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40 YEARS OF FUN!

On June 8th, **Sports Leisure Vacations** celebrated its 40th anniversary. Very few businesses make it to 40 years, even fewer make 40 with the same owner who started it. We have always been a unique business with travelers for clients who know quality and value can go hand-in-hand. Many, many of our travelers are “second generation,” meaning someone in their family or circle of friends preceded them at **Sports Leisure**. **We even have a few third generation travelers.**

Were your parents, relatives or just the neighbors across the street part of our early years? **Mary Lou Tucker**, who attended our anniversary luncheon, is the member with the lowest active number. Mary Lou is member number 39 (no, that isn't a typo). Her card was issued way back in the summer of 1979.

Our 40th Anniversary Luncheons were held on the Company's official birthday, June 8th, at the **Peking Restaurant**. Peking has been our choice for pre-departure orientation meals for many years. In fact, for a long time, we were across the parking lot from the restaurant. They started in business in 1993, the same year a **Mr. Clayton Whitehead** arrived in town. (They say good things happen in pairs...)

Over 100 folks attended the two seatings, enjoying a bountiful Chinese buffet. **Mark** told stories of the company's early days, and the display **Clayton** created offered a look at some of the unique promotional items we have offered over the years.



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Celebrating 40, Planning 41

Think back, 4 decades ago. Think about what job you had, where you were living, what your dreams were. 40 years is verifiably a long time, more than half the average human lifetime.

Four decades ago this month, I was starting a tour company. To be truthful, it had already taken baby steps the previous summer, in 1978, when I put together



a number of buses to go to see Giants baseball games at the wind tunnel known as Candlestick Park.

The next step was to become a ticket outlet for bay area sporting events, and the negotiations were nearly complete. Then something called Ticketmaster showed up, a way to get tickets by computer, to check inventory and be able to print actual tickets. Suddenly, unexpectedly, the selling tickets part of the business model was gone.

So I ran some baseball trips, where the participants were mostly guys in their 20's and 30's and their friends. They often got so polluted at the park they couldn't find the bus after the game, or worse, they couldn't keep their lunch down on the way home. Not the most desirable customers.

Then, one day coming home from a Giants game, the bus driver had a suggestion. "Have you ever thought about putting together trips to something other than a baseball game? The seniors who ride the buses to Reno/Tahoe on day trips would seem to be perfect for this hosted service you have created."

Without knowing there was a multitude of licensing and other issues, we plunged right in. The first bus was on a Friday night (June 8, 1979), headed for the Park Tahoe (later to become Caesar's, now the Mont Blu) with 19 passengers. The following Tuesday we had a full bus and I noticed there was something very different about the weekday travelers. They were kind, appreciated good service,

they showed up on time for the return trip and rarely lost their lunch on the way home.

All these things were significant improvements over my first set of customers. As you can see, we were a perfect match from the very beginning. A young guy with lots of ideas, and your parents and perhaps even grandparents, there to help make the dreams come true. (We have LOTS of second generation and even a few THIRD generation travelers in our SLV gang.)

The casino day trips were a big hit. You paid \$12.50 for your bus fare and got \$10-12 in cash and a food coupon back from the casino. How could the casinos afford to do that, you say? The bus didn't return for 6 hours. That was plenty of time for the casinos to get their share back from your wallet/pocketbook.

Then the "casino" seed took wings. Within a few months, travelers who liked the new style of service began to ask, have you ever thought about going to Hearst Castle, Yosemite Nat'l Park or even to the big Rose Parades in Pasadena and Portland? I hadn't. (Remember, I was in the baseball trip business.) But my answer was, "No, but do you want to go there?" Alas, dark clouds were on the horizon. All that licensing and regulation was about to come screaming down on top of us. We desperately needed a hero.

We found two. The editor of **Senior Citizen Weekly**, the late **Fred Evicci**, rewarded our advertising dollars and friendship with an editorial (titled "A Blow to Free Enterprise?") on the front page. It included the phone number for **Robert Matsui**, who was my congressman at the time. Within a few days of publication, Congressman Matsui called me. He relayed that he had hundreds of letters of protest regarding our situation, all written by people who traveled with us.

Bob (he always insisted on being called Bob or Robert), told me he had a huge mail bag in his office. He said it was pretty obvious to him from reading a sampling that our travelers were *very* loyal and *very* unhappy we might not be able to fight through the red tape and survive. The congressman

assured me the situation would take care of itself; I just needed to be patient. Because of his position in the House of Representatives, he knew a massive deregulation of the bus and truck industry was coming. Indeed, he was right. By mid-1981, the barriers had been removed and it was clear sailing.

The first overnighter was to Lake County and stayed at the old Konocti Harbor Resort. Next came Hearst Castle. Our first trip to Washington, DC, was in 1984 (year five); and that same year we went to Australia and New Zealand, our first international adventure.

We started out staying in inexpensive accommodations. I had grown up in a family where the money ran out on the 25th of every month, and we had never even been to Disneyland. My travel expectations were modest.

Then, one day, while standing in the lobby of the Best Western hotel in Buellton (3 miles west of Solvang) I had I short conversation with a traveler which would change **Sports Leisure** forever. I asked the traveler (whose name is lost with the years), if the room at the BW had met her expectations. "Oh yes," she said, "just fine. But, I couldn't help but wonder how much more it would cost to stay at the Marriott across the freeway. A light went on. I never even thought anyone would be able to afford staying in a **Marriott**. My family never could. Heck, the Best Western would have been a stretch.

So we started looking a little higher. Better hotels, longer itineraries which ran at a slower pace, meals that were an experience instead of just a way to fill your tummy. And an amazing thing happened. The upscale tours attracted a similar clientele. Nice people who would tell their friends about our trips. Our growth was impressive, but the owner of the company hadn't figured out how to charge enough to cover all the expenses. It wasn't until our 19th year that we climbed into the black. There are big dollars, but small margins in our business. It took more than a few tries to get it right.

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Hello Friends!

I believe I've opened with this quote before, but it seems particularly fitting today. In the immortal words of Dolly Gallagher Levi, "Money, pardon the expression, is like manure. It's not worth a thing unless it's spread around." She was quoting her late husband, Ephram, but actually it was literary great Thornton Wilder who first penned that line in his plays *The Merchant of Yonkers* and *The Matchmaker* (a revised and updated version of the first) upon which *Hello Dolly!* was based.



Sports Leisure Vacations is justifiably proud of our philanthropic thumbprint in this community. Whenever you see our name in print or hear our underwriting spot on television or the radio, we sincerely hope you share in this pride for you are the ones who make it possible.

I am especially proud of our association with KVIE, the PBS provider for most of the Central Valley. We've been an underwriter for over a quarter century. Today our support is among the largest of any local business. When I first arrived in Sacramento, we sponsored "The Lawrence Welk Show." My how times have changed! Today we underwrite "Rob on the Road" hosted by my good friend Rob Stewart, in addition to other programming – especially broadcasts with a musical or artistic twist.

I met Rob shortly after he moved to Sacramento in 2008 – not at the station, but at church! It has been a joy watching "ROTR" grow from the original short spots to today's full-length programs (wonderfully produced and videoed by friends Toby Momtaz and Martin Christian respectively) that chronicle the pulse of our region. For years Mark and I have been bugging Rob to find a way to include some of our travelers in one of his productions. That wish came true back in April when we took a class in goat yoga at the GoatHouse Brewing Company

near Lincoln. Along with an alfresco lunch and small-batch beer, we joined Rob and Martin in the pasture with a heard of goats including a dozen playful new arrivals. As you can see in the photo, it was one of those idyllic spring days when everything was just about perfect, manure – of which there was much – notwithstanding. Our episode is still in production and will soon be available for viewing at www.robontheroad.org. (Even as we're going to press I learned Rob just won yet *another* Emmy Award for "ROTR." Congrats, Rob!)

KVIE is also the station that brings you "Antiques Roadshow," PBS' most-watched series for over 20 years! Sacramento was honored to be selected as the first of five US cities to host the show in 2019. Filming was done on a Very Long Day (5:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) in May. As I sleepily awaited my assignment, I dreamed of seeing priceless antiques and perhaps meeting a celebrity or two. Both my dreams came true! Along with an endless parade of both trash and treasures, I was charged with overseeing the Folk Art and Furniture sections along with a very special celebrity appraiser. I'm happy to report Leigh is just as nice in "real life" as he seems on TV. AR's visit to Sacramento will result in up to three different programs

during their 24th season. Our air dates will be announced in January 2020. Until then, stay tuned . . .

"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton

Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President



Leigh Keno (sans twin brother Leslie) was amongst the celebrity appraisers when "Antiques Roadshow" rolled into town in May



The KVIE Mystery Daytrip took us to a goat yoga class being filmed for an episode of "Rob on the Road"

There is so much more to this story, but space is limited. We will tell more at **Tour Preview Day** in September and our catalog will have a section dedicated to our 40 years in business.

