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Just One Man's Opinion

by Mark Hoffmann

The Spirit of Aloha

Our Hawaiian vacation package for the fall was canceled. The islands are "open," but as you'll read here, just like the mainland, some things are running at half speed, for various reasons.



For those who have previously visited Hawaii, remember how unique it feels? People saying "aloha" regularly, showing off the friendliest hospitality anywhere. My first trip was in 1982. Our group visited all four main islands on a 13 day trip. I remember how impressed I was with the attitude of the Hawaiian

people. They called it "The Spirit of Aloha." From that first trip, Hawaii became one of my favorite destinations. About ten years ago, **Chris Galloway** and I decided to really make our Hawaii packages special, by going to the islands and finding people who made things, who knew the history, who could make your visit unique.

We tracked down then President Obama's homeroom teacher at the high school he attended in Honolulu and the man came out during the school day and talked to a couple of our groups. He had stories about the president I doubt anyone else could have had. It was fascinating. We found a chocolate farm on Kauai and a vanilla farm on the Big Island. We added local restaurants and dropped many of the "already been there, done that" tourist attractions. The result was some wonderful, one of a kind packages.

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When our group trip was rescheduled from December of this year to next spring, I knew so many things in the islands had changed, there would have to be a visit there before our group went in six months. So we headed off to Hawaii the first week of November (**Tyler** went along as my assistant. A recent medical issue has made it a good idea not to travel alone for a while.). You may remember Hawaii was shut down to visitors for an extended time during one of COVID's surges, and then required a test and a vaccination to enter. Only recently have you been able to enter the state with just proof of current vaccination. I wasn't sure what to expect. As it turned out, my concerns were unfounded.

What we discovered, immediately, is that the attitude of the Hawaiian people has not

changed. That same **Spirit of Aloha** is still there. They are still the nicest, friendliest people you will ever meet. The service is still a cut above, although it should be noted Hawaii is having the same challenge we are, not enough low wage workers to fill the jobs, meaning restaurants and some attractions cannot operate full hours or full capacity. But through the masks, the smiles are still there.

In Maui County, you have to show a vaccine card and a picture ID to eat inside, or spend time in an inside attraction. Other counties have made similar efforts to discourage the spread of COVID. Because non-vaxers can't visit the islands, you don't have this constant push/pull going on, where, like on the mainland, you have a third of the population who is against any control efforts. The Hawaiians seem to understand the difference between some version of normal and shutdown is small but significant.

On the flight over, the United Airlines staff enforced the proper wearing of masks. While no one likes wearing those damned things, they do keep us safer. They are also a way of showing we care about others.

There are four spaces left on our **Maui-Kauai** trip (maximum 20 travelers) in April. Next fall, we will make a trip to **The Big Island of Hawaii** and **Maui**, with an option to add **Oahu**. A Priority Notification List is available for that trip.

If you know someone who is headed to the islands for the holidays, let them know staffing it short. Many restaurants aren't operating full schedules, or are only accepting reservations. Attractions and

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shops are similarly shorthanded. **So take your patience.** And your smile, even from behind a mask.

What an incredible pleasure it was to renew friendships in the islands and we even found some cool new things to add to our itineraries. And we found **The Spirit of Aloha.** Hawaii is leading the way, with a spirit that is catching if you aren't careful.

Mahalo (thank you) to the islanders. Your reputation with this visitor is not only intact, it is growing. Can't wait to get back...

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An Report from the Home Office

It has been busy here in **Sports Leisureland.** The response to our catalog was terrific and like years past, many of the tours filled up quickly. Things are slowly returning to "normal." Normal for us would be not eating breakfast at a hotel that came in a bag and our restaurants and attractions having enough help to run their operations at full capacity.

It's important to remember, if you are traveling now, to have patience. Many hotels, restaurants and attractions don't have a full roster of workers. Some have limited hours. Occasionally, sometimes at the last minute, something on the schedule just doesn't come together. It's not from a lack of effort or wishing it to be, but there are many barriers right now, some small and some a little bigger.

Inside, you will find some new tours and some ideas which are still in the "Priority Notification List" stage. There's a baseball dream tour in May which will get priced and formally announced in early January. There are also a couple of packages which are departing soon. **A Salute to Vienna** includes two nights at a beautiful Marriott in Costa Mesa, and the classical concert which has been entertaining our travelers for nearly two decades. It's a recreation of a holiday concert in Vienna. Personally, I'm not a big fan of classical music or events like these **and when I saw it I thought it was spectacular!**

May has been bugging me forever to go to the **Westminster Dog Show** in New

York City. If, like May, you are a big fan of pooches, here's your opportunity. Along with tickets to the dog show, there's a Broadway night and a little sightseeing. Most importantly, the deadlines for both of these great trips will come up very soon. If you'd like to participate, best to give us a call soon.

Donnie asks me to remind everyone to make certain to **notify us in advance if you are bringing a walker with you on an extended tour.** Why? Because the vehicles picking you up have limited capacity, and if you show up with a walker that we aren't expecting, we may not have room for it. Certainly, that would be a problem. Bringing a walker? Just call us at least two weeks in advance of departure, before the pick-up schedules are finalized.

Also, the air department asks to make certain we have your **legal name** for your ticket, and your **preferred name** for your name badge. Also, if your pick-up address is different from your mailing address, it's critical that we know that at least two weeks before the trip departs.

When something even slightly out of the ordinary happened on tour, my old buddy **Stan Gordon** used to say, "That's going in my report to the home office." So, here is the pre-Christmas report from the "home office."

From late August forward, we have been able to operate most scheduled tours. A couple of dramatic airline schedule changes has made it nearly impossible to get to **Victoria, BC**, for our pre-Christmas visit, and a couple of trips fell from the schedule due to low numbers or complications (usually COVID related) at the destination(s). But by and large, we are traveling.

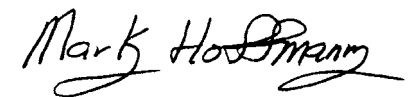
We are requiring everyone to be fully vaccinated. That is working well, because restaurants and the like are happy to have us, knowing we are unlikely to make their staff and customers sick. We have had only one traveler test positive after returning home, and no one else traveling in that group had a positive test (if someone gets sick, we notify the entire group, so they can test themselves).

Because we are all vaccinated, we have dropped the distancing on the coach. This is particularly critical on day trips, to keep the cost reasonable. On longer tours, we generally traveled with 25-30 people pre-COVID, so there really isn't much change. On those longer trips, if you wish, there is generally more space in the rear of the coach, and you can relocate without issue if that is your preference.

