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Sports Leisure Vacations

My Dear Traveling Friends:

In June 2017 the little brainstorm now called **Sports Leisure Vacations** will celebrate 38 years serving the needs of travelers in northern California and Nevada. Wow. Never did **Mark** dream his idea of going to Giants games (and taking a few friends along to help pay the bill) would gain so much momentum. As for me, I was in high school in north Georgia in 1979 with a dream of my own – to grow up and be Julie the Cruise Director.

Today, whether serving as Tour Planners, Tour Directors and occasionally even as cruise directors, we have the awesome opportunity of making travel dreams come true every day for our nearly 50,000 Travel Club members. It is also an awesome responsibility – one the **Sports Leisure** staff of 16 does not take lightly.

Within the pages of the book you are now holding, we invite you to dream and dream big of **places you've never been and those you want to see again!** What is it that makes you dream of travel? Is it to visit every state in this great nation we share? Is it to experience the "old country" your ancestors once called home? Maybe you seek a foreign experience not too far from home? If so, Canada beckons! What about the traveler who doesn't care where they go as long as they're having fun? Then Mystery Tours are for you! Whether your dreams are local, regional, national or foreign; sublime or exotic; active or relaxed; we've got something for you.

Nearly every vacation we offer is custom created, meaning we can give you something else the modern traveler demands – assurance that both your money and time will be well-spent. Have a question?

Call the office and ask to speak to the Tour Planner, the person who created the experience from the ground up and who knows it intimately. But please be patient. Many of our tours are escorted by the planners, so they may be out of the office making dreams come true for another group of travelers. The earlier you ask your questions – especially if they involve unique needs and requests – the greater our ability to serve you.

As we draw near four decades of service to our loyal members, community and industry, we continue to be humbled by a comment we hear time and time again: **Sports Leisure Vacations** doesn't feel like a business. It feels like a family. YOU are a part of that, certainly as much as anything we dare to dream or do. Rest assured, it feels like family to us, too.

"Your Tour Guy,"



Clayton Whitehead, CTP
Vice President

The Staff of Sports Leisure Vacations

We are extremely proud of our cast of characters, each bringing vast knowledge, imagination, hospitality and most of all, a genuine concern for your pleasure, comfort and safety to their posts. Our experience is in the numbers below; the first showing years at **Sports Leisure**, the second the number of years in the industry.

Mark Hoffmann, CTP – 37/37
Clayton Whitehead, CTP – 23/35
RoseMarie Holt – 20/33
Joey Querio – 15/32
Scott Angeletti – 13/21
Donnie Anderson 9/9
Chris Galloway – 6/6
Blueberry 4/4
Jim Pelley – 1/25

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Patricia Hansen – 21/21
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Kevin Murphy, CTP – 15/16
Patty Thayer – 11/11
Michael Downer – 6/30
May Wong – 4/34
Donna Carey 3/20
Liz Deuso – 1/7

That's 231 years of **Sports Leisure** experience, 410 years in the travel industry. In business or in life, experience makes all the difference.

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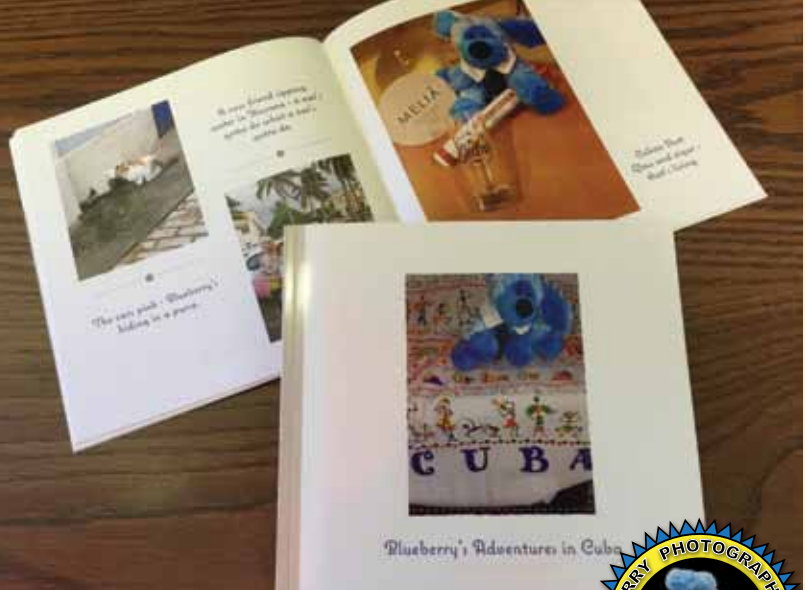


LEARN MORE!