Before I end this, I want to say a couple of things. The first and most important is **thank you**. Thanks not only to you, but to your family and friends who preceded you and helped us survive against some very long odds. You have helped to create one of the most unique travel companies on the planet. I will forever be grateful for your support.

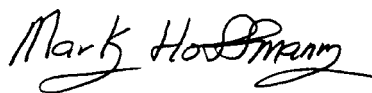
Second, to the people who have worked with me at **Sports Leisure** for all these long years. When we started, I subscribed to the theory that you always put your customers first. Sounded logical. But to really put your customers first, you need a great team. For 40 years, I have been blessed with some of the most amazing people to help me make your travel dreams, big and small, come true. Those members of the **Sports Leisure** team have worked hard for four decades to give you the best travel experiences possible. They care about every trip and every traveler. They have always been amazing and my current team is awesome. So to all of those who worked in front and behind the scenes, I also say **thank you**. No man or woman achieves success without a lot of help. The wonderful people who have worked their collective fannies off over the

years for less than a king's ransom are the ones who made this all possible.

As I watched my baseball group on their return to the Sacramento Airport recently sharing hugs and goodbyes, it made me smile. They had helped one another with bags and doors and little favors for a week. Many had made new friends. Hugs were everywhere. Of course, this happens often, at the end of many **Sports Leisure** trips. It's one of the things that tells me what we have created is very special. Life is all about the journey. I'm grateful mine has been, in part, with you. It has been an incredible 40 year run. Here's to the trails we haven't yet crossed together.

As the planning begins on the catalog you will see in September, the cycle begins anew. The destinations change, but one thing remains the same. The nicest people, the best travelers, go with **Sports Leisure**. It ain't braggin' if it's true.

And so it goes...



Mark Hoffmann,
CTP, President



Pictures: (above) Mark with Bill Conlin (former sports editor for The Union and The Bee; (top right) Mark and Clayton as Sonny and Cher at a National Tour Ass'n Talent Show; our own Santa Claus, the late Chuck Evans spreading holiday cheer on an Amtrak train; Mark and Clayton at Churchill Downs in 2000 on Derby Day

The Customers Always Write

Dear Supporters of the Cordova Community Food Locker,

Your February contribution of toiletries in support of our services to the homeless is so appreciated. We still find many in our community struggling to meet their everyday needs. Through caring individuals such as you, we are able to provide emergency food on a monthly basis. Thank you for your continued support. With Gratitude,

Linda Condon

Cordova Community Food

Mark –

I had a wonderful time on the Lassen Volcanic National Park tour. **Ramona** did an outstanding job putting it together with the weather conditions and all. It was a very emotional trip for me as my family and I camped there every summer for about six years when I was growing up. My family is all deceased now, but it brought back such fond memories for me. One of the rangers showed me on the map where we used to camp and hike three miles into Twin Lakes. We also climbed Mt. Lassen in about 1956 which was a lot of fun. Thank you again for offering this trip, I will never forget it! Thank you for making it so easy to cancel our Baltic Sea Cruise. You always talk about the insurance and I am so glad we paid it. Lloyd was healthy when we booked it and paid for it last year. You just never know what is going to happen.

Fran and Lloyd Johns

Dear Mark Hoffmann,

We just wanted to express our appreciation to **Scott Angeletti** and your staff for the prompt way our unfortunate trip cancellation was handled last month. We joined **SLV** years ago after seeing the Aurora Borealis trip advertised in KVIE's guide, then booked and paid for this trip when we saw it offered again last August. However, age and health caught up with us, and we had to cancel. Our funds were immediately transferred when our doctor's letter was received for the insurance.

Again, thank you for the kind and

professional way we were treated by your staff. Hopefully, we may be able to rejoin a trip again soon.

Carol and David Rohner

Members 40092 and 40093

Good morning Chris,

First, thank you so much for such a wonderful trip and for helping Roxy and her daughter join us for lunch plus the bouquet of tulips were a delightful surprise – ice cream too!!!!

I was eating some Cascadian Farm Organic cereal and noticed on the package "Visit our home farm – Skagit Valley, WA – since 1972". I took a minute to check out the website at CascadianFarm.com/farmtour and it appears there might be tours. Thought it might be something you might want to check out. Thank you again.

Connie Bearden

My Dear Chris,

How fun was that? Thank you. I came home exhausted but with so many memories of beautiful views of Seattle, Chihuly glass works, breathtaking Tulips, the coastal towns and not to mention all the new beautiful people I met along the way. I had so much fun with this tribe. Life is good! God Bless Washington, she is beautiful isn't she? See you in December! Sincerely,

Carolyn Keaton

Dear Sports Leisure –

I have traveled with you any number of times, but this was the best day trip ever. What a great bus and driver we had. But my happiness didn't stop there. **Maureen** and **Tyler** made the experience smoother than any trip I have taken and I noticed that they were wonderful with the woman who had a walker. And they took such good care of me. I was overwhelmed. Now my companion and I are really looking forward to the Monet show. Many thanks.

Joan Vondracek

Dear Ms. Goodge,

Thank you for your generous donation of

\$175, to support the activities and programs of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. The Boosters of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park (BOOT) is a public charity founded in 1978 which supports educational and interpretive programs in Old Town. Our volunteer board and members work closely with the park's professional historians, curators, and interpreters to bring San Diego's history alive. I have shared your kind and thoughtful letter with the BOOT board and I know they are as happy as I am to hear about the tour you enjoyed. Sincerely,

Susan M Hector, Ph.D.

BOOT Board Member, Grants/Membership

Hi Chris,

I'm back in Maine :- (and at work :- (. I want to tell you just how much I enjoyed the experience of the Mission III trip. I enjoyed it all very much and I learned a lot. I knew that I would learn something different with each mission, but on the side trip to the olive company I learned the most. That was an unexpected delight. The chocolate company was fun, too.

Thanks, Chris for a very enjoyable time. This was the first trip I've been on like this. I've been on day trips (from southern Maine, New York City is a day or two trip by bus) but not as an involved trip like this. This one had many moving parts and I know it took some coordination to make it all work smoothly. And Don was a dream bus driver. He certainly earned his bonus! Thanks again,

Robin Perry

If you have a comment, suggestion or tour idea, we invite you to drop us a line. Due to space limitations, not all letters can be printed (others may be edited). Mail to:

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The Barber Pole, or Once Over Lightly

News and Information of importance to Sports Leisure Travelers

Note: The title of this column comes from an old friend. **Bill Conlin** was once the sports editor of the Sacramento Union (and also The Bee during his career). Bill used this phrase to indicate a column full of various topics, some of them the type of material for discussion in a old-time barber shop.

Hamilton Update

Over 1,000 **Sports Leisure Travelers** have seen or are signed up to see **Hamilton**. The show is going strong in San Francisco and has already been extended into next year. The ticket prices have also dropped slightly, reducing the cost of attending the show starting in September. Check the day trips section for available dates. If the date you want is full, put your name on the list and we will call you when the next set of dates opens. Right now, we have September and October performances available.

Holiday Tour Space Already Limited

If you'd like to travel with us during the holiday season (November/December), **please** consider making your reservations soon. Only limited space remains and a number of trips are sold out. **Tip:** If you really want to go and are told your trip is sold out, consider placing your name on the wait list. A recent tabulation shows about 80% of the people on a waiting list ultimately get the chance to go on the trip. Putting your name on the list does not obligate you in any way.

A Reminder About NOT Sharing Our Pick-up Points

We rely on the kindness of local businesses to allow us to pick-up in their parking areas. We **ALWAYS** ask permission. Frequently, when the "permission" person moves on, we find ourselves asked to leave also. Or, as more and more groups start using the same pick-up point, almost always **WITHOUT** permission, eventually, the location becomes

overwhelmed with cars (think South Hills Shopping Center) because of these other groups and we are asked to leave.

Sooooo... if you value your favorite **Sports Leisure** pick-up point, we ask you **not** to suggest it to other groups. Good parking spots are increasingly hard to find. Please don't give away our spots to others. Thank you.

"But I Think it Smells WONDERFUL, Don't You?"

The honest answer in many cases is no, it doesn't smell good to me. When we are traveling together in close quarters (on the bus, planes, trains, etc.), scents and smells become more obvious. Everyone has smells they like, smells they don't. But some folks have serious allergies to these scents/perfumes. Increasingly, travelers are using "essential oils" on their skin. Again, these may be fine for you (some essential oils don't even have a scent) but not so ok for someone else in the group.

So what should you do? The best practice for individuals when traveling in a group is to avoid wearing scents/perfumes/oils, as a courtesy to others. Even when you aren't traveling with a group on a plane, for example, you could be putting someone in harm's way without meaning to, because the plane contains dozens/hundreds who could be exposed.

If you are on a **Sports Leisure** tour and the Tour Director notices an intensive scent, we reserve the right to ask you to remove it, or remain at the hotel for the day. Many situations when you travel are common sense/courtesy. This would seem to fit into that category.

