your park in The City by The Bay.

The overnight package includes lower level seating to both the Friday night and Saturday afternoon games (Saturday game time is subject to change). Your accommodations are at the **Courtyard by Marriott San Francisco**. (Having just done a site inspection of this hotel on Thanksgiving weekend, I can tell you it's one of the nicer Courtyard properties I've ever been in.) The hotel is one of the closest to the stadium, a half mile flat walk to the entrance. You'll have the option of walking or taking the coach to/ from the ballpark.

The schedule features a pre-game banquet on Friday at the **Pine Tar Grill**, owned in part by former Giants star **Jack Clark**. (Besides getting a great dinner, you'll be surrounded by Giants memorabilia, and because Jack was known for his hitting, hundreds of baseball bats. Who knows, perhaps "Jack The Ripper" himself will make an appearance.)

On Saturday morning, sleep late, grab a Starbucks downstairs, then join us for a pre-game brunch at 10am next door at the Red Dog Restaurant. Then it's off to the park for a second Giants/Yankees affair.

(Please note that lower deck tickets for the two games cost \$260 due to very high demand – the Yankees. Every six years.). The package includes those "like gold" tickets, dinner and brunch, transportation and accommodations. Depart Sacramento midday on Friday, return Saturday evening. We will not have single game packages for the Giants/Yankees.

**\$820 p.p./dbl.occ., \$950 single**

## Circle British Columbia

*Inside Passage cruise and riding the rails through British Columbia's Northern Interior*

7 Days • July 3-9

### ★ Highlights ★

- Flight over the Georgia Strait into Port Hardy
- BC Ferry daylight cruise through the Inside Passage
- Travel through British Columbia's beautiful rugged interior by train during daylight hours: VIA's *Skeena* (Prince Rupert to Prince George)
- Jet boat ride on the Fraser River through the Fort George Canyon
- 7 meals: 2 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Vancouver/from Prince George
- Tour Director: **Ramona Goodge**
- 3100/3450 Gold Passport Points

**1. & 2.** After a flight to Vancouver, transfer to a smaller aircraft for your flight over the Georgia Strait. This flight gives you your first glimpse of the beautiful coastline of British Columbia. Located at the northern tip of Vancouver Island, Port Hardy is a remote village with a big history. Explore the legends and cultures of the First Nation at the U'mista Cultural Centre and snack on delicious salmon candy, a local delicacy.

### Quarterdeck Inn – 2 nights (B,L)

**3.** Board BC Ferry's *MV Northern Expedition* this morning for the 15 hour crossing through the Inside Passage to Prince Rupert located on the coast of mainland British Columbia. Enjoy enchanting views of the many islands and surrounding mountains from the comfort of the Aurora Lounge. Watch for bald eagles, sea lions, dolphins, and whales from your reserved seats. Arrive in Prince Rupert late evening.

### Crest Hotel – 2 nights (B)

**4.** Prince Rupert, is dubbed the "end of the rainbow"... sitting at the northern end of the BC Ferry system, the southern end of the Alaska Marine highway, and terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway (now the

Canadian National). Perched on the shores of the harbour, Prince Rupert is an intriguing mixture of old buildings decorated with English coat of arms, modern civic buildings and Pacific Northwest native totem poles. Tour the North Pacific Cannery and learn the important role it has played in the settlement of British Columbia's Interior. **(L)**

**5.** Prince Ruperts' Kwinitsa Railway Station is one of the last Grand Trunk Pacific Railway stations and has been wonderfully restored. Head east this morning aboard VIA's *Skeena*, towards the geographical center of British Columbia. Aboard the train, you will be enjoying first class touring service, with your meals served at your seat. You will have exclusive access to the train's Skyline Car with its breathtaking views from the dome. The journey to the interior is approximately 12 hours, arriving into Prince George late evening. **Coast Inn of the North – 2 nights (L)**

**6.** Prince George, the largest city in northern British Columbia is dubbed the "Northern Capital" because of the commercial importance of the city. Located at the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers, the area has long been a gathering place for the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation peoples, fur traders, timber and railway entrepreneurs. Visit the Central BC Railway and Forestry Museum. Lunch will be waiting at the Northern Lights Winery, located on the banks of the Fraser River. Walk through this unique "vineyard" featuring raspberries, blackberries, goji berries and other fruits used in the locally produced wines. This afternoon, explore more of the area's history with a jet boat ride on the Fraser River. **(L,D)**

**7.** Catch an early morning flight from Prince George to Vancouver. From there, it is a direct flight to Sacramento, arriving mid-afternoon.

***Due to limited services in the remote areas we will be visiting, and the modes of transportation, you must be prepared to handle your own luggage at airports, ferry terminals and train stations.***

**\$3090 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3435 single**

*This vacation requires a valid passport.*

## Olympia Harbor Days and Mount Rainier

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Experience the greatness of a small city, southern Puget Sound, and Mt. Rainier

4 Days • August 30 – September 2

### ★ Highlights ★

- 3 night stay on the waterfront overlooking Budd Bay
- Lunch in the grand Paradise Inn Dining Room at Mt. Rainier National Park
- Cruise southern Puget Sound on the historic steamboat, *Virginia V*
- Enjoy the festivities of Olympia's Harbor Days, including a tugboat race
- 8 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door to door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- Tour Director: **Ramona Goodge**
- 2100/2350 Gold Passport Points

First offered last year, this trip was so much fun we decided we just had to do it again! Tucked alongside Budd Bay on Puget Sound, Washington's capital city is a sparkling gem in the Emerald State. With a rich history, vibrant culture and a beautiful setting on the Sound, Olympia is a great place to visit! The highlight of our stay will be the Harbor Days Fest, celebrating the vintage tugboats of the Sound. Interspersed with the festival activities, experience the best of the region from a local farmer's market, local artisans, and a sidetrip to Mount Rainier.

**1.** Your Pacific Northwest adventure begins with an early morning flight to Seattle. Upon arrival, transfer to the Port of Tacoma to experience another form of travel. Step back in maritime history as you cruise the waters of the southern sound on the historic steamer, *Virginia V*. Affectionately called "Virginia Vee", this ship has been steaming around the Puget Sound since 1922. Our four hour cruise will take us under the Tacoma Narrows Bridge, and down past Stellacoom, Ketron Island, Anderson Island and into Budd Inlet. The festival kicks off this afternoon, and our waterfront hotel is minutes away from Percival Landing.