It has been a challenging year, but it's ending with hope that we have survived the worst of it and brighter days are ahead. The one sad note is the list on **The Human Side** page of the friends we have lost. It's longer than usual and just reading the list breaks my heart. So many memories we made together. So many times we laughed, or waited out a 5-hour delay together, or went to a play that made us all think. At **Sports Leisure**, many of us know each other. We have broken bread together, we have shared memories. In some ways, we are truly a big family.

Thanks to all of you for your support and your continued patronage. To those who are reading this who cannot travel any longer, know that your inability to go with us does not change the memories **you** helped create. I have been blessed with the most amazing job for the last 42+ years. Hope to see you on the road sometime soon.

And so it goes,



Mark Hoffmann, CTP
Owner/Founder

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Gift Certificates can be purchased from our office, in person or over the phone, in any amount. Office hours are 9am – 3:30pm, M-F.



First Ever Mystery Tour Contest

How many of you noticed page 33 in our 2022 Dream Book announcing our First-Ever Mystery Tour Contest? I'll be honest and tell you my highest hope was to receive a dozen entries. Ah, but *Sports Leisure* travelers are never content to simply meet expectations. They exceed them! I'm happy to say we received nearly 100



tour ideas! Some are concise, but others are extremely detailed – pages and pages of suggestions, routings, best restaurants, attractions not to be missed, hotels with the best views, etc. Perhaps needless to say it's taking much more time that anticipated to work through them all, thus the winner will be announced in 2022 in the next newsletter. From the entire *Sports Leisure* team (who also know a little something about exceeding expectations), our most sincere and heartfelt thanks!

Best Western Plus Sutter House – RIP

For years, thanks to our longtime friendship with General Manager Doris Gray, our out-of-town travelers have enjoyed a special rate and free parking at the Best Western Sutter House in downtown Sacramento. Therefore it is with a bit of sadness that we announce the hotel is closing at the end of the year for redevelopment as housing for the homeless. I am seeking another hotel partner located near the airport, so using their shuttle could be a cost-saving alternative to our door-to-door service for fly-away vacations. Stay tuned for more information next year.

I'll close with a word from MY sponsor

On September 26 I became a 90-year-old. For too many decades to count I had a birthday every year – quite regular it was. They came and they went. No big deal. But this once came... and came... and

came! Because of you good "Sports" this one was a real walapalooza. I got flowers, telephone calls, candy and gifts, but I was completely overwhelmed to receive more than 200 cards from you who together make up a wonderful family of loving, caring folks of which I am truly happy to be a part. All of you have become extremely important people in my life. This winter deep down in the Ole South in Georgia, as I peruse my lovely cards again and again, my heart will continue to be warmed by your kindness. To each of you I send my most sincere thanks. Love y'all!

Toot

(AKA Beth Whitehead)



All smiles leaving the Post Office in "oh little town of Bethlehem," Georgia. This was the scene daily for a full week! Here is Toot with the 90 flowers she received from Sports Leisure Vacations – so many it took six vases to hold them all and two cars to deliver them! Someone sent this mysterious card with a Sacramento postmark. Toot said, "If I can find my 'secret admirer' I may move to California!"

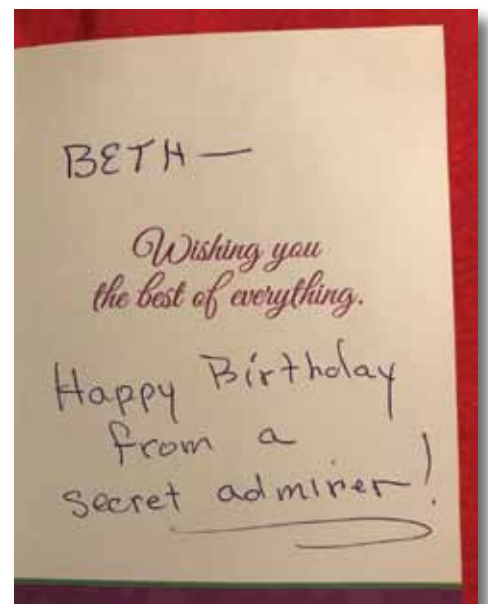
"Your Tour Guy,"

Clayton

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The Customers Always Write

Hello,

Just wanted to thank Mark and Tyler for a fun and interesting trip! Ron and I definitely saw things and places never even thought about – so much fun! Loved the burros, school house, bottle trees, and Dolby, etc. Thanks for putting on this tour, especially since you Mark, were not up to feeling your best. Tyler was so cute also. Looking forward to traveling with you again!

Ron and Linda Chaix

To All Sports Leisure Vacations people, especially Maureen, hubby Joe & Simon:

The Andrea Bocelli concert was pure joy! Thank you! With gratitude,
Len & Kit Triboli

What A Great Trip!

Bonjour La Belle Quebec was wonderful! I know we had to jump through some hoops before going, with getting tested. And then coming home, getting tested again. But Chris and Kelly were right on top of all that and made it so easy for us. Thanks for a great trip!

Diane

Dear Mark,

We can't say enough good things about Scott. Today was the "day from hell" logistically speaking! He worked frantically to make new flight arrangements to get us home, as well as limo rides – and kept us all in the loop at all times. It must have been so frustrating for him, but he didn't show it. Thank you Scott!

Nancy & Larry Colby

Clayton,

HAMILTON – FABULOUS!! Worth every penny – 5th row back from the orchestra, center dead on. Amazing performance! Lovely! Thank you SLV.

Len & Kit Triboli

Great Trip!

The Niagara Falls trip was amazing! The hotel overlooking the falls, the excursions under and around it, and the history

surrounding it! Best of all was how easy your staff, and especially Chris, made it to get in to Canada. He walked us through the whole process, and your staff giving us the instructions for getting the PCR test really expedited things. Thank you so much for a great and easy trip!

Diane Cummings

Mark,

Just thumbed through the Dream Book... incredible! I can't believe the work required to put it all together. I hope it's a great travel year for you and your crew. Best Always,

Kelly Brothers

Preview Day!

I just wanted to take a minute to personally let you know, I felt the platform used to present the future trips Sports Leisure will be offering was excellent. It was efficient and yet plenty of details to cover the information about each trip. It described for the entire group, trips that maybe a person would not even have considered or known about. Thank you for an updated, fresh approach. It gets my vote for future Preview Days.