TSA Pre-Check... Never Guaranteed, Bring your Number

Recently, at the airport, a traveler noticed their TSA Pre-Check number was not on her boarding pass. "That's never happened before," she exclaimed. The Tour Director then explained technology sometimes fails us and how it would be a great idea to have your Pre-Check number with you, so

you can manually add your number at the ticket counter. Write your TSA number in large letters on a piece of paper, then take a picture of the paper with your phone and you will always have your Pre-Check number with you.

This Just In...

The newsletter was headed to the printer as we finalized our season picks for **The Gallo Center**.

Reservations are now being accepted for the following entertainment events. All trips include orchestra or parterre seating, dinner or lunch prior to the show, motor coach transportation and the services of a **Sports Leisure** tour director.

Legendary Country Music Stars:

The Gatlin Brothers
September 15 – 8pm \$174

Ventriloquist and Comedian Extraordinaire Terry Fato
November 16 – 7:30pm \$202

Holiday music with Mannheim Steamroller
November 30 – 2pm \$199

A Tribute to Karen and Richard: The Music of the Carpenters
January 30 – 7:30pm \$174

Escape to Margaritaville: A hilarious and heartwarming musical featuring the best of Jimmy Buffet's music
February 13 – 7pm \$185

REMEMBER MEAL CHOICES

When you receive your Final Tour Notes for a trip, check to see if a meal choice is needed. Take a moment while it's top of mind and make your selection(s) by email or with your payment. For day trips use, **res@sportsleisure.com**. For extended trips, use the email provided. Tracking down those who don't respond, takes a tremendous amount of effort. Let's all agree to work together and keep life simple. Thank you!



Rites of Passage

Some of the most poignant moments I spend as a veterinarian are those spent with my clients assisting the transition of my animal patients from this world to the next. When living becomes a burden, whether from pain or loss of normal functions, I can help a family by ensuring that their beloved pet has an easy passing. Making this final decision is painful, and I have often felt powerless to comfort the grieving owners. That was before I met Shane.

I had been called to examine Belker, a ten-year-old blue heeler who had developed a serious health problem. The dog's owners -- Ron, his wife, Lisa, and their little boy, Shane, were all very attached to Belker and they were hoping for a miracle. I examined Belker and found he was dying of cancer.

I told the family there were no miracles left for Belker, and offered to perform the euthanasia procedure for the old dog in their home. As we made arrangements, Ron and Lisa told me they thought it would be good for the four-year-old Shane to observe the procedure. They felt Shane could learn something from the experience.

The next day, I felt the familiar catch in my throat as Belker's family surrounded him. Shane seemed so calm, petting the old dog for the last time, I wondered if he understood what was going on.

Within a few minutes, Belker slipped peacefully away. The little boy seemed to accept Belker's transition without any difficulty or confusion. We sat together for a while after Belker's death, wondering aloud about the sad fact that animal lives are shorter than human lives.

Shane, who had been listening quietly, piped up, "I know why."

Startled, we all turned to him. What came out of his mouth next stunned me -- I'd never heard a more comforting explanation.

He said, "Everybody is born so that they can learn how to live a good life, like loving everybody and being nice, right?" The four-year-old continued, "well, animals already know how to do that, so they don't have to stay as long."

Disorder in the Court

Things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

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ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

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ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

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ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

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ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

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ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral.

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ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

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And last:

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

Things to Ponder

- If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?
- Why do we press harder on the remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?
- What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
- Why do we drive on parkways & park on driveways?
- Why do "fat chance" & "Slim chance" mean the same thing?
- At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
- When does it stop being partly cloudy and start being partly sunny?
- When French people swear do they say "Pardon my English?"

Friends We've Lost

We say our last goodbyes to our traveling friends...

Wayne Hippenstiel

Martha Lewis

Barbara Kleespie

Joy Bowles

Gary Pylman

Godspeed

Day Trips & Theatre Outings

Get on Board

Getting around San Francisco II

Thursday, July 11

Join our local guide Craig Smith, for a day of *getting around San Francisco*. We'll begin the adventure with a ride on the California line cable car followed by a visit to the Cable Car Museum. Take a travel break for included lunch at Pompei's Restaurant after dining board one of the vintage streetcars on the F Line to the Muni Museum. Then listen for the "now boarding" for the Vallejo Ferry. Sail across the Bay where our own motorcoach waits to return us to Sacramento. Be advised this is an active walking, up, down, off, and on coach, ferry, cable car, and trolley. Wear sturdy and comfortable shoes! (Limited to 30 people.) **\$164**

Harry Potter

In concert with the SF Symphony

Sunday, August 11

The Harry Potter Film Concert Series returns to Davies Symphony Hall with **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban** in concert. The Film Concert series allows audiences around the world to experience each full film from one of the most beloved series in history, projected in High Definition onto the big screen, with a live symphony orchestra performing music from the film live

to picture. Come with **Sports Leisure** and enjoy an afternoon with Harry Potter, other excited Muggle fans and the San Francisco Symphony at the beautiful Davies Symphony Hall. This trip includes a boxed snack lunch served onboard the coach on the way to San Francisco, 1pm concert with First Tier seating, (Elevator accessible) and dinner on your own at Pier 39 after the concert. **\$167**

The Play That Goes Wrong

At the Golden Gate Theatre

Saturday, August 17 or

Sunday, August 18

Broadways' funniest smash hit is creating laughter all across the nation. The action begins before the curtain has even been raised, as the audience is present while the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society prepare to stage their new production – the 1920s murder mystery 'Murder at Haversham Manor'. However the set is not yet complete and there is no time to finish it off... the show must go on! With a murder (and a moving corpse) established from the beginning, the murder mystery gets into full flow. However, the props start to disappear, actors go missing and the set begins to collapse around, and often on, the cast. Mayhem ensues, the acting gets worse, and the set becomes increasingly dangerous, but

the company struggle on regardless. The question is whether any of the cast and crew will remain standing, or conscious, by the final curtain. Both trips will include lunch on your own at Fisherman's Wharf, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee with return to Sacramento following the show. **\$168**

Floating Homes and The Spinnaker in Sausalito

2 Bay Area Favorites

Wednesday, August 28



Enjoy a summer day in Sausalito with a tour of the floating homes colony followed by lunch at popular Spinnaker Restaurant overlooking San Francisco Bay. Recognized as one of largest communities of "house boats" in the world, no two are the same. Designed to suit the individual homeowner, each has its own unique style, plan, and interior design. With resident owners as our guides, the private tour provides opportunity to question how, why, and what it is like to live *floating on the water*. Following the morning tour, savor an included two-course luncheon at The Spinnaker Restaurant with its scenic location and stunning views of San Francisco, bridges, and Bay. After lunch enjoy some free time to browse, shop, or relax in the charm of this picturesque village.

Baseball Trips

Giants Day Trips

Giants trips are round trip to the ballpark in SF. All trips include refreshments on board in both directions. Please note: We do not allow "carry-on" liquor on our trips. Limited quantities on complimentary beer/wine are offered upon departing the park on the return trip. Because we purchase tickets for games before the season starts, cancellation charges are different for baseball games. Please inquire at time of booking.

San Francisco Giants

Sun., July 7	vs. St. Louis Cardinals	1:05pm	\$156
Sun., July 21	vs. New York Mets	1:05pm	\$156
Wed., July 24	vs. Chicago Cubs	12:45pm	\$181
Wed., Aug. 7	vs. Washington Nationals	12:45pm	\$156
Wed., Aug. 14	vs. Oakland A's	12:45pm	\$156
Sun., Sept. 29	vs. Los Angeles Dodgers	12:05pm	\$181

Tickets for Giants games are located in section 128, on the lower level, rows 31-35, on the third base side, three sections past third base.

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Be advised that touring the houseboats involves, docks, ramps, steep stairs, and narrow walkways. Wear comfortable and appropriate shoes. **\$178**

Anastasia, A Musical

At the Golden Gate Theatre

**Wednesday, September 4 or
Saturday, September 7**

Since the twilight of the Russian Empire to modern times, the question of whether or not any member(s) of Tsar Nicholas II family managed to escape alive has never really been answered. Rumors and speculations swirl that one daughter, the Grand Duchess Anastasia Nikolaevna Romanov escaped to Paris and lived out her life in secret in Europe. This musical, with opulent settings, dazzling costumes and soaring scores is based on the 1997 movie, *Anastasia*, where she spent her life trying to remember her past and family; and then prove to the world she was the genuine Grand Duchess. Come join **Sports Leisure Vacations** and perhaps decide for yourself whether to believe in the rumors or science.

Our Wednesday trip includes a snack box served on the coach, orchestra seating at the 2pm matinee, and dinner on your own at Pier 39 following the show. Return to Sacramento after dinner. Our Saturday trip will include lunch on your own at Fisherman's Wharf, orchestra seating for the 2pm matinee with the return to Sacramento following the show.