Most tours are accompanied by a selection of websites that will help satisfy your appetite for more information on our destinations before you travel. Check them out and let us know what you discover. Remember, a wealth of knowledge is always available at www.sportsleisure.com including company information, expanded tour itineraries, current publications and a link to the **Travel Guys Radio Show**.



Clayton, the Oregon Duck and **Sports Leisure** founder Mark Hoffmann. Want to get in on the fun? Join us on the **38th Annual Anniversary Tour – Portland's Roses and Oregon's Coast – p40**



We Have a Winner!

This year's Grand Prize winner in the annual **Blueberry Photographic Society** contest is Candace Smallwood. She didn't submit a single photo, but an entire series presented in the book *Blueberry's Adventures in Cuba*, complete with captions that perfectly seal the memories of their visit to a magical island. Candace wins a \$500 Tour Certificate for her efforts. You could be next! Find out more below . . .

Blueberry Photographic Society

You are cordially invited to join the **Blueberry Photographic Society**. Membership is free and easy. Just send an e-mail to blueberry@sportsleisure.com, subject line JOIN. Your very own

Blueberry will arrive shortly thereafter by mail. Take him with you wherever you go and snap away. Of course, bonus points are given whenever Blueberry is captured on an adventure with **Sports Leisure Vacations**.

When you've taken that million dollar shot, send your digital photo to the same address, subject line CONTEST. Be sure to include the all-important who, what, when and where, and write a caption if you wish. As indicated by this year's winner, creativity PAYS. One winner will be selected to have their photo published in each edition of our bimonthly newsletter, *The Traveler*, and win a gift card to a popular local restaurant. A Grand Prize winner, chosen annually, will receive a \$500 Tour Certificate. So what are you waiting for? Join the **Blueberry Photographic Society** today!

Airfares and Foreign Currency Exchange

All tours including air travel are based on airfares as of September 1, 2016. Airfares for tours departing after August 1, 2017 are subject to change until confirmed by the airline. All international vacations in this catalogue are priced based on currency exchange rates in effect September 1, 2016. Changes of more than 5% may subject tour prices to an adjustment at 30 to 60 days prior to departure. You will be notified if there is a surcharge or refund.

Fewer travelers
mean a more
personal vacation
experience for
you!



Preview/Review Your Favorite Tours on Video...

This summer, we embarked on a new program to give you a better "look" at where we go and what we see and do, where we stay, etc. We are creating a series of videos, shot both on tour and on location without a group, to give you a better idea of what a trip is like and to help you make your buying decisions. Of course, Tour Directors can't be camera operators and run a tour at the same time. So we've hired two great videographers, **Jon Canaan** (below left) and **Matt Dockery** (below right).

Some of you have already met one of them on tour. Jon and Matt have been on our Hamptons, Laguna Pageant (2nd departure) and Leavenworth (1st departure) trips. The **Key West** video is done and can be viewed online. The **New York City** video makes its debut at Vacation Preview Day in September (both Jon and Matt were there) and more will be available to you to see online soon. Watch your newsletter for announcements and watch for the **video** button on our website inside the description of your favorite tours.



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6	One-Night Stay		National Park		Air
2-3	Multiple-Night Stay		Mountain		Boat
	Visit/Drive Through		Motorcoach		Train

CB – Continental Breakfast / **B** – Generally a limited buffet or menu
FB – Full buffet or choice of menu / **BR** – Brunch, often buffet-style
L – Lunch, often several menu options / **HT** or **AT** – High or Afternoon Tea
D – Dinner, often several menu options

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Fall colors, crisp temperatures and spectacular sightseeing on multiple autumn tours



See Santiago Calatrava's new train station at the World Trade Center – p7 and p22



Moab, Gateway to Arches National Park

Featuring 3 nights at the spectacular Red Cliffs Lodge on the banks of the Colorado River