Paula Gimenez

Hi Mark,

I didn't get a chance to talk to you on Saturday so I'm sending this note to thank you for choosing the Wreath Project as one of Sports Leisure's charitable donations. I've always been pleased that this is where some of the money goes every year. However, this year it will be especially meaningful as one of my former colleagues is going to be laid to rest there in a few days. I know his family and friends will be grateful for the effort as they experience their first Christmas without him. Sincerely,

Marilyn Kimble

Hello Donnie,

Well we finally made it to Shakespeare on the Lake... just a couple weeks late. We stayed at Zephyr Point Conference Center every summer and since we didn't get to see the show a few weeks ago we used

some of our refund money to enjoy the show this past Tuesday night. It was hilarious and we are glad we got to see it.

We hope you are doing well and that your 2nd trip to Tahoe went smoothly. Thanks again for escorting the first trip and for taking good care of us. I'm sure you were stressed but you were 'cool as a cucumber' and handled the pressure very well.

Kim & Rick Maness

Dear Sports Leisure,

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$1,610** towards the Mustard Seed School program. Your donation helps us provide support for our students and their families. Providing emergency schooling during a pandemic is a challenge, your support makes a huge difference. It is a deep injustice that any child in our community has nowhere to stay.

The Mustard Seed School

Mark, Clayton & Crew –

The Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta was my first trip with **Sports Leisure** and it won't be my last. The weather and wind conditions were perfect, so we experienced the best the fiesta had to offer. But it was what happened on the way home that defines you. Southwest had issues and Scott worked non-stop to deal with the minute-to-minute changes as things were off, then on, then off again. Bottom line was we got home and a lot of folks didn't! Thank you for the memories!

Janet Herrin

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

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Daycations & Theatre Outings

Christmas Shopping in San Francisco

Friday, December 3

Welcome the season with our annual shopping trip to Union Square and/or Pier 39. A shuttle is provided so you can spend time at both. Lunch is on your own. Whether shopping or simply window shopping, it's a festive day amid the seasonal decorations and sparkling window displays. **\$90**

"Sacred Stones" in Vina

Tuesday, December 7

An 800-year-old chapter house from a Spanish monastery has been reassembled, stone-by-stone, at the Abbey of New Clairvaux near Corning. It's a fascinating story. There is wine tasting included and a couple of gift shops which just might have the perfect "never-seen-before" Christmas present you've been searching for. A casual lunch is included at Rock&Brews Restaurant in Rolling Hills Casino. **\$138**

Christmas Lights at Home – Folsom/Antelope Lights Tour and Party

Friday, December 10 or Saturday, December 11

The 42-year history of **Sports Leisure Vacations** is woven into a circle itinerary around town. Stop at the office for some holiday cheer and help us deck the halls! See magical holiday lights and decorations while learning how **SLV** got its start. **\$89**

Dynamic Duo at the de Young

Patrick Kelly & Judy Chicago in San Francisco

Wednesday, January 5

Happily the de Young Museum is again accepting group reservations, and we return for two exciting exhibits featuring American artists Patrick Kelly and Judy Chicago. Known for large and collaborative pieces, *Judy Chicago: A Retrospective* displays her variety of creativity, imaginative talent and artistic skills from needlework to welding and pyrotechnics. *Patrick Kelly: Runway of*

Love looks at the career and legacy of Black fashion designer with exhibit of seventy-nine fully accessorized ensembles. An audio is included for the exhibits. There will be option to shuttle to the Legion of Honor Museum in the afternoon for permanent collection or special exhibit "*Pastels from the Renaissance*." The 80-piece collection includes drawings by Edward Degas, Diego Rivera and our own Wayne Thiebaud will require an additional \$10 admission if interested. Lunch is on your own at either museum café. **\$118**

49-Mile Scenic San Francisco Drive

Wednesday, January 26

Leave the driving to us while rediscovering the history and sights in this beautiful "city by the bay." Originally designed for visitors to San Francisco, the *49er Drive* follows a route passing all the best known sights including City Hall and Civic Center, Chinatown, Russian and Nob Hills, Ocean Beach, Seal Rocks, Fisherman's Wharf, and the iconic Bay and Golden Gate Bridges. With Craig Smith as your informative guide for the day. Lunch is included with stunning ocean views at no additional charge at the Beach Chalet Restaurant in Golden Gate Park. **\$151**

Forest Trees and Under the Sea

California Academy of Science, San Francisco

Wednesday, February 9

Life-changing moments. World-changing science. Join us as we visit an aquarium, planetarium, rainforest and natural history museum all located under one amazing "living roof" in the heart of San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. Explore the amazing California Academy of Science at your own pace and enjoy lunch on your own at either of the museum's superb restaurants – Academy Café or Terrace Restaurant. **\$128**

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Jersey Boys

Gallo Center, Modesto

Tuesday, March 15 – 7:00 pm

They were just four guys from Jersey until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard...and the public just couldn't get enough. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story – a story that has made them an international sensation all over again. Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony and Grammy Award-winning true-life musical phenomenon. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true. Dinner is included on the way to Modesto at the Canal Street Grille in Ripon. **\$210**

Dancing with the Stars: Live 2022 Tour!

Gallo Center, Modesto

Sunday, March 27 – 2:00 pm

America's favorite dance show is coming to Modesto and we've got tickets! Come see Brandon Armstrong, Alan Bersten, Artem Chigvintsev, Sasah Farber, Daniella Karagach, Pasha Pashkov, Gleb Savchenko, Emma Slater, Britt Stewart and more perform time-honored dances like the Cha Cha, Foxtrot, Swing, Salsa, Tango... and everything in-between. Your favorite dancers from the show will take the stage in this theatrical spectacular you won't want to miss. Dinner is included at the Canal Street Grille on your return following the matinee performance. **\$228**

Last Chance! Limited Space!

The Band's Visit

Golden Gate Theatre, San Francisco

Wednesday, January 12 & 19 – \$190

Harry Potter and The Cursed Child

Curran Theatre, San Francisco and included dinner

Sunday, March 13 – \$415



Speeding Across the Sky of Life

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears. The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it? Now have a look here!"

He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?" the Airbus pilot answers: "Very Impressive, but now you look!"

The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?" Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?"

The Airbus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry."