Wednesday \$180 or Saturday \$199

Hamilton

At the Orpheum Theatre

Wednesday, September 11

Lin-Manuel Miranda's story of 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, is fascinating. 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 been able to secure additional dates. We anticipate more seats to be offered to groups later in the fall and encourage you to

join us on September 11 or add your name to our waitlist. The Wednesday matinee includes a snack box on board the coach, orchestra seating at the 1pm matinee, followed by dinner on your own at Pier 39. **\$305**

The USS Potomac

A cruise on the Oakland Bay

Thursday, Sept. 19

Spend two hours on the Bay with a cruise on the historic *USS Potomac*, President FDR's "Floating White House". This vessel was modified to accommodate the President's physical limitations and once hosted European heads of state. A late lunch is included at Kincaid's following the cruise. **\$171**

Treasure Island & The Exposition

Tuesday, September 24

The Golden Gate International Exposition at Treasure Island (1939-1940) was a celebration of the newly built Golden Gate and San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridges. Created for the World's Fair they are now recognized world-wide and continue to make the Bay Area a favorite destination for travelers. With Craig Smith as guide, tour and learn its history, transition from a World's Fair to historic Naval Base, current inhabitants, future plans, and the magnificent views from the "Island in the Bay." A three-course lunch is included at the U.S. Job Corp Culinary Training Center. Now located on Treasure Island, it provides an opportunity for young and interested students to pursue a career in culinary arts under the guidance of professional chefs. **\$123**

Romeo & Juliet

San Francisco Opera House

Sunday, September 29

Possibly the most famous love story in the world, "Romeo and Juliet" comes to life in a new production and beautiful score by composer Charles Gounod. Sung in French with English supertitles, experience this most epic tale of romance as only opera can provide. Your choice of seating is the side sections of the Orchestra or Dress Circle of the first balcony for the matinee

performance. Be advised that Dress Circle requires use of steep stairs to reach with no availability of handrails. A stop is included at Fisherman's Wharf for no-host lunch prior to the 2pm matinee. **Orchestra – \$184 / Dress Circle – \$196**

Italian for a Day

"Little Italy" in San Francisco

Tuesday, October 1

Some historians have said no other immigrant group has come to personify the spirit and flavor of San Francisco more than the Italians. With Craig Smith as guide, explore this colorful neighborhood known as "Little Italy." This walking tour includes history of some of the families who have grown up there (DiMaggio sound familiar?), sights and stops at the well known and recognized churches, cafes, nightclubs, public art, and shrines. Lunch is included at the Original Joes on Washington Square in the heart of the North Beach area. Enjoy being "Italian for a Day" with no passport required. **Please note this is a walking tour with some stairs and uneven walkways.** **\$161**

Georgia O'Keeffe in Reno

Nevada Museum of Art

Thursday, October 3

Best known for her large floral paintings and New Mexico landscapes, Georgia O'Keeffe is an icon of American artists and her work recognized worldwide for its drama, color, and boldness. Referred to as the mother of American modernism, "*Georgia O'Keeffe: Living Modern*" expands understanding of O'Keeffe in an eclectic exhibit of key paintings, her wardrobe, and photographs of herself and her homes by husband Alfred Stieglitz, Ansel Adams, Yousuf Karsh, Cecil Beaton, and Andy Warhol, and others. Organized by the Brooklyn Museum, the Nevada Museum of Art is the only venue in the western United States to host the show. A docent tour is provided for the exhibit followed by free time to peruse the museum on your own. Before the afternoon visit, enjoy included traditional family style lunch at Louis Basque Restaurant in downtown Reno. **\$130**

Fall in the Sierra

Featuring one of our favorite road trips

Friday, October 11

Enjoy the beautiful fall scenery as we drive along picturesque Highway 88 through Hope Valley, looking for the shimmering aspens. Lunch is included at JT's Basque Restaurant, a Gardnerville landmark; then drive home along Highway 50 and the American River, passing through the Tahoe Basin, in hopes of sneaking a peak at some fall color along the way. **\$125**

Fleet Day on the Bay

Sunday, October 13

Enjoy a patriotic and special Sunday with scenic cruise and sumptuous champagne buffet aboard Hornblowers' *San Francisco Belle* in celebration of Fleet Day in San Francisco. The two hour cruise is timed to be on the bay during the performance of the thrilling U.S. Navy's Blue Angels acrobatic air team. Always spectacular, a memorable day and way to recognize and honor our military and their service. Please be advised we cannot be responsible for any change in the Fleet Week schedule due to weather or other circumstances including the performance of the Blue Angels. **\$190**

A Day at the Races

Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley

Friday, October 18

The always popular Day at the Races includes a delicious multi-course buffet lunch and finish line seating in the enclosed Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields. Enjoy the races from your comfortable table overlooking the track, television monitors for a close-up view, and betting windows conveniently near-by. The trip is timed for arrival before the first race and departure for Sacramento after the last race of the day. **\$147**

There's Gold in them ther' Hills!

Apple gold that is

Wednesday October 23

Join us for a fun day exploring food and crafts booths at High Hill Ranch. The day will also include a visit to one other Apple Hill location. We will have time to browse

the booths at High Hill and enjoy a delicious BBQ picnic-style lunch including a piece of their delicious apple pie! There are so many varieties of apples available at Apple Hill that it will make your heads bob. **\$110**

James Tissot: Fashion and Faith

Legion of Honor in San Francisco

Tuesday, October 29

The first major presentation of French artist James Tissot in over twenty years debuts at the Legion of Honor in celebration of Franco-American relations. Co-organized with the Musees d'Orsay and l'Orangerie of Paris, approximately 60 paintings with additional works on paper and cloisonné enamels reveal Tissot's ebullient and complex artistry and a memorable commentary of nineteenth century society, fashion, and politics. The audio guide is included for the exhibit. There will be an option to shuttle to the de Young Museum in the afternoon. Lunch is on your own at the museum cafes. **\$109**

Follow the Seagulls in San Francisco

Scenic 49-Mile Tour

Wednesday, November 6

Originally designed to highlight sights to visitors for the 1939 Golden Gate Expo, these iconic blue seagull signs remain throughout the neighborhoods of San Francisco. Leave the driving to us and enjoy a nostalgic ride around the city and along The Great Highway with our resident guide Craig Smith providing entertaining and informative narration about local history. Lunch is included at the Beach Chalet in Golden Park overlooking the Pacific Ocean. A wonderful way to enjoy a fall day. **\$139**

Holiday Sweets and Goodies

Featuring local holiday shopping

Monday, November 25 OR

Tuesday, November 26

A **Sports Leisure** favorite, this trip finds you once again traveling down into the heart of the Valley for a visit to the source of our holiday goodies. In Modesto, participate in an olive oil tasting at Sciabica's, producers of cold pressed oils since 1936. A buffet

lunch is included at the Hilmar Cheese Co-Op; a farmer owned and operated business. The shopping at Hilmar is fabulous. The final stop of the day finds you in greenhouses filled with blooming poinsettias. There will be time for picking up sweets and goodies all along the way throughout the day. **\$137**

Thanksgiving at the National Hotel in Jackson

Thursday, November 28

This will be our 4th year going to Jackson for an early Thanksgiving dinner at the National Hotel. Chef Chuck will have all the traditional Thanksgiving provisions. The buffet menu includes carved turkey and roast beef, poached salmon and all the trimmings and so much more! This year, prior to the Thanksgiving feast, we will be entertained by the folks at Baker Street West. ("It will be elementary, my dear Watson!") The coach will return to Sacramento between 4 and 5pm – hey, you can still make dinner at your in-laws! Why dine alone or be exhausted from all that cooking and entertaining?? Come to Jackson with us. **\$153**

The Great American Trailer Park Christmas Musical

East Sonora Theatre

Saturday, November 30 OR

Saturday, December 7

**NEW DATE
ADDED**

It's holiday time down in Armadillo Acres (North Florida's premier mobile-living community), and everyone's filled with warmth and beer. When a freak bout of amnesia strikes the trailer park Scrooge, neighborly love is put to the test. Join us for an afternoon of fun and laughter. Lunch is included prior to the matinee performance at the City Hotel in Columbia. **\$152**

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



On a regular basis, we fill a page with potential destinations and ask you to place your name on a trip-specific **Priority Notification List**. We tabulate those responses and then make decisions on which trips we will offer. We ask that you only put your name on a list where you have **genuine** interest in visiting the destination. Putting your name on a **Priority Notification List** does not commit you to anything. It simply shows us your interest. When the trip is announced, we make every effort to notify those on the list before the tour is announced to the rest of the Travel Club.