#### DoubleTree by Hilton – 3 nights (L,D)

**2.** Mt. Rainier, dubbed "the mountain" by the locals, dominates the skyline on a clear day. As a matter of fact, locals often

say "the mountain is out today". Ascending to 14,410 feet above sea level, this iconic glacier-topped mountain is legendary with mountain climbers and casual visitors. Passing by alpine meadows, and streams filled with crystal clear glacial water, travel to Paradise. The Jackson Visitors Center hosts films and exhibits relevant to this mountain,

which by the way is an active volcano; and the Paradise Inn offers travelers a view of Mt. Rainier as a breathtaking backdrop during lunch in the historic Inn Dining Room. Return to Olympia late afternoon, and stroll along the waterfront. **(FB,L)**

**3.** A free morning to visit the Farmers' Market with a variety of fruit syrups, honey,

## ACTIVITY METER



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

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



**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.



**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.**





jams; and specialty meat and cheeses – including smoked salmon; walk along the waterfront looking at the variety of vessels in the harbor, maybe even tour a tug. This afternoon, the “world’s largest vintage tugboat race” takes place in the deep channel of Budd Bay. Viewing of the race is from the water aboard one of the festival’s host vessels. (Editors note: This is a local event, hosted by the Kiwanis. There may be 10 tugs, or 4....and they don’t go very fast, but your cheers help.) This evening, a dinner featuring the best of the region caps off our stay. **(FB,D)**

4. Another leisurely morning with a quick lunch before returning to the airport for your afternoon flight home. **(FB, L)**

**\$2065 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2320 single**

## Dream In’ of Santa Cruz

*And enjoy an afternoon of the  
Follies Show*



**3 Days • September 10-12**

It can’t get much better than two nights in your ocean view room at the “Only Hotel on the Beach”... the **Dream Inn** in Santa Cruz. This iconic hotel has always been a **Sports Leisure** favorite and their colorful retro-chic style, modern service, and amenities are sure to delight you.

The Santa Cruz Follies has been entertaining us for over sixty years. This year the cast (all over 50 years of age) will present “Fascinatin’ Rhythms, from Broadway to Hollywood”. On our way to the beach we’ll stop for an included lunch at **Porter’s Restaurant at the Poppy Ridge Golf Club** in Livermore. Dinner in the hotel ballroom with a million dollar view and lunch at a local restaurant are also included.

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

This tour includes door-to-door service, motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 2 lunches and 1 dinner, the Follies Show and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 1250/1400 Gold Passport Points

**\$1220 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1390 single**

## LAST CHANCE! LIMITED SEAT(S) AVAILABLE

The Trips In this box have only 1 or 2 spaces remaining. Because of those limitations, we are including the trip names, their catalog pages and a very brief description. You can find the day-by-day itineraries at [www.sportsleisure.com](http://www.sportsleisure.com).

**March 3-8**

**Tonopah, Laughlin, Las Vegas**

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Overnight Tonopah, 3 nights Laughlin on the river, day stop in Vegas, overnight Tachi Palace.

**\$1599 p.p./dbl., \$1810 single**

**March 24-27**

**The King & Di**

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3 departures, so wait lists available for the other two trips (one seat currently open on Mar. 24). See the new musical in La Jolla, based on the Life of Princess Diana. It’s a pre-Broadway engagement at the La Jolla Playhouse. Lunch and tour at the Hotel del Coronado.

**\$1315 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1550 single**

**April 28-30**

**Beautiful Bodega Bay**

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Two nights at the Bodega Bay Lodge on the coast, Fort Ross, Armstrong Redwoods State Parks, lunch at the historic Union Hotel in Occidental

**\$1120 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1285 single**

**May 19-24**

**Wild & Wooly, A Mystery Tour Revisited** **Page 21**

Every ten years or so, we go back to an area we first visited on a mystery tour, and in most cases, have never returned to. This would be considered a “regional” destination.

**\$2385 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2670 single**

**May 27-31**

**Sensational Santa Fe**

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4 nights just off the Plaza, Georgia O’Keeffe’s Ghost Ranch, Santa Fe sights.

**\$2320 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2565 single**

**June 3-5**

**Lassen Volcanic National Park**

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Stay 2 nights in Redding at the Sheraton at Sundial Bridge. Day trip to the park, Lake Shasta Cruise.

**\$1145 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1355 single**

**June 27-30**

**Delightfully Danish**

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Visit the Danish-style village of Solvang and the Flower Festival in Lompoc. Also overnight at the historic Paso Robles Inn.

**\$1455 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1675 single**

**Sept. 27 – Oct. 6**

**Switzerland & Northern Italy**

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Travel to the Alps, visiting Zurich/Lucerne to Venice. Interlaken, Mt. Pilatus, Italy’s Great Lakes, Doges Palace.

**\$4985 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5380 single**

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS:

**Our office will close at Noon, December 24; and  
be closed December 25 & January 1 for the holidays.**



# The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

## Take the Snow Train to Reno

*Ride Amtrak's California Zephyr through the Sierra Nevada*

**2 Days • Feb. 26-27, Mar. 11-12**

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

The package includes one-way rail passage on Amtrak's *California Zephyr*, a boxed lunch, hotel accommodations, casino bonuses (subject to change), and return transportation by motorcoach. 300/350 Gold Passport Points

**\$285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$335 single**

*Add door-to-door service for \$107 p.p.*

## Nixon & Reagan, The Presidential Libraries

*Visit the Nixon and Reagan Presidential Libraries*

**3 Days • February 4-6**

Southern California is host to two of our nation's presidential libraries. In this quick getaway vacation, visit both the Richard M. Nixon and the Ronald Reagan Libraries. The Huntington Library, repository for rare and exquisite works is an added attraction.

The Nixon Library is filled with multimedia and interactive exhibits, plus several permanent galleries in the "Wave of Change" which covers a period of great upheaval throughout the 1960's and during the months leading up to the November 1968 presidential election. The journey ends with Richard Nixon's post-presidency period. Dinner at the White House. The Anaheim White House Restaurant is a long-time **Sports Leisure** favorite. **LA Hilton North/Glendale – 2 nights**

The next day, visit the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. After a library tour we will have our lunch under the wings of *Air Force One*.

On our last day we will visit the Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens. The main gallery showcases some of the world's rarest books and manuscripts including: the Gutenberg Bible, Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and first editions and manuscripts by authors such as William Blake, Jack London and Mark Twain. High Tea is part of your visit.