5 Days • May 6-10



1. Fly to Grand Junction, Colorado and board your motorcoach for a short ride to the town of Palisade, in the heart of Colorado's wine country. Sleep well in your Victorian style hotel. **Wine Country Inn (L)**

2. John Hendricks founded Discovery Communications, the broadcasting and film production company that owns Discovery Channel, TLC and Animal Planet. His outdoor recreational resort in Colorado, Gateway Canyons, hosts 60 of John's most prized and impeccably preserved automobiles, including the \$3.25 million, one-of-a-kind, 1954 Oldsmobile F-88 concept car. Enjoy a private tour of the collection along with a hosted lunch. Your

lodge in Moab sits on the banks of the Colorado River, just outside Arches National Park. Towering red cliffs surround your accommodations; watch them change colors with the setting sun. **Red Cliffs Lodge – 3 nights (FB,L)**

3. With over 2,000 naturally occurring arches (the greatest concentration in the world), Arches National Parks is a photographer's dream. Explore the park during a guided tour, pausing at all the highlights. It's a day you won't soon forget! After lunch it's time for a different view of the scenic beauty – on the Colorado River with a narrated jet boat tour along a calm section of the river. **(FB,L)**

4. The mighty Colorado and Green Rivers divide Canyonlands National Park into three sections and millions of years of erosion have formed a maze of canyon arches and spires that make it impossible to view by land. Soar through the park on a one hour charter flight today, over the Colorado River, past Island in the Sky and The Maze, a hideout of famous outlaws Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Near The Needles fly over the confluence of the Green and

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore majestic Arches National Park
- Visit Dead Horse State Park (the most amazing view in the Southwest!)
- Thrill on a jet boat tour on the Colorado River
- Experience flightseeing over Canyonlands National Park
- Discover Gateway Canyons
- Roundtrip air to/from Grand Junction, CO
- Door-to-door airport service
- 9 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 5 lunches
- 2600/2950 Gold Passport Points

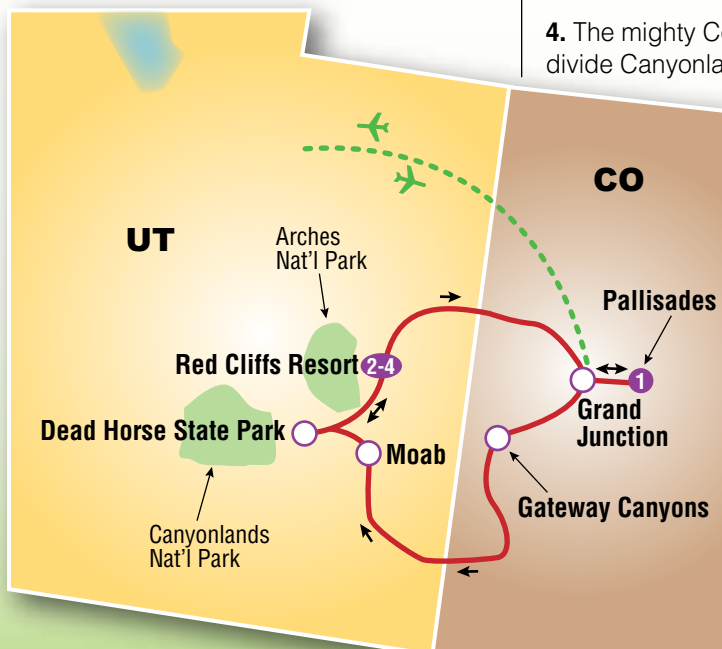
Colorado Rivers, absorbing awesome breathtaking beauty. Later travel by coach to one of the best vistas in the west at Dead Horse Point State Park, where you will be 1,500 feet above the Colorado River. Enjoy lunch and some free time in Moab before heading back to resort. **(FB,L)**