Nebraska: It's Cranes, Chickens and Cather

Honestly, It's not for everyone

4 Days • March 30 – April 2, 2020

Fly directly into Kearney, home to one of the largest populations of migratory Sandhill Cranes. Travel out to the Platte River to witness over 250,000 cranes settling for the night on the river; and early morning take off. Talk about the noise! It is amazing! Did I mention early morning? How about getting up before the roosters to traverse the prairie in search of the dancing Prairie Chickens? **Ramona** says these early mornings and somewhat rustic conditions may not be for everyone. However, there is other fun to be had along the way... visit the hometowns of our childhood drink "KoolAid"; and of Willa Cather, award-winning author of American classics such as *O'Pioneers!*, *My Antonia*, and *The Song of the Lark*. Who knows, we may even bump into Bigfoot's prairie cousin. You just never know who or what you'll find out in Nebraska.

The NEW Fixin' Up Texas

This new itinerary gives you Chip and Jo, two presidents, a lot of bats and a little bull

6 Days • April 16-21

Fly to the Capital City of Austin for two nights where you'll visit the LBJ Presidential Library, Lady Bird's Wildflower Center, the Texas State Capitol and meet the largest urban bat colony in the world. On to College Station and the campus of Texas A&M

University, site of the George H.W. Bush Library for an exploration of his presidential legacy. Your next stop is Waco, also known as the town Chip and Jo built... or are at least fixing up one building at a time. During a 2-night stay you'll see some of their fixer uppers, and visit the Silos Complex including Magnolia and the Silos Baking Company. Cupcake, anyone? You'll also meet Waco's other famous son – Dr. Pepper – with a tour of the soft drink's first bottling plant-turned-museum. Your vacation ends with a quick stop at the Ft. Worth Stockyards for a farewell steak luncheon and a chance to watch the cowboys drive the Longhorns down Exchange Avenue. Prices available soon.

Virginia: Pathways of Patriots

Explore the Commonwealth that has been at the center of US history, military and politics since the dawn of this great nation

7 Days • April 27 – May 3

The first English settlement in the New World was established by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1585 in a land he named to honor his *virgin* Queen Elizabeth. Eight of our nation's 45 presidents hail from Virginia. The District of Columbia was once located on land ceded by Virginia, and the Commonwealth also hosted the Confederate States government during a short, but monumental time in US history. Virginia has long been the seat of the American Navy... the list goes on and on, giving you just a hint of the importance of this great place! Visit Manassas (called Bull Run by the Union, this was the location of the first major battle of the Civil War), Quantico (site of the Marine Corps University – Ooorah!), Richmond (Thomas Jefferson-designed Statehouse, Museum of the Confederacy, Confederate White House) and Williamsburg (Virginia's Colonial Capital frozen in time). Then on to Norfolk for the Virginia Arts Festival, including their premier event, the Virginia International Tattoo – an extraordinary performance employing military bands, color guards and dancers from around the globe, but with a decidedly Scottish flair. Prices available soon.

Progressive Portland with a Vintage Trailer Twist

3 Days • Spring 2020 or Late Fall

Have you ever wanted to spend just one more night camping, but with full luxury? Join us as we trek to the Willamette Valley and nearby Portland, Oregon. Enjoy a nostalgic night at the Vintages Trailer Resort, where you will stay in a fully restored camping trailer. All of these campers have fixed beds, full bathrooms and showers, so it's really more *glamping* than camping. The next day we will set off to explore a world class Aviation Museum, and some wine tasting in Oregon's famous wine growing region. Then we head over to sample some of the unique tastes of Portland including fine dining, farmers' markets and food pods. Place your name on the **Priority Notification List** today and then we will get working on setting dates and final itinerary.

Newfoundland

For the traveler, not the tourist

10-12 Days • Summer 2020

"The traveler sees what he sees. The tourist sees what he has come to see" – G.K. Chesterton

Newfoundland is a vast and varied land...a place of land and sea. It is a place asking for you to come with your eyes wide open, not to see big shiny places but to take in the small, and colorful. From the deep fjords of Gros Morne National Park, to standing on the desolate yet vibrant tablelands, to gazing out into the sea... Newfoundland begs us to look deeper, to listen to the music of the people, to feel the wind. The province is nearly the size of California, with each region distinct. **Ramona** is still working up the itinerary...you can be sure it will be filled with nature, great food and a little fun with the locals. Join her in experiencing the famous hospitality of "The Rock."

Put your name on a Priority Notification List today if you are interested.

New Vacations & Getaways

Ice Magic Festival in the Canadian Rockies

Featuring three nights at the Chateau Lake Louise and Banff National Park

6 Days • January 15-20

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1. Fly to Calgary via Seattle, arriving early afternoon. Lunch is hosted before traveling into the Rockies and Canada's first national park, Banff. In 1883, three railway workers discovered a natural hot spring, and from there the park was born. Nowadays, Banff is one of the world's premiere destinations with unparalleled majestic mountain scenery. In Banff National Park you feel truly immersed in nature. Your accommodations are at the iconic **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise – 3 nights (L)**

2-3. Over the next two days experience Lake Louise at its winter finest during the Ice Magic Festival. Watch in amazement as internationally renowned professional ice carvers have 34 hours to work sculpting towering one-of-a-kind works of art from imposing blocks of solid ice on the shores of Lake Louise. With each ice block weighing a daunting 300lbs, this exceptional art form involves grueling physical labor in a delicate balancing act with precision artistry. Other attractions include an old-fashioned horse drawn sleigh ride along the Lake Louise shore (Dashing through the snow, anyone?) Travel through the forest with a dog sled team, an incredible ride one you will not forget any time soon. **(2FB)**

4. Depart Lake Louise for the town of Banff. Today you have a guided tour around town. Sit back and relax in a 4-passenger, glass enclosed gondola. Marvel at the unsurpassed view of Banff, the Bow Valley and a 360-degree view of six scenic mountain ranges. You will feel like you're on top of the world, when you are standing on the spacious main level observation deck. Check into your hotel located in the middle of town in the late afternoon. **Banff Park Lodge – 2 nights (FB)**

5. During our last day in this winter wonderland you will have a free day to visit local museums, shop or perhaps take a dip in the hot springs. We will gather tonight for a hosted dinner at a favorite eatery. **(FB,D)**

6. After breakfast travel back to Calgary for your flight home. **(FB)**. 3150/3550 Gold Passport Points

Note: Be prepared for cold weather.

Average daytime high is 22 degrees

\$3125 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3540 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Oregon Chocolate Festival

The Sweetest Weekend Ever

3 Days • March 6-8

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★ Highlights ★

- Taste your way through the Oregon Chocolate Festival
- Explore the charming town of Ashland
- Stay at the charming and conveniently located Plaza Inn
- Optional performance by the Oregon Shakespeare Festival
- Shop for your favorite treats at Harry & David's Country Village
- Door to door service
- Deluxe motorcoach service
- 6 meals: 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- 800/900 Gold Passport Points

The Oregon Chocolate Festival is turning *Sweet Sixteen* in 2020 and we're going to help them celebrate by taking you on *the sweetest weekend ever!* Purveyors and

makers of all things chocolate gather in Ashland for their annual Chocolate Festival weekend. While there is some serious competition going on between the artisans for the various "Best In" product categories, there is also some serious confection shopping to be done by you! Browse and sample to your chocolate-loving heart's delight at the various booths showcasing every kind of chocolate confection imaginable!

We will attend the very elegantly presented Chocolate Maker's Dinner on Friday night where the Chef will cleverly include something chocolate in each of the three courses he prepares. A carefully selected wine is paired with each course. If a fancy-schmancy three course dinner is not your thing, this year you can opt out (Please advise at time of booking to receive \$65 credit). There are a variety of restaurants in downtown Ashland for you to choose from if you opt out of the fabulous dinner. A visit to Harry & David Country Village in Medford and a stop at Granzella's in Williams is also included.

Yes, Ashland is home to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and though it is their off-season, they will be offering an (indoor) play or two. If you are interested in seeing a play on Saturday night there will be an additional cost. We will have show and pricing information in late October.

\$755 p.p./dbl.occ., \$875 single

The Colorful Carolina Coast

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Meander the beautiful Southern Atlantic coastline from Norfolk to Jacksonville

10 Days • March 24 – April 2

★ Highlights ★

- Visit North Carolina's Outer Banks, Kitty Hawk, New Bern and the *USS North Carolina*
- See South Carolina's Myrtle Beach, Brookgreen Gardens, Charleston and Ft. Sumter
- Enjoy Georgia's first city, Savannah, and historic Jekyll Island
- 2-night stays oceanfront on Myrtle Beach



Dog Sledding at Lake Louise, Banff, Alberta

and in Charleston and Savannah's Historic Districts

- Overnights in Norfolk, the Outer Banks and New Bern
- 17 meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip air to Norfolk/from Jacksonville
- 4300/4850 Gold Passport Points

1. Travel east to Norfolk, Virginia, your gateway to the colorful Carolina coast.

DoubleTree Hotel, Norfolk Airport

2. Drive along one of America's most unique and scenic geological features, the Outer Banks. Your stops include the birthplace of flight, Kitty Hawk National Monument, and the great Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. **Breakwater Inn (FB,L,D)**

3. Two ferries through Pamlico Sound highlight this day of travel which includes lunch served on tiny Ocracoke Island, once the pirate Blackbeard's secret hideaway. Rest well in historic New Bern, Carolina's Royal Capital City and birthplace of Pepsi Cola. **Courtyard by Marriott (CB,L)**

4-5. Say hello to Wilmington, North Carolina's principal port, with a visit to the battleship *USS North Carolina* for a tour and lunch. Myrtle Beach awaits where your home is an oceanfront condominium with a million dollar view. A lazy day on the beach, dinner and a live musical revue at the Alabama Theatre, the Strand's most popular showplace, are on tap for the second day.