The moral of the story is: When you are young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important. This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, but Smarter. Dedicated to all my friends who are like me, now realizing that it is time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip... (*Chris Galloway*)

Patience

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne. Life is great.

I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now. Gone are the days when girls used to cook

like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers. I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. I decided to stop calling the bathroom the "John" and renamed it the "Jim" this morning.

When I was a child, I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation. The biggest lie I tell myself is: "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it." I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise. If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees. Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet. Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway? Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for. I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

Bee Kind to Each Other

We should all be more like bees. My Dad has bees. Today I went to his house and he showed me all of the honey he had gotten from the hives. He took the lid off a five gallon bucket full of honey and on top of the honey there were three little bees, struggling.

They were covered in sticky honey and drowning. I asked him if we could help them and he said he was sure they wouldn't survive. Casualties of honey collection I suppose. I asked him again if we could at least get them out and kill them quickly; after all he was the one who taught me to put a suffering animal (or bug) out of its misery. He finally conceded and scooped the bees out of the bucket. He put them in an empty plastic yogurt container and put it outside.

Because he had disrupted the hive with the earlier honey collection, there were bees flying all over outside. We put the three little bees in the container on a bench and left them to their fate.

My Dad called me out a little while later to show me what was happening. These

three little bees were surrounded by all of their sisters (all of the bees are females) and they were cleaning the sticky nearly dead bees, helping them to get all of the honey off their bodies. We came back a short time later and there was only one little bee left in the container. She was still being tended to by her sisters.

When it was time for me to leave we checked one last time and all three of the bees had been cleaned off enough to fly away and the container was empty. Those three little bees lived because they were surrounded by family and friends who would not give up on them, family and friends who refused to let them drown in their own stickiness and resolved to help until the last little bee could be set free.

Bee Sisters... Bee Peers... Bee Teammates! We could all learn a thing or two from these bees. Bee kind always....

Friends We Have Lost...

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

Charley Crowder

Bev Dunn

Keiji Endow

Gwen Foster

Georjan Gee

Bud Hensley

Marlene Hollingsworth

Muriel Hoppes

Kobe Kobayashi

Linda Neil

Millie Parker

Bill Sjurson

Don Sperling

Bill Steindrager

Gail Tausch

Linda Wolfe

Ardene Yamakawa

Godspeed

Pictures from the Road



Our recent Route 66 in California trip included a stop at the Wigwam Motel



The people were wondering, where is Scott taking us on the Mystery Tour?



The fall colors in our parking lot can compete with New England some years, this being one of them



Turns out one of the stops was a driving range...for golf balls...one lady hit her husband with a five-iron and a bucket of balls...



No one ever goes hungry on a **Sports Leisure** trip!



And Bob had a birthday party! Interesting looking cake

New Vacations & Getaways

A Salute to Vienna in Southern California Style

Ring in the New Year with your Sports Leisure friends

3 Days • December 31 – January 2

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at an all-suite Marriott Hotel
- Premium seating for *A Salute to Vienna* performance
- Toast the New Year with a festive ball drop celebration
- Set sail on Newport Beach Harbor luncheon cruise
- Unique, upscale dining and shopping experiences
- 6 meals: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- 1850/1950 Gold Passport Points

Celebrate the New Year in Southern California style at the annual *A Salute to Vienna* performance! Each year in locations around the globe symphonies play, dancers waltz and singers' voices soar. It's truly a spectacle! With palm trees, sunshine, great food and champagne you've got all you need to usher in 2022!

1. Arrive in time for lunch at Sherman's Gardens. Afterwards, stretch your legs with a casual stroll through the beautiful grounds with time to browse the gift shop. After checking into your hotel, enjoy an upscale dinner in a swanky setting befitting of the holiday. Return to your all-suite hotel and toast the NYC ball drop. If you're not ready for bed, stay up and celebrate with the West Coast, too! Why not? It's a party! **Costa Mesa Marriott – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. Enjoy daily breakfast, but save some room for lunch! It's all aboard a relaxing cruise through Newport Beach Harbor with lunch served on the ship. What a way to spend an afternoon! Pause at your hotel to rest and freshen up before *A Salute to Vienna*. It's a colorful, energetic performance that is just the right blend of culture, whimsy and comedy. Attire is casual, but sparkles are always welcomed. **(B,L)**

3. After a leisurely morning, head to Downtown Disney for lunch. The shops will be filled with holiday items at "after-holiday" pricing. Deals are to be had! Grab something for the grandkids, the big kid in your family or yourself. After all, Disney is for all ages! An afternoon flight returns to Sacramento in time for dinner. **(B,L)**

\$1815 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1945 single

The 146th Westminster Dog Show in New York City

From Beagles to Broadway, this trip has it all!

5 Days • January 24-28

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights at NYC's premiere address, Marriott Marquis Times Square
- Attend 2 nights of the Westminster Dog Show including "Best in Show"
- Join a local guide and tour the city by motorcoach
- Ride the subway like a true New Yorker



- Enjoy a Broadway performance of your choosing
- 4 meals: 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from LaGuardia
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 3350/3800 Gold Passport Points

Since 1877 the World's Greatest City has been hosting the World's Greatest Dog Show, the Westminster Dog Show. In a **Sports Leisure** first, come be your own judge of the Best in Show or purely for the cuteness overload! It's all the excitement of the city with a softer, cuddly side.

1. Land in NYC and feast on a delicious and plentiful Italian dinner. Mangia, mangia! You won't go away hungry. One block away is your Times Square hotel situated among all the lights. There is no shortage of things to do and see. Feel the energy pulsing in the sidewalks before settling down for the night. Rest well. Tomorrow the city awaits your discovery. **Marriott Marquis Times Square – 4 nights (D)**

2. With a local guide take a driving tour to see all the iconic and historic landmarks such as Central Park, Grand Central Station, Federal Hall, Wall Street and much more. Dine in an authentic Kosher NY Deli. Matzo Ball Soup and Pastrami piled high on rye... yum! Tonight it's the Hound, Toy, Non-Sporting and Herding Groups at Madison Square Garden. Arrive and depart as a group each night. **(L)**

3. Take the subway to Murray Hill on the city's East Side to visit the AKC Dog Museum. The Morgan Library and Museum

Get Your Old Coins/Currency Appraised/Purchased

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

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



is a research library that houses rare literary materials, musical scores and even children's books. The architecture will amaze you just as much as the collection! Lunch at Cantina Mad Dog fits the theme of the trip perfectly...oh, and margaritas too! Sporting, Working and Terrier groups are competing this evening with all breeds vying for Best in Show! (L)

4. After a couple of full days and late nights, it's time to slow down and take it easy. Tell us how you'd like to spend your day. A cruise to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island? A visit to the poignant 9/11 Museum and One World Observatory observation deck? The additional cost for these attractions will be added to your package. Or simply relax with a little shopping therapy at Macy's on Herald Square! Dinner is included prior to an included Broadway performance of your choosing. You tell us what you'd like to see and we'll get your tickets – It's easy as that! Your guide will provide directions to/from the theaters, all located within a short walk of the hotel. (D)

5. Wake up one last morning in the "City that Never Sleeps." Depart midday to make your way back home with lasting memories and stories to share.