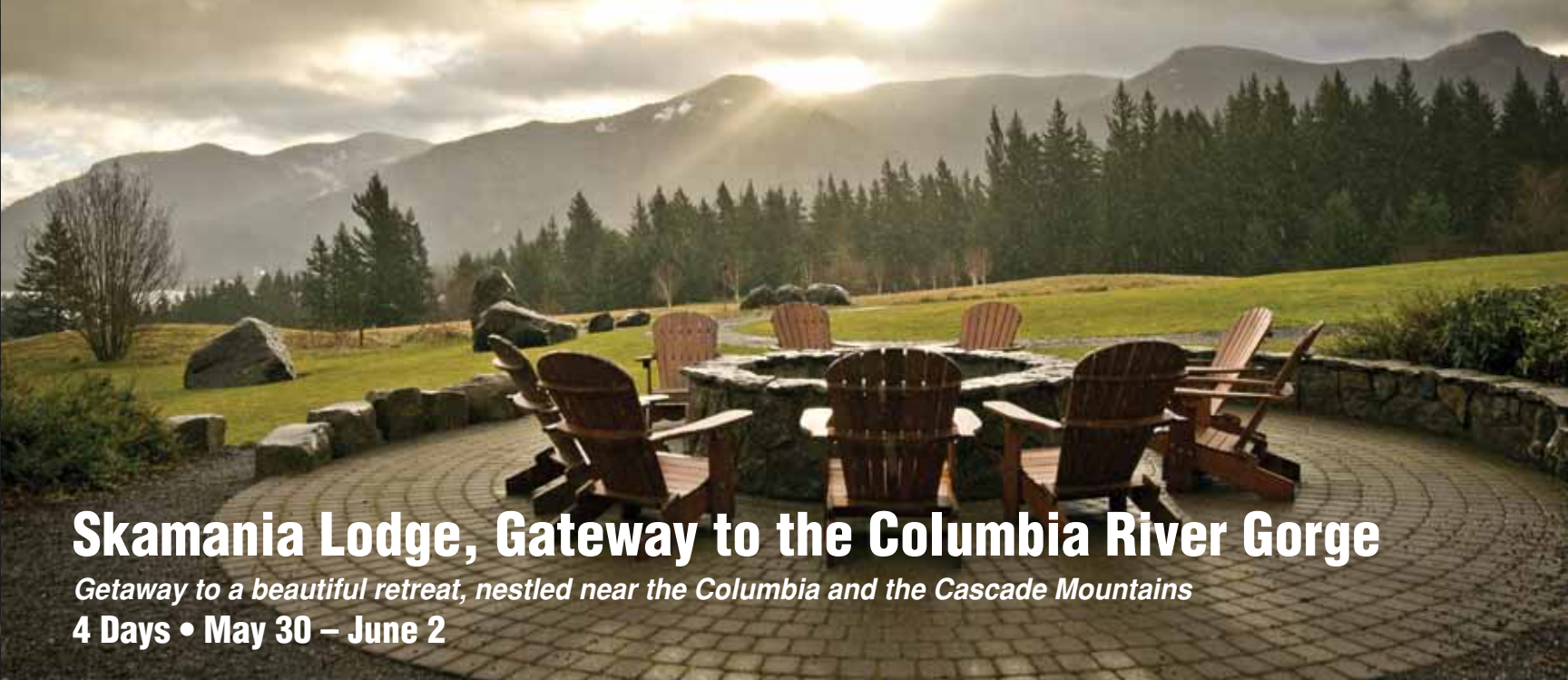
5. No one ever wants to leave the Red Cliffs but it's your final day. Travel back to Grand Junction for a hosted lunch before your return flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$2590 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2905 single

LEARN MORE!

www.redcliffslodge.com
www.stateparks.utah.gov/parks/dead-horse/
www.nps.gov/arch/index.htm





Skamania Lodge, Gateway to the Columbia River Gorge

Getaway to a beautiful retreat, nestled near the Columbia and the Cascade Mountains

4 Days • May 30 – June 2



Whether you prefer the solitude of a big chair around the fire on the back porch or a gentle walk in the woods, Skamania Lodge is your special place



Just an hour's drive from Portland, situated in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, is a majestic mountain lodge. Skamania, which opened in 1993, just seven years after Congress created the national scenic area, is a four-story Cascadian-style lodge. Some of the timbers used in the construction are over 100 years old. Come with us and discover this magical place in springtime, at the beginning of the season, when things are fresh and renewed.

1. Fly to Portland this morning, enjoy lunch and then enjoy the scenic drive out to the lodge. Stop at Multnomah Falls, where the water drops over 600 feet in two sections. It's spring and the fruit stands

of the Hood River Valley are dotting the roadside. We'll have to pick one out and stop to support local farmers. The Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center will provide you the opportunity to learn more about our destination and the natural beauty which surrounds us. Lunch is served at the elegant Columbia Gorge Hotel.