Beach Cove Resort – 2 nights (FB,L,D)

6. Brookgreen Gardens, the nation's largest outdoor sculpture display, is your host for a beautiful morning. Continue south to Charleston for a harbor cruise to Fort Sumter National Monument where the first shots of the Civil War were fired in 1861. You're hotel is on the city's most famous and fashionable street. **Meeting Street Inn – 2 nights (L)**

7. Begin the day with a city tour by horse and carriage. Following you'll have free time to join your Tour Director for a stroll to the Battery, take in a museum, shop the City Market or repose in your historic accommodations! **(CB,D)**

8. Next you're off to the shining city of Savannah. In the evening, a mouth-watering dinner served riverfront in one

of the youngest colony's oldest buildings.

DoubleTree Hotel Historic District – 2 nights (CB,D)

9. A morning trolley tour passes sites related to Savannah's rich past and present. You'll even hop out at a few. Later in the afternoon, feast to your heart's content at a traditional "Low Country Boil" dinner served

with libations on Tybee Island, Savannah's beach. **(FB,D)**

10. Depart for Jekyll Island, hideaway of the rich and famous a century ago. Dine in the historic Millionaire's Village, then head to Jacksonville for your return flight to Sacramento. **(FB,L)**

\$4260 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4820 single

ACTIVITY METER



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

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

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

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

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

E Energetic – A tour with an accent on opportunities for walking and other physical activities. Many overseas tours would fit in this category. Long plane flights, perhaps standing or walking longer distances. You might have to climb into a 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.

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

The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

Canada Coast to Coast

Our signature rail adventure from the Atlanta to the Pacific returns this summer!



11 Days • August 16-26

★ Highlights ★

- Travel aboard VIA Rail almost 6000 miles from the Atlantic to the Pacific
- 2 nights in Halifax; overnights in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver
- Tour Halifax and scenic Peggy's Cove
- See Montreal's Old Town and stunning Notre Dame Cathedral
- Dine high above Toronto at the CN Tower
- Visit Vancouver's Granville Island and Stanley Park
- 22 meals: 8 full breakfasts, 7 lunches, 7 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Halifax/from Vancouver
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 7400/8100 Gold Passport Points

1. Fly to Halifax on Delta Airlines. Four time zones and nearly 4000 miles away, you'll be more than ready for your peaceful, historic accommodations upon arrival. Best of all, the hotel adjoins the train station! **Westin Nova Scotian – 2 nights**

Nova Scotian – 2 nights

2. Sleep late (you'll need it after yesterday's long day of travel), then tour Nova Scotia's Capital City in the afternoon starting with lunch. In the evening enjoy a walk along the waterfront, home to museums, shops and restaurants specializing in fresh North Atlantic seafood. Lobster anyone? **(FB,L)**

3. Tour peaceful Peggy's Cove before boarding VIA's *Ocean* as your rail adventure begins. You'll spend one night and have three meals onboard. **Ocean (FB,L,D)**

4. Arrive Montreal mid-morning and embark on a city tour to include the stunning Notre Dame Basilica and lunch. Once again, your hotel conveniently adjoins the station. **Fairmont Queen Elizabeth (FB,L)**

Fairmont Queen Elizabeth (FB,L)

5. It only takes about five hours to train from Montreal to Toronto where you'll spend your next night including dinner served high above the city at the stunning CN Tower. Does your hotel adjoin the station? You bet! **Fairmont Royal York (FB,D)**

Fairmont Royal York (FB,D)

6-9. *The Canadian* departs Toronto around 9:00am. You'll spend four full days and nights riding the rails across the billowing plains and dramatic mountain ranges of central and western Canada. Twelve meals are included, along with exemplary sightseeing from any of the domed observation cars. From the billowing plains to the majesty of the Rocky Mountains, the scenery is simply amazing. **The Canadian (3FB,4L,4D)**

10. The train is scheduled to arrive in Vancouver at 8am... which it seldom does. So we've built in an extra day to provide necessary flexibility. On a city tour explore this great West Coast city including visits to Stanley Park and Granville Island. **Fairmont Vancouver Airport (FB,D)**

11. Air Canada now operates one non-stop per day between Vancouver and Sacramento, and you'll be on it departing around 10am.

\$7380 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8085 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!

Olympia Harbor Days and Mount Rainier



Tacoma, southern Puget Sound, and Mt. Rainier – one of last year's highest rated tours, a real sleeper

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

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

1 seat remains at press time

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Dream In' of Santa Cruz

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 great amenities are sure to delight you.

The Santa Cruz Follies has been entertaining folks 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, coach 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

Rails Around Colorado

3 scenic train rides during fall foliage



7 Days • September 21-27

★ Highlights ★

- 3 scenic trains: Royal Gorge, Cumbres & Toltec, Durango & Silverton
- Royal Gorge Bridge and Park
- Explore the San Juan Mountains In a jeep
- Fly above Telluride on a gondola ride
- Historic guided walking tour of Telluride
- 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 5 lunches
- Roundtrip airfare to Denver/from Durango
- Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
- 3800/4300 Gold Passport Points

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

4 seats remain at press time



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
 - Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
 - 2750/3150 Gold Passport Points
- \$2735 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3120 single**
6 seats remain at press time

“Meet Me at the Fair...”

A Mystery Tour

6 Days • September 21-26



Mark returned from his scouting trip for this tour, and gives the itinerary two thumbs up! Actually, we are attending two different fairs/festivals on this itinerary. One is very, very exclusive. A clue: it involves fancy food and beverages. In between, there's a visit to an island. But one question about the island remains. Is the island in a river or is it in the ocean? Or along a waterfront somewhere? Hmm. Figuring out that clue would surely help you know more about the destination. Is the island across the country or down the block?

People ask all the time, “How do the travelers know what to pack?” Well, of course we give you some climate information, and a few clues that might help the sleuths in the group to figure it out. It's all about the wonder of discovery, and finding something cool, different and VERY exclusive. Meet us at the fair(s)... Airfare, 10 meals and 3200/3700 Gold Passport Points are included.

\$3170 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3675 single
2 seats available at press time

Old Man River

A leisurely ramble along the Great River Road from St. Paul to St. Louis

8 Days • October 11-18



★ Highlights ★

- Visit and sleep in five states!
- 2 nights in Dubuque and Hannibal
- Overnights in Egan, La Crosse and Rock Island

- Tour Minnesota's Mill City and Watkins Company Museums
 - See Iowa's Effigy Mounds, Pike's Peak and Field of Dreams
 - Visit Illinois' John Deere Pavilion and Nauvoo
 - Explore Missouri's Hannibal and Gateway Arch Complex
 - 16 meals – Daily breakfast, 7 lunches (including a luncheon cruise aboard the *Celebration Belle*), 2 dinners
 - Door-to-door service
 - Roundtrip airfare to Minneapolis/St. Paul/ from St. Louis
 - 3100/3400 Gold Passport Points
- \$3090 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3395 single**

Magnificent Mammoth in Autumn

Featuring Tioga Pass and Bodie State Historical Park



4 Days • October 14-17

1. Travel across one of the most breathtaking roads in California. With awe-inspiring scenery and dramatic views of the Sierra Nevada, the Tioga Pass Road through Yosemite is a spectacular drive. Arrive Mammoth Lakes late afternoon and check in to the Lodge. **Mammoth Mountain Inn – 3 nights (L)**

2.-3. Explore the Eastern Sierra these next two days, learning more about the geology and people who call this area home. Activities include a visit to Mono Lake

and a drive around the June Lake Loop taking in the beautiful colors of autumn. A visit to Bodie State Park, a historic gold mining town preserved in “arrested decay” is a fantastic drive and interesting day. From Mammoth Mountain to the Village and lakes, you experience the beauty that is fall in the sierra. Please note that all activities are subject to weather and road conditions; and, October is a transitional month with businesses preparing for winter activities. **(2FB,2L,D)**

4. Continue north on Hwy. 395 along the base of the Sierra Nevada stopping in the Carson Valley for a Basque lunch at JT's. Continue on Hwy. 50, enjoying the views of Lake Tahoe and the autumn color along the American River. Return to Sacramento in the late afternoon. **(FB,L)**

Please note that this trip travels **over roads above 9000'** and that the hotel is located at **9000'**. Many sleeping rooms are accessible only by stairs. **This trip is not recommended for those with heart or respiratory conditions.**

This mountain vacation includes door-to-door service, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 8 meals (3FB,4L,1D), all tours and attractions listed, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1300/1450 Gold Passport Points

\$1295 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1435 single



Travel the roads of the Eastern Sierra through tunnels of color



Spectacular Sedona

Featuring 4 nights "Uptown" at the Orchards Inn

5 Days • November 3-7

★ Highlights ★

- Visit the historical mining town of Jerome
 - Guided tour of the Copper Museum
 - Museum of Northern Arizona
 - Lunch at the Enchantment Resort
 - 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
 - Tour Director: **Scott Angeletti**
 - 2500/2950 Gold Passport Points
- \$2495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2930 single**
2 seats available at press time

Thanksgiving in New York

Take a bite of the Big Apple at the most wonderful time of the year!