\$3325 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3775 single

It's Always Sunny in San Diego

Escape Sacramento's wintertime blues in the city of perpetual springtime

3 Days • February 20-22

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at the Embassy Suites
- Spreckels Organ concert
- USS Midway Museum
- Coronado Island tour
- 5 meals: 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner featuring a champagne brunch cruise on San Diego Bay
- Roundtrip airfare to/from San Diego
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1400/1600 Gold Passport Points

1. After a short morning flight to San Diego head out on the bay for a two-hour narrated Champagne Brunch aboard Flagship Cruises. Balboa Park is the setting for an early afternoon concert on the magnificent outdoor Spreckels Organ before checking

into your hotel just in time for the Manager's Reception with complimentary cocktails and nibbles. The hotel is a *Sports Leisure* favorite and conveniently located near the Seaport Village and a variety of popular restaurants. **Embassy Suites San Diego Bay – 2 nights (BR)**

2. After breakfast it's only a short walk to the USS Midway Museum for a docent-guided tour of this decorated post-WWII era aircraft carrier moored at the Navy Pier. You'll have the rest of the afternoon to explore the remainder of the museum at your leisure or chart a route on your own. Tonight regroup for dinner at The Edgewater Grill, a local favorite right on the waterfront. (FB,D)

3. Travel to Coronado Island via the iconic bay bridge and welcome local guide Nancy as she shares island highlights and history, interspersed with more than a little bit of gossip! Lunch follows at Peohe's offering stunning views of the San Diego skyline on the island's bayside. Then it's off to the airport for the quick flight home. (FB,L)

\$1390 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1565 single

Relax on Catalina Island

Enjoy three nights in the heart of Avalon

4 Days • May 15-18 or October 16-19

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Pavilion Lodge
- Champagne Sunday Brunch along Long Beach's Shoreline Village,
- Be whisked away across "26 miles across the sea" on the high-speed *Catalina Express*
- Tour the historic Casino's grand Avalon Ballroom and theater
- Explore the island with a scenic guided tour and special "undersea" experience
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2000/2300 Gold Passport Points

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

After a short flight to Southern California, enjoy a Champagne Sunday Brunch in Long Beach with time to explore the shops of Shoreline Village. The *Catalina Express*, a high-speed ferry, transports you to the charming village of Avalon on Catalina Island. At your hotel, relax and enjoy a complimentary nightly wine and cheese reception.

Included in this package are several adventures on the island as well as plenty of free time to enjoy additional activities or simply relax on your own. Tour the Casino, the grandest structure on the island, showcasing the ornate Avalon Ballroom. A scenic island tram tour gives sweeping views of the island. Glimpse the underwater world surrounding the island on board a semi-submersible vehicle. Available at an additional cost are the zip line eco-tour, a jeep ride through the backcountry, or spend an afternoon lounging at the Descanso Beach Club.

Return to the mainland mid-morning for an included lunch aside San Pedro's Cabrillo Marina. Your flight departs for Sacramento in the early evening.

\$1975 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2300 single



If you're up for a climb you can take in the birds-eye view of Avalon Bay

The Tour Calendar *(Previously Announced)*

All vacations listed in this section were announced in past publications and have limited space available. Don't worry if you've signed up for a tour you don't see listed – it's probably sold out. Dates don't jibe? We're likely advertising a second departure in this section. For day-by-day itineraries and complete details please refer to our 2022 Dream Book *Having the Time of your Life* or our website: www.sportsleisure.com.

133rd Tournament of Roses Parade: A California Tradition

Join us for the most famous parade in the world

3 Days • December 30 – January 1

★ **Highlights** ★

- Tasty guided tour of the LA Farmer's Market
- Tram tour of Hollywood's Paramount Pictures Studio
- Pre-parade viewing float building
- Reserved parade seating, commemorative souvenir pin and program
- 6 meals: 2 breakfasts, 3 lunches, New Year's Eve dinner and toast
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Burbank

- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1750/1950 Gold Passport Points
\$1745 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1915 single

Take the Snow Train to Reno

Ride the California Zephyr through the Sierra Nevada

2 Days • February 14-15 or March 1-2

★ **Highlights** ★

- Ride the rails through the Sierra Nevada
- Overnight at the Silver Legacy Casino/Resort
- Return to Sacramento by motorcoach
- 350/400 Gold Passport Points
\$335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$370 single

Desert Beauty

Visit Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park

5 Days • February 28 – March 4

★ **Highlights** ★

- Anza-Borrego State Park, Joshua Tree National Park and the gardens of The Living Desert provide spectacular examples of desert beauty
- Experience the desert first hand with a jeep ride, tram ride and guided tour of the region

- Stay 1 night waterside in San Diego; 3 nights at the Agua Caliente Resort in Palm Springs
- 6 meals: 1 full breakfast, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to San Diego/from Ontario
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2750/3150 Gold Passport Points
\$2720 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3130 single

Oregon Chocolate Festival in Ashland

The Sweetest Weekend Ever!

3 Days • March 4-6

★ **Highlights** ★

- 2 nights at the Ashland Hills Hotel
- Attend the Oregon Chocolate Makers Festival
- 6 meals: 2 continental breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners including the exclusive Chocolate Makers Dinner
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- 1050/1150 Gold Passport Points
\$1050 p.p. dbl.occ., \$1145 single

Spring Training

The Cactus League in Arizona with the Giants and A's, great dining, baseball speakers

5 Days • March 10-14

If you are thinking about coming to Spring Training with us, now is the time to make your reservation. Tickets for the games will go on sale in November, and in order to get the coveted *shaded* seats, we need to get in early. Those who wait take the chance they will be shut out!