Arrive at the lodge in mid-afternoon. You are just outside the small town of Stevenson, on the Washington side of the gorge. Join us tonight for a welcome dinner, to learn more about your accommodations and the activities available to you in your free time.

Skamania Lodge – 3 nights (L,D)

2. About an hour from Skamania is the Maryhill Museum of Art. It houses an eclectic permanent collection and hosts traveling exhibitions. The museum, located literally in the middle of nowhere, opened in 1940 and expanded in 2012. Nearby is a concrete replica of Stonehenge, which honors the dead of WWI, and it's well worth a visit. On the return trip, we'll stop in town for those who wish to browse the few shops. A casual early dinner is scheduled in Stevenson tonight. **(FB,L)**

3. Today is free to enjoy Skamania and its many opportunities. A Raptor Show is scheduled, to give you an opportunity to "meet" some of the creatures who inhabit the skies above you. There is a leisurely guided walk (1½ miles, reasonably flat) around the property, and the more adventurous in our group might wish to take advantage of the special \$99 discounted zipline tour. A guided art walk includes the lodge's many "in residence" pieces. Of course, you can take one of the longer hikes or just sit in a big chair on the veranda and enjoy your surroundings. **(FB,L)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights at Skamania Lodge, just off the Columbia River Gorge at the foot of the Cascades, lots of onsite activities, or just relax and enjoy the view
- Ride the Mt. Hood Railroad
- Visit the Maryhill Museum of Art and the Stonehenge Memorial
- "Meet the Raptors" show at the lodge
- Optional zipline and guided nature walks (additional charge)
- 8 meals: 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to/from Portland
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1650/1850 Gold Passport Points

4. Pack up and depart our retreat this morning. But before we head home, let's take a ride through the fruit orchards on the Mount Hood Railroad. It's been a glorious three days on the Columbia River! **(FB,L)**

\$1625 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1815 single



Holiday Fun and Winter Getaways

Some departures have very limited space!

Our fall tour schedule still offers some wonderful opportunities to get into the spirit of the holidays. Two different packages to the east coast for Thanksgiving, Disneyland, the sounds of the season in Palm Springs, even a tour over Christmas itself. Why be alone when you can be out having fun with your **Sports Leisure** friends?

Destination: Disneyland!

3 Days • November 1-3

The smiles and the laughter that are found at Disneyland are free. They are available to kids of all ages. Come with us and relive a piece of your childhood, as you explore Disneyland, and if you wish, Disney's California Adventure. There are several unique dining experiences, with dinner at the Anaheim White House and lunch at Mrs. Knott's Chicken Restaurant during a quick stop at the shops of Knott's Berry Farm. Go behind-the-scenes in Disneyland on a tour called "A Walk in Walt's Footsteps*." Above all, spend two days visiting Disneyland exclusively, or enjoy both theme parks if you wish (Disney's California Adventure is pretty spectacular too). There are a number of options, allowing you to customize your package while still participating in several special events – including daily parades, entertainment and, of course, the nightly fireworks show! You can do your homework about the parks before you register for our tour by visiting the parks' website at www.disneyland.com.

The tour includes door-to-door service, roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California, two nights upscale accommodations at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel (very near the park), two days park admissions (see below), dinner at The Anaheim White House, lunch inside Disneyland if you take the "Walk in Walt's Footsteps" tour, and lunch at Knott's Berry Farm on the final day. Transportation is provided for all scheduled activities. Gold Passport Points based on package.

Available Packages:

Two-day Disneyland ONLY pass, with everything above:

\$1555 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1740 single

Two-day, two park flex pass (Disneyland AND California Disney admissions), with everything above:

\$1595 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1780 single

**The "Walk in Walt's Footsteps" tour is included in both packages above. It is a three hour walking tour. You must be able to stand at points during the tour. If you wish to skip this tour and explore Disneyland on your own when you arrive, or have mobility issues which might make it difficult to enjoy the tour, you can opt out and receive a credit of \$109 off either package price. Please also note: all evening shows are STANDING ROOM only as well. Questions??? Call our office and ask for Mark, Chris or Kevin.*

Tonopah, Laughlin & Las Vegas by SuperCoach III

6 Days • November 13-18

From Sacramento, travel by SuperCoach III and overnight in Tonopah, then two nights in Laughlin (Golden Nugget) and two nights in Las Vegas (Treasure Island), before returning home by coach. The package includes 6 meals, highlighted by Sunday Brunch at Harrah's Tahoe (first day); a visit to the Route 66 town of Oatman, and a tour of Wayne Newton's estate in Las Vegas.