6 Days • November 24-29

★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on Times Square
- Tickets to two Broadway shows: *Moulin Rouge* and one of your choosing
- Radio City Music Hall *Rockettes Christmas Spectacular*
- Theatre talk with nationally-syndicated critic Peter Filichia
- Visit Liberty and Ellis Islands
- Experience Disney's *Behind the Magic*
- Tour the 9/11 Memorial Museum and take in the view at One World Observatory
- See the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade



Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, New York City

- 5 memorable meals featuring a spectacular Thanksgiving feast at Delmonico's
 - Roundtrip airfare to/from New York's LaGuardia Airport
 - Door-to-door service
 - 4100/4650 Gold Passport Points
1. As Thanksgiving ushers in the Christmas season, you'll be in the middle of it all as you check-in to New York's best address **located directly on Times Square.**

5 nights – Marriott Marquis (D)

2. Disney on Broadway's *Behind the Magic* tour is set in the historic New Amsterdam Theatre, original home of the Ziegfeld Follies, on famed 42nd Street. After this behind-the-scenes experience, head to Rockefeller Center for lunch and to see the sites there from the iconic Channel Gardens, Saks Fifth Avenue (and their stunning holiday window displays) and of course St. Patrick's Cathedral. An afternoon drive Uptown will encircle Central Park and include stops at Strawberry Fields and Lincoln Center. The evening is yours to explore. Monday is a great night to expand your theatrical horizons with an Off-Broadway show. **(L)**

3. Travel like a real New Yorker – by subway – Downtown for lunch featuring syndicated theatre critic Peter Filichia to learn what's hot and what's not on the Great White Way. The afternoon focuses on the past and present of the World Trade Center where you'll visit the 9/11 Memorial Museum

and take in the breathtaking view from One World Observatory located high atop the 1776-foot-tall building dubbed Freedom Tower. Tonight is your first taste of Broadway, the long-anticipated stage adaptation of *Moulin Rouge* starring Broadway royalty Karen Olivo and Aaron Tveit. **(L)**

4. Join your Tour Director for a morning adventure to Liberty and Ellis Islands by subway and ferry. The afternoon is yours for personal exploration. How about a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art or shopping on famed Fifth Avenue? The family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's is a New York tradition, followed by "Choose Your Own Show" which means exactly what it says. You pick the show and we get the tickets – a **Sports Leisure** exclusive. **(D)**

5. It's the exciting Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Join the anxious throngs on the streets or watch on television in the comfort (and warmth!) of your room. The parade route is along 6th Avenue only one block from the hotel. An early-afternoon feast is served at world-famous Delmonico's. In the evening journey to Radio City Music Hall for the *Rockettes Christmas Spectacular*. **(D)**

6. The short trip to LaGuardia Airport for your early afternoon flight brings Thanksgiving in New York to a close.

\$4090 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4605 single
4 seats available at press time

An Apple Farm Christmas

Featuring Hearst Castle and Sensorio

4 Days • December 4-7

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly" is not just a song they play at the Apple Farm Inn over in San Luis Obispo. Staying at this quaint boutique hotel is like staying at your grandmother's home – if she had knic-knacs on every flat surface and holiday trimmings on every spindle and post. Best of all, fresh baked cookies greet you every evening by the fireplace. A holiday favorite for **Sports Leisure** travelers for many years, this Inn is classic Christmas. Add the grandeur of the Hearst Castle and their decorations and you will be inspired to come home and "deck your halls". This early December holiday trip includes three nights at the favored Apple Farm Inn; an evening tour of the grand rooms of the Hearst Castle; and a VIP experience

at Sensorio's "Field of Lights." There will even be a few opportunities for you to do some last minute holiday shopping.

This holiday vacation includes door-to-door service, roundtrip motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 7 meals (3FB,3L,1D), all tours and attractions listed, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points

\$1485 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1695 single
2 seats available at press time

Puttin' on the Ritz for Christmas

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

3 Days • December 8-10

1. Our door-to-door service picks you up from your home and delivers you to the **Sports Leisure Vacation** office where you will board the motorcoach for San Jose. Enjoy the lavish award-winning Champagne Sunday Brunch at the popular Dolce Hayes Mansion and a special Christmas visit to the Filoli Mansion before heading to the coast and the charming town of Half Moon Bay. Check into the **Ritz Carlton Resort at Half Moon Bay**, which resembles a grand European country estate set on a rocky bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean. **(BR)**

2. Enjoy a free morning at the resort; amenities include a coastal trail, beach, gas fire pits overlooking the ocean, a fitness center, indoor pool, hot tub and sauna. Spa services are available for additional costs. Lunch will be hosted at a popular restaurant on Main Street in Half Moon Bay followed by free time in town. **(L)**

3. Enjoy a free morning at the resort and lunch before heading back home. **(L)**

This package includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all attractions listed above, and 3 meals **(1BR, 2L)**. 1400/1700 Gold Passport Points

\$1395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1675 single
3 seats available at press time

OFFICE HOURS:

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

A Dazzling Desert Christmas in Phoenix

4 Days • December 23-26

★ **Highlights** ★

- 3 nights in a fully renovated Marriott hotel
- Amazing desert views on a scenic cruise & valley tour
- Hosted White Elephant Gift Exchange with "Santa and Eggnog the Elf"
- 2 evenings of incredible drive-thru lights displays
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Phoenix
- 1800/2000 Gold Passport Points

With blue skies, sunshine and warm weather, all those snowbirds are definitely onto something. You're invited to join our traveling family and leave the stress of holiday planning, cooking and gift-wrapping behind. Come with us to the Valley of the Sun for a dazzling desert Christmas!

Stay in a beautiful newly renovated Marriott hotel, perfectly situated for exploring the many communities of Greater Phoenix. Spend an evening cruising through historic Glendale's 16 blocks of glittering lights, forge your way through picturesque desert landscape into the Superstition Mountains to enjoy a narrated scenic cruise on Canyon Lake, and with a local guide observe snowbirds in their natural habitats as we visit some of the area's opulent resorts to see over-the-top holiday decorations. Your hosts, Santa (Mark) and Eggnog the Elf (Chris in green tights) host/referee a laughter-filled White Elephant Gift Exchange where **WE** provide the gifts and you steal them from each other. Add in some wonderful meals in lovely settings and you've got all the trappings of a very Merry Christmas indeed!

\$1790 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1995 single
7 seats available at press time

131st Tournament of Roses Parade: A California New Year Tradition!

3 Days • December 30 – January 1, 2020

★ **Highlights** ★

- Tasty guided tour of the LA Farmer's Market

- Tram tour of Hollywood's iconic Paramount Pictures Studios
- Lunch on Santa Monica Pier
- Pre-parade viewing of the floats
- New Year's Eve dinner buffet and toast
- Reserved seating, commemorative souvenir pin and program
- 6 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door transportation
- 1750/1900 Gold Passport Points

In beautiful sunny Pasadena, ring in the New Year in true California style! The brilliant colors of elaborately decorated floats, the pageantry of majestic equestrian teams coupled with the chest-thumping rhythm of the marching bands will get your new year started on the right note!

\$1730 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1895 single
2 seats available at press time

Legendary Aloha! Hawaii's Big Island and Kauai

8 Days • February 16-23, 2020

On this tour, we combine Hawaiian history and legends with the spirit of aloha, to create a memorable Hawaiian **experience**.

★ **Highlights** ★

- 4 nights in Kona on the Big Island; 3 nights Kauai
- Enjoy a luau in the historic spot King Kamehameha first landed on the island – visit ancient temples and ceremonial grounds
- Tour a Seahorse Ranch, Hawaiian Vanilla, an Orchid Farm and a Chocolate & Tropical Fruit Farm
- Flightseeing over Kauai's lush tropical jungles and Napali Coast
- Sample Kauai's local culinary specialties on a Foodie Tour
- 15 Meals: 7 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners, 1 brunch
- Door-to-door transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to Kona/from Lihue, Kauai; inter-island airfare Kona to Lihue
- 5000/5800 Gold Passport Points

From the otherworldly volcanic terrain of the Big Island to Kauai's lush tropical rainforests, the relaxing lull of surf crashing on the sand and the thrilling beat of Polynesian drums, Hawaii is truly a feast for the senses!