★ **Highlights** ★

- 5 Spring Training Games, each featuring the Giants or A's (or in one case, both)
- 7 meals, including daily breakfast, Sunday Brunch at the Wrigley Mansion and dinner at Rustler's Roost
- 4 nights Marriott Phoenix Airport – centrally located to all the ballparks
- Baseball Banquet one evening, featuring a player, coach or official from the Giants or the A's as a speaker



The Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena is a spectacle of sounds and sights for visitors of all ages

- Round trip airfare to/from Phoenix
 - Door-to-door airport transportation
 - 2600/3000 Gold Passport Points
- \$2595 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2960 single**

Nebraska: Honestly, it's not for everyone!

It's Sandhill Cranes, Prairie Chickens and the Kool-Aid Man

5 Days • March 21-25

★ Highlights ★

- Evening and morning viewing of cranes at Rowe Sanctuary
- Visit the Crane Trust Foundation headquarters
- Drive through the countryside with the local "Crane Guy"
- Check out the Kool-Aid exhibit at the Hastings Museum
- Spend the morning in Red Cloud, home to author Willa Cather
- Early morning "Chicken Dance" experience
- 10 meals: 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to Omaha/from Denver
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2600/2850 Gold Passport Points

\$2575 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2850

Fixin' Up Texas

Three presidents, two Fixer Uppers and one million bats!

6 Days • April 7-12

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights Austin, 1 night College Station
- LBJ Library, State Capitol, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Congress Bridge Bats
- George H.W. Bush Library, Texas A&M University
- 2 nights in Downtown Waco on the Brazos River
- Famous "Fixer Uppers," Magnolia Market, The Silos and other sites from the show
- George W. Bush Presidential Center
- 10 meals: Daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to Austin/From Dallas
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Gold Passport Points: 2900/3350

\$2885 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3310 single

New 2nd Departure date... Springtime in Monterey

Stay at the luxurious Clement Intercontinental on Cannery Row

3 Days • April 10-12

★ Highlights ★

- Tour the magnificent Filoli House and Garden
- 2 nights on Cannery Row at The Clement Intercontinental
- Take a ride on famous 17 Mile Drive
- Visit Monterey Bay Aquarium
- 3 lunches including the Inn at Spanish Bay
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- 1250/1450 Gold Passport Points

1. Climb aboard our motorcoach for a comfortable and scenic ride bound for the Pacific. Recognized as one of the finest country estates of the early 20th century, Filoli House and Garden in Woodside is your first featured attraction. The docent-guided tour includes both the 36,000 square foot Georgian house and spectacular 16-acre English Renaissance garden. Pause in Half Moon Bay for lunch before the afternoon coastal drive to Monterey. Rest well at your luxurious accommodations located on historic Cannery Row next door to the aquarium. **The Clement Intercontinental – 2 nights (L)**

2. Travel 17 Mile Drive paralleling the coast through Pacific Grove to Pebble Beach where lunch is served at the exclusive Inn at Spanish Bay. This afternoon visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium at your leisure and experience the cool vibe along Cannery

Row in search of the perfect spot for dinner. **(L)**

3. Stop for a hosted lunch on the way back to Sacramento returning around 5 pm. **(L)**

\$1260 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1485 single

Pathways of Patriots

Trace the footsteps of American patriots from Colonial times to the present through the Commonwealth of Virginia

7 Days • April 25-May 1

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights Prince William County – Manassas National Battlefield, Ben Lomond Historic Site, Occoquan, Effingham Manor Winery
- Semper Fidelis! Quantico National Cemetery, Museum, Marine Base
- Richmond – Statehouse, American Civil War Museum, CSA White House
- Colonial Williamsburg
- 2 nights Norfolk – Virginia International Tattoo, NATOfest Parade of Nations
- 12 meals: Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Dulles/from Norfolk
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3500/3850 Gold Passport Points

\$3445 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3840 single

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Gift Certificates can be purchased from our office, in person or over the phone, in any amount. Office hours are 9am – 3:30pm, M-F.



The Virginia International Tattoo brings together military bands, singers and dancers from all over the world, but with a decidedly Scottish flair



Chicago to St. Louis, Ride the Rails In-between

Celebrating 43 years on the road (and tracks) with Sports Leisure Vacations

7 Days • May 18-24

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights each in downtown Chicago and St. Louis
- Tickets to the new pop musical *Six*
- Architectural cruise on the Chicago River; visit one of the city's world-class museums
- Go to the top of the Gateway Arch
- St. Louis City Tour – featuring lunch on The Hill (home to Yogi Berra), Route 66 (treats at Ted Drewes Frozen Yogurt) and the riverfront, Budweiser Brewery Tour
- Lunch and shopping in historic St. Charles – see where the journey of Lewis & Clark began
- 12 meals: Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to Chicago/from St. Louis; Amtrak in-between
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 3300/3850 Gold Passport Points

\$3290 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3840 single

Memorial Day in Washington, DC and Biden Country

Our Capital City experience is followed by a visit to Wilmington, Delaware

8 Days • May 26 – June 2

★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Hilton Hotel Arlington
- Tour Washington, DC by day and night
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery, the US Capitol, Ford's Theatre and Kennedy Center
- Explore the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums on the Mall
- See National Monuments including Lincoln, Jefferson, FDR, MLK, WWII, Vietnam, Korea and more
- Visit Mt. Vernon or the new National Museum of the US Army
- Tour sites in and around Wilmington in the heart of Biden Country
- 13 meals: Daily breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Washington National/ from Philadelphia

- Door-to-door airport transportation
 - 3250/3550 Gold Passport Points
- \$3225 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3535 single**

Secrets of Santa Fe

Featuring majestic scenery, Los Alamos and Bandelier National Monument

5 Days • June 4-8

★ Highlights ★

- 4 nights in a beautiful hotel 2 blocks from the Central Plaza
- Savor authentic Southwest cuisine
- Guided tour of the Palace of the Governors & visit the one-of-a-kind State Capitol Building
- Visit Los Alamos where the atomic bomb was created
- Tour Bandelier National Monument with a naturalist guide
- Immerse yourself in the art of famed Canyon Road
- 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Albuquerque
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2300/2600 Gold Passport Points

\$2285 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2580 single

OFFICE HOURS:

9:00am – 3:30pm MON. thru FRI.