Roundtrip airfare to Long Beach/from Burbank, 3 meals included; 1350/1500 Gold Passport Points

**\$1350 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1500 single**

## A Taste of Healdsburg

*A close-to-home culinary adventure*

**2 Days • February 5-6**

On this overnight, close-to-home, no-fly trip we venture to the quaint town of Healdsburg, a "foodie paradise", with a walkable downtown.

A family-style lunch welcomes us, followed by a walking tour with sips and tastes along the way. They even have a "pie bar"! You'll have some free time later to explore on your own. Stay at the **Hotel Trio**, a brand new hotel just outside of town. We continue our tasty adventures the next day with a visit to The Shed, a unique place where you can shop for various items, from chic kitchen

gadgets to unique garden ornaments. Stop into the Fermentation Bar for a beverage, of the non-alcoholic variety (think kombucha); which are gaining in popularity around the world. After lunch, visit a local olive orchard for more... tastings! Return to Sacramento late afternoon.

4 meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches, 1 dinner; 800/900 Gold Passport Points

**\$780 p.p./dbl.occ., \$885 single**

## Bryce Canyon Winter Festival

*Featuring Ice Castles at the Homestead Resort*

**6 Days • February 13-18**

★ **Highlights** ★

- Walk through an ice castle with tunnels and towers
- Soak in the geothermal spring of a crater
- Travel through Capitol Reef National Park
- Enjoy the activities of the Bryce Canyon Winter Festival
- 9 meals: 5 breakfasts, and 4 lunches
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to Salt Lake City/from Las Vegas
- Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
- 1900/2150 Gold Passport Points

**\$1885 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2140 single**



*The Natural Bridge in Bryce Canyon is highlighted by a dusting of winter snow*





A local visits our hotel in Talkeetna last year during the Scott's Alaska Aurora Borealis trip

## Alaska's Aurora Borealis

Featuring small group travel  
with unique winter attractions



7 Days • March 8-14

### ★ Highlights ★

- View the Aurora Borealis in the dark skies outside of Fairbanks
- Tour of the BP Ice Art Championship sculptures
- Stay at the spectacular Alyeska Resort, charming Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge and Pikes Waterfront Lodge
- Travel on the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Healy
- Dogsled at Dallas Seavey Kennel, home of the Iditarod Champion
- Exclusive cruise in Prince William Sound
- See all the big land mammals at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- Star Lady Aurora presentation
- 9 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to Anchorage/ from Fairbanks
- Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
- 4550/5100 Gold Passport Points

**\$4550 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5085 single**

## Cirque du Soleil's Volta

Under the Big Top in San Jose



2 Days • March 15-16

Volta literally means an abrupt change of direction, and that's what you're going to get in Cirque du Soleil's newest production. Expect a modern twist on Cirque's well-loved formula of acrobats, clowns, music and lighting in *Volta* with the introduction of BMX bicycle stunts, bungee jumping, chandelier swinging and a modern, electronic musical score. The production loosely tells the story of Waz, ridiculed and bullied all his life because he was born with a head of blue feathers rather than hair.

Your accommodations are at the beautiful **Biltmore Hotel** in Santa Clara. The tour also includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, 2 meals (FB,D), show ticket and a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 600/650 Gold Passport Points

**\$575 p.p./dbl.occ., \$645 single**

Add door-to-door service for \$107 p.p.



## Desert Beauty: Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park

Springtime wildflowers, majestic landscapes, and splendid beauty



5 Days • March 18-22

### ★ 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
  - Tour Director: **Ramona Goodge**
  - 2350/2600 Gold Passport Points
- \$2335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2585 single**

## Irish Spring

The second in our series featuring historic castles and manor houses



9 Days • April 23 – May 1

### ★ Highlights ★

- All accommodations in 4 and 5-star historic castles and manor houses
- 2 nights in Contarf/Dublin and Clifden
- Overnights in Larne/Antrim Coast, Donegal and Dunboyne
- Guided tours of Dublin (*Book of Kells*, Guinness Storehouse), Belfast and Derry
- Ferry to Inishmore and prehistoric Dun Aonghusa
- Services of an Irish guide and driver throughout, plus an experienced **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- 14 meals: Daily full Irish breakfast and dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Dublin
- Door-to-door transportation
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 5500/6350 Gold Passport Points

**\$5475 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6350 single**

This vacation requires a valid passport!



## NYC – Behind Broadway and The Bronx

*Two nights of Broadway theatre and a Pops concert at Carnegie Hall*

**6 Days • April 25-30**

### ★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the **Marriott Marquis Times Square**, New York's best location
- 3 nights of entertainment – 2 Broadway shows (one we select and one **you** choose – an exclusive **SLV** feature); plus a concert at Carnegie Hall (premium dress circle seating) featuring the New York Symphony Pops Orchestra, honoring Tony, Emmy and Grammy award winner Cyndi Lauper
- A Day Downtown – Wall Street, Federal Hall, the 9/11 Memorial/Museum/ Observation Deck (all 3 experiences included)
- A Day in The Village – Greenwich Village – Stonewall Nat'l Monument, Eataly, Chelsea Market, The High Line Garden, even a fun marshmallow store

## Things to Know Before You Go:

**Airfare:** On all trips where air travel is indicated, airfares are included in the listed prices.

**Home Pick-up:** Our exclusive home pick-up is included on all trips listed here of three days or longer. **Coastal Breeze Limousine** and its partners provide transportation to/from the airport, Sacramento's Amtrak station or the **Sports Leisure Vacations** office.

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

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

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

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

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- A Day in The Bronx – stop in at a police and a fire station and meet the first responders, lunch in The Bronx with a variety of stops in “Little Italy”
- A Day Behind Broadway – visit a rehearsal hall and learn how a show comes together, meet a Broadway performer, meet a theater reviewer (Peter Filichia)
- Free day to visit Ellis and Liberty Islands, museums, shops, etc.
- Roundtrip airfare to/from NYC
- 6 meals: 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Chris Galloway**
- 4150/4750 Gold Passport Points

Not a cookie-cutter trip to The Big Apple, but a diverse itinerary with an opportunity to discover some of the city's incredible neighborhoods on authentic excursions featuring food and the chance to meet a local or two!

**\$4150 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4745 single**

## Missions III: The Last Stops Along el Camino Real

*Visit the famed Mission Inn*

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**3 Days • May 1-3**

History unfolds along the *el Camino Real* in sunny Southern California. Visit three missions and the only surviving Asistencia, Mission San Antonio de Pala with **Sports Leisure** Tour Director **Chris Galloway**.