This tour also includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, all tours and attractions listed in the itinerary online, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1400/1600 Gold Passport Points

\$1390 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1595 single



Thanksgiving Celebrations in Plymouth and New York City, Pilgrims & Rockettes

Extend your stay in NYC, see below

6 Days • November 18-23

Leave it to your friends at **Sports Leisure** to come with one of the most unusual combinations ever. First stop is Plymouth, historically home to the first Thanksgiving celebration. You'll recreate that first holiday with the Pilgrims. Then head to New York City by train, where you'll catch a Broadway show and the legendary Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall. In New York, you stay at one of the city's premier addresses, the Marriott Marquis in Times Square.

1. Fly to Boston, and travel to nearby Plymouth, an hour away. **Hampton Inn – 2 nights (D)**

2. Today brings the annual America's Hometown Thanksgiving Parade. The Saturday morning celebration festivities begin on the historic waterfront in Plymouth with ceremonies and entertainment. Reserved seats in the grandstand are included for America's only historically accurate chronological parade. A photo stop will be made at Plymouth Rock before boarding the *Mayflower II*. Finish with a tour of Plymouth Plantation's English village, where the cast of characters have no idea they are not really living in the 1600s, or that they would later become known as pilgrims. We'll enjoy our THANKSGIVING DINNER at the plantation. History comes alive! **(B,D)**

3. After breakfast, step through the Portal to the Past and into America's Hometown Historic Village, where you are invited to explore four centuries of American history. The Historic Village is brought to life through dedicated living historians and their careful portrayals of the people of each period. The Historic Village interpreters will inform and entertain. Catch an afternoon train to New York City from Providence and arrive in the Big Apple in time for dinner. Your accommodations for **3 nights** are at the **Marriott Marquis Hotel** in the middle of Times Square, New York's very best address. **(B,D)**

4-5. Explore Manhattan. We'll take you to Grand Central Station for a tour and a chance to shop in the wonderful market there. Drive to Central Park, visit Rockefeller Center and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Go downtown to the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. See the **Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall** one evening and a **Broadway show (TBA)** the second. **(L,D)**

6. Fly home in the morning/afternoon.

The package includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip airfare and 7 meals (2B, 1L, 4D). 3350/3800 Gold Passport Points

\$3335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3755 single

Thanksgiving in New York City

Visit the Big Apple at the most wonderful time of the year!

6 Days • November 20-25

★ Highlights ★

- 5 nights at the Marriott Marquis Hotel on Times Square
- Tickets to 2 hit Broadway shows – *The Great Comet of 1812*, starring Josh Groban, and one of your choosing
- Radio City Music Hall Rockettes *Christmas Spectacular*
- Theatre talk with nationally-syndicated critic Peter Filichia
- City driving tours with expert local guides
- Liberty/Ellis Islands, Rockefeller Center & St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Tour the 9/11 Memorial, see the city from Freedom Tower
- View the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- 5 meals including a spectacular Thanksgiving Dinner cruise
- Roundtrip to/from New York's LaGuardia Airport
- Door-to-door airport service, 3900/4500 Gold Passport Points

1. As Thanksgiving ushers in the Christmas season, you'll be in the middle of it all at the **Marriott Marquis**, located directly on Times Square. Count on our welcome dinner to set the mood! **(D)**

2. Joined by our entertaining and informative local guide, sightseeing today takes you downtown where New York was founded as New Amsterdam by Dutch settlers in 1625. You'll see Trinity Church, Federal Hall, Wall Street and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. Over lunch, meet syndicated theatre critic Peter Filichia to learn what's hot and what's not on the Great White Way. The afternoon ends with a visit to the top of Freedom Tower to take in the view from 1776 feet above the city. In the evening you'll have the option of seeing the longest-running musical in theatre history, *The Fantastics*, performed "Off-Broadway" near Times Square. **(L)**