Closed weekends & major holidays

CLOSED TUES. 12:00pm – 1:15pm

Roll On Mighty Columbia

One of our country's grandest waterways – a river that helped shape the nation

4 Days • June 12-15

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn – all rooms with a view of the Columbia
- Visit the Vancouver Farmer's Market and Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center
- Daily/early evening excursions along/on the river, featuring the Maryhill Museum & Winery and a ride aboard the Mount Hood Railroad into the Hood River Valley
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, Sunday Brunch at the historic Columbia Gorge Hotel, 2 lunches, 1 dinner cruise on the Columbia
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1900/2150 Gold Passport Points

\$1885 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2105 single

Newfoundland – Welcome to The Rock!

Home to unparalleled natural beauty and friendly folks

13 Days • June 24 – July 6

★ Highlights ★

- A comprehensive Newfoundland tour, with a wee taste of both Nova Scotia and Labrador
- Multiple ferries and cruises – these are the Atlantic Provinces after all



See what's under the dome of YOUR nation's capitol building on a guided tour

- 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Multiple days in spectacular Gros Morne National Park
- Celebrate Canada Day and July 4th
- 23 meals: Daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 9 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to Halifax/from St John's
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 7700/8600 Gold Passport Points

\$7700 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8590 single

Only 4 seats/2 rooms remain – must travel double occupancy

This tour requires a valid passport!

Oregon – From the Coast to Lewis & Clark to Covered Bridges

Coastal Oregon calls you with natural beauty, history and million-dollar sunsets

6 Days • June 4-8

★ Highlights ★

- Overnight Astoria, 3 nights with ocean views in Newport, overnight in Eugene
- Vancouver Farmer's Market, Astoria Column
- Scenic drive along the Oregon Coast
- Visit Yaquina Head Lighthouse, shopping at Blue Heron Cheese Company
- Marine Discovery Cruise on Newport Bay, the best educational cruise in the country
- The Oregon Aquarium, Albany Carousel talk and ride
- 11 meals: 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 2300/2750 Gold Passport Points

\$2270 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2745 single

HOLIDAY HOURS

We will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25-26 for Thanksgiving.

We will be closed Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24



Few places are more romantic than Quebec City at night

The Pageant of the Masters

An artistic extravaganza like none other in Southern California

3 Days – July 17-19 or August 28-30

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights at the Newport Beach Hotel & Spa
- Excellently located reserved loge seating for *The Pageant of the Masters*
- Behind-the-scenes presentation about the Pageant
- Champagne brunch cruise on beautiful Newport Harbor
- Visit the popular 19th Century vacation destination Balboa
- 3 meals: 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 1900/2150 Gold Passport Points

\$1855 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2140 single

The Great Reno Balloon and Virginia City Camel & Ostrich Races

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

3 Days • September 8-10

★ Highlights ★

- Attend the Great Reno Balloon Race with Cloud 9 VIP Club access

- Tickets to the Virginia City Camel & Ostrich Races
- Door-to-door service to/from the office
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 3 meals: 1 breakfast, 2 lunches
- 1050/1150 Gold Passport Points

\$2870 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3250 single

Bonjour, La Belle Quebec!

French countryside, historic Quebec City & cosmopolitan Montreal... it's all here!

8 Days • September 20-27

★ Highlights ★

- 2 nights in a French Bed & Breakfast with home cooked meals
- Brilliant fall colors in the beautiful Charlevoix Region
- 2 nights in 4-star accommodations in Quebec City
- Visit Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Basilica & Montmorency Falls
- Tour Montreal, including Notre Dame Basilica
- 15 meals: 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Montreal
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- 4700/5450 Gold Passport Points

\$4675 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5430 single

This vacation requires a valid passport!



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Tonopah, Las Vegas & Laughlin

6 Days • February

This is a no-fly, all motorcoach vacation. Stay overnight in Tonopah at the eclectic Mizpah Hotel (or Best Western). Night two is in downtown Las Vegas, followed by two nights in Laughlin on the Colorado River. Your last night will be at the Tachi Palace. Stops include the Valley Nut & Candy Store, a jet boat tour on the Colorado River in Laughlin, lunch in Oatman (Oh those donkeys!) and at Hilmar Cheese, all at a leisurely pace onboard our deluxe motorcoach.

Baseball's Fields of Dreams

Featuring the Negro League Museum, the Field of Dreams, the Baseball Hall of Fame and more...

8 Days • May 1-8

★ Highlights ★

- The Negro Leagues Museum in Kansas City
- The Field of Dreams Movie Site near Dyersville, Iowa
- Cooperstown, home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame with a special Curator's Program; stay at the elegant Otesaga Hotel
- Yogi Berra Museum at Montclair State University in New Jersey

- Sites of Ebbets Field, the Polo Grounds, Yankee Stadium
- Gate of Heaven Cemetery, final resting place of Babe Ruth
- Games in Kansas City, Chicago (Wrigley Field) and New York (Yankee Stadium)
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare: Sacramento/Kansas City, Chicago/Albany, Newark/Sacramento
- Door-to-door airport transportation

Mark's Note: See details on page 15 of our 2022 Dream Book and online. This tour is in the final planning stage. We expect the price to be available on December 1.

Washington's Cascades to the Coast

July 2022 or 2023

Spend two nights on Lake Chelan with a boat tour. Travel through North Cascades National Park pausing for photos and short walks to enjoy the alpine scenery. Three nights in Bellingham allow time to see the local sites, take a dinner cruise on Bellingham Bay and a daytrip to off-the-beaten-path Mt. Baker National Forest. No one ever goes there! Roundtrip air to/from Seattle.

Maine – Lobsters and Lighthouses

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

7 Days • August 17-23

★ Highlights ★

- Stay 2 nights waterfront near Bar Harbor and tour Acadia National Park
- Guided tours of Portland and Kennebunkport
- Enjoy a Lobster cruise and traditional Maine Lobster bake dinner
- See 4 lighthouses and visit the Maine Lighthouse Museum
- Join a moose-viewing expedition in the western mountains
- Visit the Maine State Capitol and Museum
- 13 meals: Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 6 dinners



See Portland Head Lighthouse on the rugged coast of Maine

- Roundtrip airfare to/from Portland, ME
- Door-to-door airport transportation

Chris' Note: See details on page 23 of our 2022 Dream Book and online. This tour is in the final planning stage. We expect the price to be available before the end of the year.