1. Arrive on the Big Island and transfer to your Kona hotel, located on historic grounds right in the heart of the ocean side town. Tonight, enjoy a luau dinner and entertainment on the historic shores of Kamakahonu Bay, where King Kamehameha and his Royal Court landed. His arrival is reenacted through song and... fire dancers!

Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha Hotel – 4 nights (D)

2. No need to saddle up at the Ocean Rider Seahorse Ranch. Learn about these unique and fragile creatures on an informative tour with a chance to hold a live seahorse! Afterwards, the history of Kona comes alive on a guided tour where Hawaiian mythology and history are intertwined to give a glimpse of the splendor of the lost Hawaiian Kingdom. After an included lunch, explore Kailua-Kona, mere steps from the front door of your hotel, or just grab a Mai Tai and slip into the Hawaiian vibe. **(FB,L)**

3. It's off to Paniolo Country; that's Hawaiian for "cowboy", but don't worry it's not all rough and tumble. Our destination is the Hawaiian Vanilla farm for a tour and lunch. You won't believe the amount of work it takes to grow vanilla, but you'll appreciate the effort over a lunch that prominently features the aromatic ingredient. We will make a stop at Hamakua Macadamia Nut Company for samples and shopping. Our Parker Ranch rest stop allows you to learn a little about Hawaiian cowboys. **(FB,L)**

4. The Saddle Road traverses the middle of the island. On the way to Hilo, pass right between the slumbering volcanic giants, Mauna Kea and the Mauna Loa. It's a beautiful, yet humbling sight to behold! A dazzling hardwood forest can also be viewed from the road.

At world-famous Akatsuka Orchid Gardens, the family has been growing prized orchids for over 30 years. Tour the facility and enjoy lunch among the blooms! At Hawaii Volcano National Park the Visitor Center exhibits give a comprehensive overview of the inner working of one of nature's most powerful entities. From the observation deck, peer into Kilauea's massive crater.

5. A quick inter-island flight takes you from Hilo to Kauai's Lihue Airport. Go for a relaxing

drive north along the scenic Coconut Coast to Hanalei Bay, home to fabled Puff the Magic Dragon and the filming location for movie *Jurassic Park*. After lunch make a stop at the picturesque Kilauea Lighthouse on the bluff before a shave ice dessert! Finely shaved and fluffy ice topped with your choice of tropical flavors. **Sheraton Kauai Coconut Beach Resort – 3 nights (FB,L)**

6. At Lydgate Farms, learn about how the tasty little cocoa bean shaped world civilization... while tasting chocolate, of course! You'll also have the opportunity to sample unusual tropical fruits on the tour.

Drive along the island's southern coast and have lunch at a local family-owned restaurant. Lilikoi (passion fruit) Chiffon Pie from the award-winning bakery across the street is for dessert! On the way back to the hotel stop for Kauai Coffee, cookies, gourmet salts and small batch jams using seasonal fruits. It's our very own Island Foodie Tour! The evening is yours to kick back and relax. **(FB,L)**

7. Kauai, the Garden Isle, is beautiful from every angle, but it's only from the sky that you can access the rich, lush interior. Soar over the Waimea Canyon, dubbed the Grand Canyon of the Pacific and watch the waves crash along the sheer cliffs of the Napali Coast. Tonight, share your adventure over dinner at the Plantation Gardens in Poipu, where the young chef whips up impressive fare using fresh locally sourced ingredients in a tropical setting. Since the flightseeing

only takes a couple of hours, you'll have some free time today at your hotel. **(FB,D)**

8. It's time to leave the islands, but not before a decadent brunch at Gaylord's. All the usual brunch fare with carved meats and a tropical flair! Kalua Pork Eggs benedict, anyone? With a full belly and wonderful memories, catch your nonstop flight to Sacramento. **(FB,BR)**

\$5000 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5755 single
Ocean-view accommodation upgrade on
Kauai: 3 nights –
\$60 p.p./dbl.occ or \$120 single

Optional Oahu Extension

Add-on to Legendary Aloha!

3 Days • February 23-25, 2020

Depart Kauai and head to Oahu

Enjoy a guided tour of the acclaimed Bishop Museum where the rich history of the islands is on display. Pay your respects to those who perished on "The Day That Lives in Infamy" at the recently revamped World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument; a must for any American History buff! Visit the humble neighborhood where former President Obama spent his formative years and grab ice cream at the shop where the future president had his first job!

You'll be amazed at the expansive personal collection of Middle Eastern art and artifacts amassed by Doris Duke on a tour of her private home, now museum, Shangrila. A special dining treat is dinner at **Chuck's of Hawaii**. (Longtime Sacramento



Kim Maness and Mary Anne Silva at Lydgate Farms with colorful cocoa pods... that will soon be chocolate!

residents will remember a Chuck's of Hawaii across from Town and Country Village for many years.) This little "hole in the wall" serves a great meal.

All airfare included. Arrive on Oahu from Kauai; returning home to Sacramento from Honolulu. 4 meals: 2FB, 1L, 1D.

\$1085 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1295 single

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
- Door-to-door transportation
- Roundtrip air to Sydney/from Auckland
- Fully escorted by a **SLV** Tour Director

Inside Cabins: Category J starts at \$6467p.p./dbl.occ., \$8320 single

Outside Cabins: Category F starts at \$6633 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8620 single

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

St. Patrick's Day in New Orleans

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



5 Days • March 15-19, 2020

Due to overwhelming demand, a second coach has been added to this trip. Approximately 30 in each group, Chris Galloway joins Clayton. Our two southern boys take you to N'awlins!

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights – Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
- Downtown Irish Club's Twilight Parade on St. Patrick Day
- Scenic New Orleans driving and French Quarter carriage tours
- Visit the National World War II Museum and Stage Door Canteen
- Learn the secrets of great Cajun chefs at the NOLA School of Cooking
- 8 meals: 4 breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Roundtrip airfare to/from New Orleans
- 2250/2500 Gold Passport Points

1. Welcome to New Orleans, a city renowned for its ability to make a party out of every situation. It has been said, "If the hurricane's too weak, just add rum." That pretty much sums it up! Rest well in accommodations overlooking the famed French Quarter. Your welcome dinner is served at the Court of Two Sisters, hidden away under a blanket of blooming wisteria.

Sheraton New Orleans – 4 nights (D)

2. Take a driving tour focusing on the city beyond downtown including the beautiful Garden District and one of the area's unique above-ground cemeteries. In the evening learn the secrets of great Cajun and Creole chefs with dinner at the New Orleans School of Cooking, followed by a horse-drawn carriage ride through the French Quarter. Is it haunted? You'll have to come see for yourself... if you dare! **(FB,D)**

3. **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** In this city known for celebrations, you can be sure this holiday won't go unnoticed. The day's activities will be determined when the event schedule is released in the fall, but you can count on it culminating with the annual Downtown Irish Club's Twilight Parade slowly snaking its way through the city. **(FB,L)**

4. A plate full of fresh, hot beignets

start your morning at world famous Café du Monde. Next visit the National WWII Museum, a four-block complex covering literally every aspect of The Great War and the Greatest Generation. Take a break from your exploration and head to the Stage Door Canteen where your lunch is served up with a nostalgic musical review. How about a pub crawl when the stars come out? **(CB,L)**

5. The morning opens with a true New Orleans tradition: Breakfast at Brennan's. Save room for the Bananas Foster. Only in New Orleans can you get dessert with breakfast! A short drive to the airport and your adventure comes to a close. **(FB)**

\$2210 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2465 single

3 seats available at press time

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.

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Early Registration Payment Discounts listed here expire on **Tuesday, August 6th**; 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.

Oct. – Mammoth in Autumn – **Save \$25**

Jan. – Ice Magic Festival – **Save \$125**

Feb. – Hawaii – **Save \$125**

Mar. – OR Chocolate Festival – **Save \$25**

Mar. – Colorful Carolina Coast – **Save \$150**

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**.



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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) remaining. Day trips are not listed.

Sold-Out Tours (waiting lists available)

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| Circle BC | Annual Christmas Mystery |
| Catalina Dreamin' | Leavenworth Christmas |
| Memphis and Nashville | Belugas and Polar Bears |
| Pilgrimage to Plains | Alaska's Kenai Peninsula |
| Hugh Jackman | Cruise Canada and NE |
| Key West | Albuquerque Balloon Festival |
| South Dakota | Laguna Pageant |

Limited Space (10 or fewer seats)

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Lake Powell (6) | Olympia Harbor Days (1) |
| Colorado Rails (4) | Sedona (2) |
| Ritz Christmas (3) | Thanksgiving in NYC (4) |
| Phoenix Christmas (7) | Apple Farm Christmas (2) |
| Rose Parade (2) | St. Pat's Day in NOLA (3) |
| Meet at the Fair Mystery (2) | |