**1.** Arrive in Orange County and travel down the coast to Mission San Luis Rey, the King of the Missions. Tour and explore the museum focusing on the Luiseno culture and their contributions. Visit the only surviving Asistencia in the Mission System, Mission San Antonio de Pala founded to serve the local tribes. Arrive at your hotel in time for complimentary cocktails and nibbles. Dinner is on your own at the hotel or one of the many nearby restaurants. **Embassy Suites – Downey – 2 nights (L)**

**2.** Mission San Fernando Rey, still an active church, had many troubles yet persevered over the centuries. Its story will inspire! Lunch is at a long-time favorite, The Tam O' Shanter known for its prime rib. Mission San Gabriel, the midpoint between San Diego and Carmel, is your next stop. What a gift shop! Dinner is at the Anaheim White

House, a local institution with a charitable heart. Over the years they have fed over two million needy children! **(FB,L,D)**

**3.** The Mission Inn was built in 1903, intending to draw tourists, something it still does today! After an architectural tour enjoy lunch in a beautiful Spanish setting. The missions had olives and so shall we! But not just any olives: Graber Olives! Stop for a tour, tasting and shopping. Logan's Candies makes us a sweet souvenir to take home before an early evening flight home. 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points **(FB,L)**

**\$1475 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1665 single**

## Moab, Gateway to Arches National Park

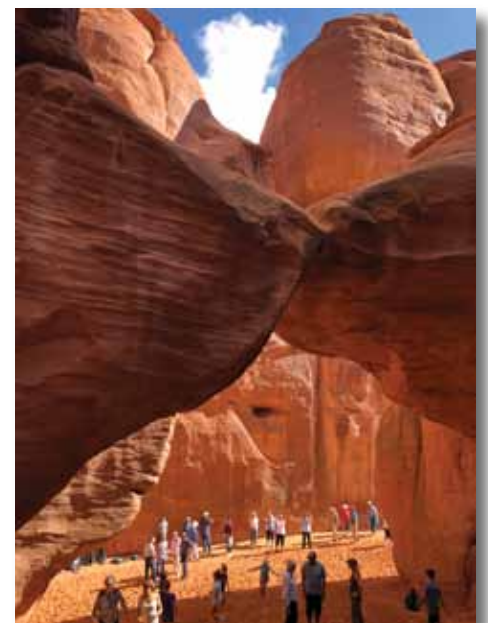
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*Featuring four nights at the spectacular Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River*

**5 Days • May 4-8**

### ★ Highlights ★

- Explore majestic Arches National Park
- Visit Dead Horse State Park (the most amazing view in the Southwest!)
- Thrilling jet boat tour on the Colorado River
- Experience flightseeing over Canyonlands National Park
- 4x4 jeep tour through the red rocks of Moab
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 4 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Salt Lake City



*The Sand Arch is just one of the incredible stops along the way in Moab*





- Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
- 2650/3000 Gold Passport Points  
\$2610 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2970 single

## Catalina Island Dreamin'

"26 miles across the sea"

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4 Days • May 5-8 or October 20-23

### ★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge in the heart of Avalon
- Sunday Brunch at the elegant *Queen Mary*, moored in Long Beach Harbor
- Be whisked away to Avalon on the high-speed *Catalina Express*
- *Twilight in the Casino* tour features wine and cheese on the balcony
- An *Evening Avalon* scenic tour aboard an electric bus
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Long Beach
- 2000/2350 Gold Passport Points

\$1970 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2350 single

## Niagara, Falling For You

Falls view from EVERY room

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5 Days • May 14-18

### ★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights at the Embassy Suites Fallsview – daily breakfast and evening cocktails included – every room offers a view of Niagara Falls

- Journey Behind The Falls, and ride to the bottom of the falls on a Hornblower cruise, IMAX Theater Show, Daredevil Museum
- Sample "ice wine" and enjoy the shops in Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Visit the Niagara Parks Botanical Gardens & Butterfly Conservatory
- See ships navigate the Welland Canal off Lake Ontario
- Be in the audience for a comedic performance of "Oh Canada eh?"
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Buffalo
- 2650/2950 Gold Passport Points

A traditional **eastern** vacation spot comes to the **Sports Leisure** calendar. Join us and discover the falls from above, behind and below; by day and by night. Visit a quaint village and even laugh your Canadian moose ears right off! Plus, enjoy rooms with a view!

\$2620 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2930 single

*This vacation requires a valid passport!*

## PASSPORT INFORMATION

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

## Making Our Way Around Monterey Bay

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*Featuring two nights at the Dream Inn Santa Cruz*

3 Days • May 19-21

### ★ Highlights ★

- Brunch at the Dolce Hayes Mansion
- Boat tour of the Elkhorn Slough
- Visit the Shakespeare Society of America
- Tour the American Hat Makers factory
- Taste juice at Martinelli's
- 5 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
- 1300/1550 Gold Passport Points

\$1280 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1515 single

## Memorial Day in Washington, DC

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*Our nation's capital is yours to explore from top to bottom*

6 Days • May 23-28

### ★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Hilton Hotel Arlington
- Tour Washington, DC by day and night
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, the U.S. Capitol, Ford's Theatre and Kennedy Center
- Explore the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums on the Mall
- See National Monuments including Lincoln, Jefferson, FDR, MLK, WWII, Vietnam, Korea and more
- 9 meals: Daily breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Washington National
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Clayton Whitehead**
- 2900/3200 Gold Passport Points

\$2875 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3185 single

\*Those making reservations at least three months prior to the trip (before February 23) will be submitted for a thorough security screening to visit The White House. This will require your full name, citizenship, birthday, city of residence and Social Security number. Please be advised those making reservations after this date are less likely to receive clearance. Questions? Please contact tour planner/escort Clayton Whitehead.



Joanne, Sue and Renae aren't scared of a little water...ok, A LOT of water. Look at that rainbow!





## All About The Ballparks, Southern Style

Florida, Houston and Atlanta

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**9 Days/6 Games • May 26 – June 3**

Each year, we offer an opportunity to visit some of America's baseball diamonds. This year's trip features four indoor games in Florida, visits to a couple of baseball landmarks, with pre/post Florida games in Houston and Atlanta.

We have stepped up the seating for this trip. All seating will be field or club level, within the bases. We know how much you like walking to the stadium from your hotel, and that is possible in Houston and Atlanta. The Marriott in Tampa/Clearwater is a spectacular hotel. If you are worried about the summer heat in Florida, keep in mind both parks are indoors with air conditioning.