Utah – Life Elevated

Mid-September

Features include Zion National Park, Best Friends Animal Sanctuary and a performance at Tuacahn Center for the Arts. Three nights in Springdale puts you just steps from the entrance to Zion National Park where you'll spend a full day. At Best Friends you'll meet hundreds of rescued pets and farm animals in a breathtaking setting. Spend one night in St George to visit the Dinosaur Tracks Museum and take in a performance at Tuacahn, a dramatic outdoor red rock amphitheater. Roundtrip air to/from Las Vegas.

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Michigan & Mackinac

Stay three nights in GRAND style on North America's favorite island

7 Days • September 18-24

★ Highlights ★

- 3 nights at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island
- Overnight stays in Grand Rapids, Traverse City and the Bavarian village of Frankenmuth
- Visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum and The Music House
- History abounds at The Henry Ford Museum's Greenfield Village
- 14 meals: Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 5 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Grand Rapids/from Detroit
- Door-to-door airport transportation

Clayton's Note: See details on page 30 of our 2022 Dream Book and online. This tour is in the final planning stage. We expect the price to be available before the end of the year.



Visit the Titanic Museum in Belfast, located in the shipyards where the ill-fated ocean liner was built

Autumn in Ireland and Northern Ireland

Late September – Early October

Why do we only think of the Emerald Isle as a springtime destination? Let's give it a go in the fall! Days are long, temperatures mild and crowds are low. Gary Tierney, our Irish driver/guide extraordinaire, is working with us to create this tour. We've surveyed everyone on the PNL as of press time and have determined this will be a first-timers tour focusing on Ireland's most iconic attractions and destinations seen at a moderate pace with 2-night stays in Belfast, Donegal, Galway, Killarney and Dublin.

Hawaii – The Big Island & Kauai, add Oahu if you wish

9 or 12 Days • Late October/Early

November • 2 or 3 Islands

Big Island of Hawaii, 4 nights – One day in Kona is a Hawaiian history lesson, the next a chance to meet creatures of the ocean. We'll introduce you to Hawaii's oldest church, a beautiful palace and King Kamehameha, the grandest of Hawaiian kings. Visit the Ocean Rider Sea Horse and the Kanaloa Octopus Farms for unique Hawaiian-aqua culture experiences, and meet some sea turtles along the way! On another day head to the north end of the island to visit a vanilla farm (vanilla lunch included). Shave ice, a local luau, accommodations at the **King Kamehameha Hotel**, the best location in town.

The Garden Isle of Kauai, 4 nights – We have developed our own array of unique experiences including our own culinary foodie tour, a visit to a former plantation that now offers fine dining, Waimea Canyon, Poipu and more. **Kauai Shores**, on the ocean near Kapa'a, is our home.

Oahu Option, 3 nights – Pearl Harbor is here, as is the Iolani Palace. Make them part of your itinerary if you like. President Obama went to high school here. We'll take you on a tour of the neighborhood he grew up in, and buy you an ice cream cone in the store where he had his first job! Would you like to tour Doris Duke's Shangri La? We can include it for you. We call it the **Oahu option** because of the many things you can add to create your own custom stay on the island.

Mark's Note: This trip was originally teased for the spring of 2022, but when our scheduled fall tour in 2021 was pushed back, this idea had to move, too. One thing is certain: Any time is the perfect time to visit the islands! Who wants to go with me?

Crusin' Aboard the American Queen

An autumn cruise on the grandest paddlewheeler ever built!

10 Days • October 23 – November 1

★ Highlights ★

- 7-night history-themed cruise aboard the *American Queen*

- Ports of Call: St Louis, Chester, Cape Girardeau, Paducah, Dover and Clarksville
- All basic shore excursions included
- Showboat-style entertainment and dancing nightly; daily talks by Riverlorian
- Beer and wine included with onboard dinners; all-day bottled water, sodas, coffee and snacks are complimentary
- Overnight with attractions and meals in St. Louis
- Overnight and Halloween masquerade party in Clarksville
- 24 meals: 9 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 9 dinners
- Door-to-door airport transportation
- Round trip airfare to St. Louis/from Nashville
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin category

Clayton's Note: See details on page 31 of our 2022 Dream Book and online. This tour is in the final planning stage. We expect prices to be available and cabin selection to open before the end of the year.

The Azores and Lisbon Spring or Fall 2023

The Azores, a small archipelago of nine islands off the north Atlantic coast of Portugal, are a European vacation hot-spot largely unknown to American travelers. We think it's time to turn this trend around! Fly to the Capital City of Lisbon on the mainland for a few days of exploration before the short air-hop to Terceira where you'll see the sights while on a food tour sampling local sweets, seafood (cracas with beer!), sausages, cheese, wines and liqueurs. Next visit São Miguel, the big island, for breathtaking natural scenery including Fogo and Sete Cidades Lagoons, both located in volcanic calderas. In Furnas you'll have lunch cooked inside a volcanic hole on this extremely active geothermal island. Natural beauty, botanical wonders, history, amazing eats and Europe's most hospitable people combine to make this THE vacation to take in 2023!

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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...

Two lists of multi-day vacations which are sold out or have only a limited amount of space remaining (10 or fewer seats, number in parenthesis). Waiting Lists are available for sold out tours. Daycations are not listed.

Sold-Out Tours

Candy Covered Christmas Mystery
Solvang and the Apple Farm
Puttin' On the Ritz for Christmas
California Christmas Mystery
Skagit Valley Tulip Festival
Moab/Red Rocks to Rockies
Fall for Niagara Falls-May & Sept.
Ferries/Islands/Towns of Cape Cod
Canada Coast to Coast by Rail
Cruising/St. Lawrence River

Key West
South Dakota
New Orleans #1
Bonjour Quebec-Oct.
Winter in Yellowstone
San Juan Explorer Cruise
Oregon Chocolate Festival
Alaska Aurora Borealis
Colorful Carolina Coast
Springtime in Monterey #1

Limited Space

Ashland Christmas Traditions (3)
All Aboard the Christmas Train (5)
Tournament of Roses Parade (3)
NYC/Behind B'way & The Bronx (2)
Pathways of Patriots (9)
Springtime in Yosemite (2)
Chicago to St. Louis by Rail (8)
Ferries/Towns of Puget Sound (3)
Pageant of the Masters-Aug. (9)
Reno Balloon Festival (3)

New Orleans #2 (3)
Nebraska (5)
Fixin' Up Texas (10)
Kauai & Maui (4)
Santa Fe (9)
Newfoundland (4)
Oregon Coast (6)
Leavenworth (1)
Desert Beauty (7)