### Game/Travel Schedule:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Sun., May 26   | Travel to Houston                          |
| Mon., May 27   | Cubs/Astros                                |
| Tues., May 28  | Fly to Miami, Giants/Marlins               |
| Wed., May 29   | Giants/Marlins                             |
| Thurs., May 30 | Giants/Marlins                             |
| Fri., May 31   | Fly to Tampa, Minn. Twins/Tampa Rays       |
| Sat., June 1   | Tampa sights                               |
| Sun., June 2   | Fly to Atlanta, Detroit Tigers/Atl. Braves |
| Sun., June 3   | Fly home                                   |

4800/5350 Gold Passport Points  
**\$4790 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5310 single**

## An American Portrait

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History comes alive – everything from West Point to Woodstock

**7 Days • May 29 – June 4**

### ★ Highlights ★

- Rochester – visit The Strong Museum (America's Museum of Play), the Eastman Museum (of Eastman-Kodak fame)
- Cruise the Erie Canal
- Tour the homes of Harriett Tubman and William Seward, who were close friends
- National Women's Hall of Fame, Women's Rights Historic Park, It's a Wonderful Life Museum in Bedford... we mean Seneca Falls

- Visit Bethel Woods, the site of Woodstock, on the 50th anniversary of the event
- Tour West Point Academy
- Visit the Presidential Library of Franklin Roosevelt; see Val Kill, Eleanor's residence
- Walk over the Hudson River
- Wonderful dining, 14 meals: 1 breakfast, 5 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
- Door-to-door service, airfare included
- 3200/3550 Gold Passport Points

**\$3155 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3550 single**

## All the Best of Victoria, BC!

Exciting new attractions, long-time favorites and an extra day to explore

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**5 Days • June 2-6**

- Enjoy High Tea at the Empress Hotel
- Experience Victoria on a double-decker bus tour and seaplane flight
- Visit famed Butchart Gardens to enjoy the blooms and lunch
- Spend a day exploring and tasting your way through the Cowichan Valley
- 5 meals: 1 high tea, 4 lunches
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Victoria, BC
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Chris Galloway**
- 2500/2800 Gold Passport Points

A once sleepy city by the sea, Victoria has blossomed into an international cosmopolitan destination yet has retained its unique charm. Iconic attractions sit alongside trendy shops and modern bistro pubs, while flowerpots hang from the street lamps.

**\$2485 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2765 single**

*This vacation requires a valid passport!*

## Machu Picchu and Peru

The Sacred Valley

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**8 Days • June 15-22**

### ★ Highlights ★

- Fully escorted experience with local guides and **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director

- Lima City Tour with visit to the Larco Archeology Museum
- 2 nights in Cusco
- Roundtrip flight: Lima to/from Cusco
- Tour the Pisac Ruins and Awanakancha Museum
- Spend a full day in the Sacred Valley with Moray and Maras
- Roundtrip on the *Vistadome* train: Ollantaytambo/Machu Picchu
- 8 meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Lima
- 6350/7000 Gold Passport Points

**\$6310 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6980 single**

*This vacation requires a valid passport!*

## The Lakes of Okanagan

A farm-to-fork BC experience with Ramona

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**5 Days • June 21-25**

### ★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at Quaaout Lodge, on the shores of Shuswap Lake
- 2 nights in Kelowna, the heart of the Okanagan Valley
- Tour the region, visiting a local woman-owned herb farm; and taste the honey mead
- Sip the wine and savor a fantastic meal at a local winery
- Paddle a canoe on Little Shuswap Lake
- Enjoy the views of lakes in every direction
- 7 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners



*Dine al fresco on the bounty of the Okanagan*



- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Kelowna
- 3000/3300 Gold Passport Points

The Okanagan Valley is home to vast lakes stretching over 100 miles through the region. Vineyards and small farms roll down the hillsides to the lake shores; and the best fresh ingredients from the local farms, pastures and lakes are available for your meals. Travel through the region, tasting the bounty of the land, and maybe even try your hand at paddling on one of the many lakes. The scenery is beautiful and the peace of the valley is soothing. Step back and relax in the Okanagan.

**\$2975 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3275 single**

*This vacation requires a valid passport!*

## Cruise the Jewels of the Baltic



*Visit the capital cities of Northern Europe*

**15 Days • June 22 – July 6**

| DATE       | PORT                             |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| June 22    | Overnight Flight                 |
| June 23    | Arrive Copenhagen                |
| June 24    | Copenhagen – Ship departs at 5pm |
| June 25    | Arhus, Denmark                   |
| June 26    | At Sea                           |
| June 27    | Tallinn, Estonia                 |
| June 28-29 | St. Petersburg, Russia           |
| June 30    | Helsinki, Finland                |
| July 1     | Stockholm, Sweden                |
| July 2     | At Sea                           |
| July 3     | Warnemunde (Berlin)              |
| July 4     | Kiel (Hamburg), Germany          |
| July 5     | Skagen, Denmark                  |
| July 6     | Fly Home                         |

Join **Sports Leisure Vacations** on **Holland America's ms Zuiderdam**, a signature mid-sized Vista-Class ship (1,900 passengers) featuring modern amenities and spectacular art and antique collections.

Departing Copenhagen, step back into time with Tallinn's medieval spires, and take your time enjoying the fabulous art at the Hermitage with an overnight in St. Petersburg. Visit the capital cities of Helsinki and Stockholm; and in Germany, see the sights of Berlin and Hamburg.

This cruise package will include air to and from Copenhagen, our signature door-to-door transportation, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. Gold Passport Points are based on cabin category.

**Inside cabins start at:**

**\$5685 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7590 single**

**Outside cabins start at:**

**\$5870 p.p./dbl.occ., \$7915 single**

*Prices based on estimated air.*

*This vacation requires a valid passport!*

## Oregon's Coast, Carousels and Covered Bridges



*Walk in the steps of Lewis and Clark, enjoy the spectacular coast, dine on a covered bridge*

**6 Days • June 23-28**

★ **Highlights** ★

- 2 nights Astoria, 2 nights Newport (4 nights on the water), overnight Eugene
- Lewis and Clark history, including stops at Cape Disappointment and Fort Clatsop, their two "mid-journey" coastal homes
- Ride carousels in Seaside and Albany, learn how the horses are made
- Visit Yaquina Head Lighthouse, do a little shopping at Blue Heron Cheese
- Marine Discovery Cruise on Newport Bay, the best educational cruise in the country
- Admission to The Oregon Aquarium
- Roundtrip air to/from Portland
- 12 meals, featuring fine dining at Clearwater, overlooking Newport Harbor

and lunch on a covered bridge

- Door-to-door airport service
  - 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points
- \$2335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2650 single**

## Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound



*Ride ferries, explore unique small towns, enjoy a room with a view*

**5 Days • July 7-11**

- 4 ferry rides on Puget Sound, including the longest routes, Seattle/Bremerton and Seattle/Bainbridge Island
- Visit the villages of Poulsbo, Port Townsend, Sequim, Port Gamble, Mukilteo and Langley as you make your way around the sound
- Guided tours: Poulsbo, learn about the town's Norwegian heritage; Port Townsend, this was once a bawdy port on the sound
- 4 nights Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish – gaming for those who enjoy it, beautiful views for those who don't – the hotel and casino are in separate buildings
- Visit the Mukilteo Lighthouse Park, the birthplace of Chief Seattle and Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial – local landmarks you might otherwise miss
- 9 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Seattle
- 2350/2650 Gold Passport Points

**\$2310 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2605 single**



*A park ranger addresses SLV Travelers at Fort Clatsop, home of the Lewis & Clark Expedition in 1805-6*







Live music adds excitement to the air prior to the performance of the Pageant of the Masters

## Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters

One of our annual favorite summer getaways to Southern California

**3 Days • August 4-6 or August 25-27**

Presented in an outdoor theatre in Laguna Beach, *The Pageant of the Masters* uses live people to re-create well-known pieces of sculpture and art. The staging, the costuming, and the effects created by make-up and lighting make it surrealistic and words fail to describe the pageant to others. You have to see it to believe it!

Also featured: Sunday Brunch at Sherman Library & Gardens, 2 nights at the Marriott Newport, Mission San Juan Capistrano, tour at the Pageant of the Masters, exclusive post-event talk.

**\$1525 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1750 single**

## Gems of Southeast Europe Cruise

Featuring a 7-night river cruise aboard the *AmaCerto*

**11 Days • August 8-18**

### ★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights in Budapest
- 7 night cruise on the 162 passenger *AmaCerto*
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner each day on *AmaCerto*, breakfast each morning at hotels

- Roundtrip airfare to Budapest /from Bucharest
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin

After two successful trips into Croatia, Scott is excited to lead you into yet another less traveled region of Eastern Europe. A combination of land and cruise, Scott has selected an itinerary showcasing the beauty and charm of this enchanting region. Rich in history and culture, Southeast Europe is a melting pot of multiple ethnic groups. Your itinerary includes a visit to a Serbian Orthodox Temple, vineyards established during the Roman Empire, the Royal Palace in Belgrade, and House of Flowers, the mausoleum of Marshal Tito, a world leader from a different era. Pass through the Iron Gates, a scenic gorge separating Serbia from Romania; visit a medieval Bulgarian Castle overlooking the Danube, and what a would a visit to Hungary be without "goulash"?

AmaWaterways is a classic cruise line with cabins in three different categories; included shore excursions; three meals served daily with included beverages (beer, wine and soft drinks) at lunch and dinner. Ample public spaces provide room for sightseeing, onboard entertainment and relaxing at the heated pool.

This vacation package includes roundtrip

air to/from the ports of embarkation and disembarkation; all meals during the cruise (24 meals: 10FB,7L,7D); selection of included shore excursions; and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director.

Please go to [www.sportsleisure.com](http://www.sportsleisure.com) for a full day-by-day itinerary; and visit the AmaWaterways site for more information about the ship and cruiseline: [www.amawaterways.com/destination/europe-river-cruises/2019/gems-of-southeast-europe](http://www.amawaterways.com/destination/europe-river-cruises/2019/gems-of-southeast-europe)

**Prices start at:**

**\$7550 p.p./dbl.occ., \$9750 single**

**Prices based on estimated air.**

*This vacation requires a valid passport!*

| DATE    | PORT OF CALL            |
|---------|-------------------------|
| Aug. 08 | Overnight Flight        |
| Aug. 09 | Budapest, Sofitel Hotel |
| Aug. 10 | Budapest, Sofitel Hotel |
| Aug. 11 | Budapest EMBARKATION    |
| Aug. 12 | Mohacs – Pecs           |
| Aug. 13 | Vukovar, Ilok, Novi Sad |
| Aug. 14 | Belgrade                |
| Aug. 15 | Iron Gates              |
| Aug. 16 | Vidin                   |
| Aug. 17 | Rousse, Giurgiu         |
| Aug. 18 | Fly Home                |

## Alaska's Kenai Peninsula

Featuring bear viewing in Lake Clark National Park, ride the Alaska Railroad

**7 Days • August 30 – September 5**

### ★ Highlights ★

- Lake Clark National Park bear viewing aboard private pontoon boat (pictured on right)
- Kenai Fjord's National Park catamaran tour with park service ranger
- Scenic flight tour to Lake Clark National Park
- Enjoy GoldStar service on the Alaska Railroad
- 11 meals: 5 breakfasts, 1 full breakfast, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Anchorage
- 6000/6800 Gold Passport Point

**\$5995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6780 single**





## “Meet Me at the Fair...” – A Mystery Tour

6 Days • September 21-26

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A line from the old show, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, “meet me at the fair...” fits this trip perfectly. Actually, we are attending two different fairs/festivals on this itinerary. One is a bit upscale, the other more for “common folks.” In between, there’s a visit to an island. Sort of a poor man’s island, in the shadow of others far more famous.

Famous you say? Oh, many of the people you see would **like** to be famous, they just haven’t made it yet. With prayers and providence, perhaps someday it will all come true, surely it will. If not, we’ll gather up all our marbles and break with tradition. All wonderful clues to where you are going...

Airfare, 10 meals and 3200/3700 Gold Passport Points.

**\$3170 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3675 single**

## Rails Around Colorado

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*Three scenic train rides during fall foliage*

7 Days • September 21-27

### ★ Highlights ★

- Three scenic trains: Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton
- Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
- Explore the San Juan Mountains by jeep
- Fly high above Telluride on a gondola ride

- Historic guided walking tour of Telluride
- 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 5 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Denver/from Durango
- 3800/4300 Gold Passport Points

**\$3770 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4280 single**

## Lake Powell Splendor

*No words can describe its beauty*

5 Days • October 3-7

### ★ Highlights ★

- Narrated Lake Powell boat tour
- Guided walking tour of the famous Antelope Canyon
- Enjoy 3 nights in a lakeview room
- Awesome helicopter flight over Lake Powell
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches
- 2750/3150 Gold Passport Points

**\$2735 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3120 single**

## Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

*Featuring reserved upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge*

4 Days • October 8-12

### ★ Highlights ★

- 4 balloon events: Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascensions
- Ride the Sandia Peak Aerial Tramway and have lunch with view

- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge
- 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque

One of our most popular fall trips, this incredible vacation sells out early every year. While we don’t have the rates yet, we do know the dates. Here is your chance to get in early on the upcoming departure. A **\$250 deposit** reserves your place until the final prices are received from the airline and hotel. Later this fall, we will bill you and give you the opportunity to take advantage of any Early Payment Discounts.

**Please call for prices**

## Memphis and Nashville

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*Celebrate the many musical styles of Tennessee*

7 Days • October 15 -21

### ★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at The Guesthouse at Graceland
- Tour Elvis’ iconic estate including his car and plane collection
- Visit the National Civil Rights Museum
- 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 The Grand Ole Opry and attend a show
- Spend a leisurely Southern Sunday in charming Franklin, TN
- 14 meals featuring a wide range of regional flavors: 6 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners
- Air fare included to Memphis/from Nashville
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Director: **Chris Galloway**
- 3700/4200 Gold Passport Points

Begin your time in Tennessee with two nights in Memphis...Go walking along Beale Street; dine at the Beauty Shop Restaurant, featuring flavors of the Southeast and Far East in this beauty parlor-turned-eatery known for its stylish fusion cuisine; and en route to Nashville, visit the Brownsville schoolhouse once attended by Tina Turner. In Nashville, “Music City USA” the lights are bright, the tunes are thumping and the talent is legendary! Dust off your boots and



Rails are not the only ride in Colorado... Jeff, Edward and Cyndy heading out on a Jeep tour in Telluride.



stroll along Broadway where the music is sure to get your toes tappin'. There will be a guided tour of Music Row; visits to the two hottest new attractions, the Patsy Cline and Johnny Cash Museums; a Nashville Hot Chicken lunch; and even Goo Goo Clusters! Top of your trip with a visit to the Grand Ole Opry for a live radio broadcast; a special presentation at the historic Ryman Auditorium, and one last taste of Southern food with an updated twist at the gorgeous Hermitage Hotel.

**\$3655 pp/dbl, \$4165 single**

## Key West, Miami & The Everglades

*Key Largo & 4 nights in Key West*

**7 Days • January 25-31, 2020**

### ★ Highlights ★

- Visit Florida Everglades National Park, experience an air boat ride and meet an alligator or two up close
- History abounds in Key West – visit the Hemingway Home, The Aquarium, Truman's "Little White House," tour the island aboard the famous *Old Town Trolley*
- Lunch on private Sunset Key at Latitudes, a short ferry ride from Mallory Pier in Key West, a **Sports Leisure** exclusive
- A "Taste of Key West" food tour by trolley, where you sample lots of local culinary

treats (including Key Lime Pie, Conch Fritters, and Cuban Sandwiches)

- Day cruise on an authentic clipper ship (optional, included), Butterfly and Nature Conservatory
- Cabaret Dinner Show at *La Te Da*; lunch at famous Sloppy Joe's, a local landmark
- 4 nights in Key West at the Crowne Plaza La Concha, in the heart of town on Duval Street
- Overnight Ft. Lauderdale – Miami city tour featuring South Beach and Coral Gables; overnight in Key Largo
- Enjoy a tour at The Sea Turtle Hospital in the Florida Keys
- Roundtrip airfare to Ft. Lauderdale (United), return from Key West (Delta)
- 13 meals: 2 breakfasts, 4 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service

Annually this is one of our most popular tours. Limited to 27 travelers, it is an early sellout. Pricing for this tour will be available in the **March 2019** newsletter. You can place your name on the priority list now, and we will notify you in advance and give you a chance to register. **We expect 2020 pricing to be ROUGHLY:**

**\$4500 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5100 single**

*Put your name on the **Priority Notification List** now and we will contact you March 1 when prices are available*



*Kermit the Key Lime Pie Man, explains his creations to our group in Key West*

## The World Down Under

*Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand aboard the ms Noordam*

**21 Days • February 21 – March 12, 2020**

### ★ Highlights ★

- 3-night pre-cruise program in Sydney including daily breakfast and lunch
- Visit Ku-ring-gai, Blue Mountains and Featherdale Wildlife Parks
- Tour Sydney sites including the famous Opera House
- All meals included on board the *ms Noordam*
- Prices include all transfers and port taxes
- Roundtrip airfare to Sydney/from Auckland
- Door-to-door transportation
- Fully escorted by a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- Gold Passport Points

**Prices to be announced March 1**

*Place your name on the*

**Priority Notification List** now

*This vacation requires a valid passport!*



| DATE    | PORT OF CALL                                    |
|---------|---|
| Feb. 26 | Sydney, Australia                               |
| Feb. 27 | At Sea  |
| Feb. 28 | Melbourne                                       |
| Feb. 29 | At Sea  |
| Mar. 1  | Port Arthur                                     |
| Mar. 2  | Hobart, Tasmania                                |
| Mar. 3  | At Sea  |
| Mar. 4  | At Sea  |
| Mar. 5  | Milford Sound/Fiordland Nat'l Park, New Zealand |
| Mar. 6  | Port Chalmers (Dunedin)                         |
| Mar. 7  | Akaroa (Christchurch)                           |
| Mar. 8  | Wellington                                      |
| Mar. 9  | Gisborne  |
| Mar. 10 | Tauranga (Rotorua)                              |
| Mar. 11 | Bay of Plenty/Coromandel Peninsula              |
| Mar. 12 | Fly Home  |



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# Teasers & Teaser Updates

## Croatia By Land & Sea

*Featuring 7 days on a private deluxe yacht (19 cabins) just for Sports Leisure travelers*  
**13 Days • April 29 – May 11, 2020**

**Scott Angeletti** has guided two tours to Croatia and he is itching to go back. It is one of his favorite places on the planet. Croatia is beautiful; it lies just across from Italy on the Adriatic with its clear baby blue water and towering limestone mountains. Cruise the Dalmatian coast on a private yacht visiting islands with historic walled cities full of marvelous architecture. Its safe and the people are friendly, the food and wine are delicious! **During your cruise** of the Dalmatian coast breakfast and lunch will be included on the ship, at each port of call there will be a guided walking tour by a local on the island. Ports of call include: **Hvar** a favorite destination for the jetsetters from around the world. **Korcula** the birthplace of explorer Marco Polo. Explore the towns of **Bol** on the island of Brac and **Omis**. Post cruise stay **2-nights in Dubrovnik at a 4 star property on the ocean**. Land itinerary will include one night in the capital **Zagreb**. Pre cruise visit the spectacular **Plitvice Lakes National Park** which consist of 16 lakes, connected with a series of waterfalls. Post cruise take a day tour south of Dubrovnik to amazing **Montenegro**.

Would you like to join Scott in 2020? Call and put your name on the **Priority Notification List**.

## 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**.



## Teaser Updates

In the **2019 Dream Book** we teased quite a list of trips; travelers often ask about the status of those potential new trips. So here is a quick update. Check out pages 50-51 in the catalog for a complete description. Meanwhile, if you see a destination listed that is on your bucket list (or should be), please call our office or send a quick e-mail to [res@sportsleisure.com](mailto:res@sportsleisure.com) asking to be placed on the **Priority Notification List**. In doing so you will be among the first notified to register and take advantage of the **Early Payment Di\$counts** offered. Placing your name on the list does not obligate you in any way, nor does it mean a reservation will automatically be made. Thank you in advance for your show of interest!

### Presidential Pilgrimage to Plains

**5 Days • Spring 2019**

**Mark** is still researching...

### All Aboard! California Zephyr and the Southwest Chief

**7 Days • Fall 2019**

This is a possibility for later in the year.

### Canada Coast to Coast

**10 Days • Fall 2019**

This remains a possibility.

**Clayton** is busy working on a number of trips for late 2019/early 2020. Once he can confirm airfare, you can expect to hear more. Watch the January/February newsletter for additional details.

### Old Man River

**9 Days • October 2019**

### Tracing Sherman's March

**8 Days • October 2019**

### Thanksgiving in New York

**6 Days • November 24-29, 2019**

### Jordan – Sacred and Sensual

**January/February 2020**

### NOLA... And All That Jazz

**5 Days • March 2020**

### Colorful Carolina Coast

**10 Days • March 2020**

### The NEW Fixin' Up Texas

**7 Days • April 2020**

### Newfoundland's Iceberg Alley, Whales AND Seabirds

**10 Days • Summer 2020**

**Ramona** will be meeting with her friends in Canada to create this exciting experience

## The Travel Guys Radio Show

**Making you a  
smarter  
traveler...**

**Every Sunday 3-4pm**

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### EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT COUPON

Early Registration Payment Discounts listed here expire on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019**; or may be withdrawn when 50% of the available space has been reserved. To receive the discount, you must pay in full within ten days of registration. If you accept this option, the monies paid, including the cost of Cancellation Protection, are returned to you in full if you cancel more than 60 days prior to departure for US and Canadian tours or 75 days prior for International tours, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Within the time limits noted above, restrictions on refunds apply. See the **Special Vacation Notes & Information** brochure for complete details.

**Mar.** – Desert Beauty – **Save \$40**

**Apr.** – Irish Spring – **Save \$75**

**Apr.** – Yankees/Giants Overnighter – **Save \$25**

**Apr.** – NYC – Behind Broadway and The Bronx – **Save \$75**

**May** – Catalina Island Dreamin' – **Save \$40**

**May** – Memorial Day in Washington, DC – **Save \$60**

**May** – Moab, Gateway to Arches National Park – **Save \$50**

**May** – Niagara, Falling For You – **Save \$75**

**June** – All the Best of Victoria, BC! – **Save \$60**

**June** – The Lakes of Okanagan – **Save \$75**

**June** – Machu Picchu and Lima, Peru – **Save \$125**

**July** – Circle British Columbia – **Save \$125**

**Aug.** – Olympia and Mount Rainier – **Save \$60**

**Aug.** – Alaska's Kenai Peninsula – **Save \$125**

**Aug.** – Gems of Southeast Europe Cruise – **Save \$200**

**Aug.** – Laguna Beach & Pageant of the Masters – **Save \$25**

**Sept.** – Meet Me at the Fair Mystery – **Save \$75**

**Sept.** – Dreamin' of Santa Cruz – **Save \$30**

**Oct.** – Lake Powell Splendor – **Save \$60**

**Oct.** – Memphis and Nashville – **Save \$60**

### OFFICE HOURS:

9:00am – 4:30pm MON. thru FRI.

Closed weekends and major holidays

CLOSED TUES. 12:00pm – 1:15pm

### VALUABLE COUPON

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

Valid only when used with the adjacent coupon on the tours listed. **Your savings depend on the double-occupancy price of the tour. Save \$10** on tours priced from **\$451–\$800**, **Save \$20** on tours priced from **\$801–\$2250**, **Save \$30** on tours priced from **\$2251–\$3500**, **Save \$40** on tours priced at \$3501 or more. To receive the above discounts, you must pay in full within ten days of registration and purchase the protection at the time you pay for your tour.

### TOUR 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).

#### Sold-Out Tours (waiting lists available)

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Itzhak Perlman                  | Belugas, Blooms and Polar Bears             |
| South Dakota Icons              | Memphis and Nashville (Oct. 15)             |
| Winter at the Ahwahnee          | New Orleans and Mississippi Coast           |
| Colorful Carolina Coast         | On the Central Coast (Apr. 1 & Apr. 8)      |
| Skagit Valley Tulip Festival    | Pure Michigan: Mackinac and the UP          |
| Cruise the Jewels of the Baltic | Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod  |
| Snow Train to Reno (Jan 14)     | World Down Under: Australia/New Zealand     |
| Cruise Canada and New England   | The King and Di (Feb. 24, Mar. 17, Mar. 24) |

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

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Kauai and Maui (2)             | Missions III: Along el Camino Real (7)         |
| Delightfully Danish! (1)       | Making Our Way Around Monterey Bay (7)         |
| Sensational Santa Fe (2)       | Lassen Volcanic National Park (2)              |
| Spring Training in Arizona (1) | Catalina Island Dreamin' – Oct (2)             |
| Healdsburg (3)                 | Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound (4)           |
| Tonopah and Laughlin (2)       | Bryce Canyon Winter Festival (9)               |
| Alaska's Aurora Borealis (4)   | Key West, Miami & Everglades (1)               |
| Fixin' up Texas – Apr. 2 (1)   | Memphis and Nashville – Oct. 8 (9)             |
| Irish Spring (10)              | The Alps of Switzerland and Northern Italy (1) |
| Bodega Bay (2)                 | Wild & Woolly – A Mystery Tours Revisited (1)  |
| An American Portrait (8)       | Ice Magic Festival in the Canadian Rockies (1) |
| Lake Powell Splendor (9)       | All about the Ballparks, Southern Style (6)    |
| Rails Around Colorado (6)      |  |