3. Uptown is highlighted on today's guided tour, with a drive through Harlem and stops at Central Park, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Rockefeller Center. Tonight is your first sampling of that wonderful institution known as Broadway. *The Great Comet of 1812* is the musical inspired by the novel War & Peace. Taken from a 70-page slice of the book, it brings us close up to Tolstoy's brash young lovers as they light up Moscow in a "heaven-sent fireball." **(L)**

The Ultimate Thanksgiving Combo Tour

From Plymouth and the Pilgrims to the Big Apple

8 Days • Nov. 18-25

Combine the Pilgrims, The Rockettes and New York City and stay for Thanksgiving in NYC (the Pilgrim tour ends on Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving). The extended package includes everything in both tours above. Return home the day after Thanksgiving. 9 meals and airfare included.

\$4320 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5050 single



Picture yourself on the sidewalk at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

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 a Broadway performance of your choice. You tell us the show – play or musical, on or off-Broadway – you wish to see and we'll take care of the rest. Check out the possibilities now at www.broadway.com. **(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 of your room. The parade route is along 6th Avenue, only one block from the hotel. In the afternoon, journey to Radio City Music Hall for the Rockettes' *Christmas Spectacular*. A Thanksgiving Dinner cruise follows aboard the elegant glass-roofed *Bateaux New York* featuring a traditional dinner and great sightseeing as the stars come out over the Big Apple. **(D)**

6. A late-morning drive to LaGuardia Airport brings Thanksgiving in New York to an end.

\$3890 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4465 single

Add *The Fantastics* for an additional \$50 per person (estimate)

Palm Springs' Music for the Holidays

4 Days • December 6-9

★ Highlights ★

- See 2 shows at the McCallum Theatre in Palm Desert – *The Irish Tenors' Christmas* and *Oh, What a Night*, featuring the music of Frankie Valli, Andy Williams and their contemporaries
- Learn many entertaining and educational stories as you tour through "the desert" past more than 50 celebrity homes
- Visit the Living Desert at night for its fantastic *Wildlights Show*
- Take the Palm Springs Aerial Tram to the top of Mt. San Jacinto for lunch
- Tour the grounds and dine at the historic Mission Inn, a historic landmark hotel located in Riverside, decked out for the holidays
- Spend 3 nights at Hilton's Palm Springs Resort, located in the village on Tahquitz Canyon Way
- Door-to-door airport service
- Roundtrip airfare to Southern California
- 7 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- 1900/2150 Gold Passport Points

1. Arrive at Ontario Airport after a mid-morning flight. Lunch is included at a Route 66 landmark, The Magic Lamp, before

continuing on to Palm Springs. This evening the Irish Tenors celebrate the season with a holiday concert of traditional carols and classic Irish ballads. **Hilton's Palm Springs Resort – 3 nights (L)**

2. A leisurely breakfast awaits you this morning, and then it is time for one of the city's famed Celebrity Tours. Your guide will have you laughing at the stories and antics of the rich and famous in Palm Springs. Drive by homes, both modest and outrageous, as you tour the playground of the Hollywood elite. This afternoon, spend some time on Palm Canyon Drive or perhaps you would like to learn about the very early history of Palm Springs with a visit to the Village Green Heritage Center. Tonight, travel into the desert for a fantastic display of lights at the Living Desert Zoo and Botanical Gardens. **(FB,D)**

3. Travel by aerial tram to the top of Mt. San Jacinto for a view of the Coachella Valley and maybe just a glimpse of some snow. This evening you have just a bit of time to explore the weekly Village Fest before returning to the McCallum Theatre for another night of music as the Desert Symphony plays tribute to Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons. The stars of *Oh What A Night!* sing in the season with all the hits from the Four Seasons, as well as a special holiday tribute to Andy Williams. **(FB,L)**

4. An afternoon flight from Ontario leaves time to visit the Mission Inn Hotel. During the early decades of the 20th Century, Riverside was the winter destination for many of the country's elite seeking a warmer climate and western adventure. Today the Mission Inn is considered one of the largest Mission Revival style buildings in the United States. You will enjoy a tour of the beautiful hotel and grounds, followed by an early lunch in this historic hotel. **(FB,L)**

\$1890 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2120 single

Christmas in Solvang and Santa Barbara

4 Days • December 23-26

Our annual Christmas trip is always popular. This year we offer a new itinerary, featuring two destinations and a unique "coach one direction/fly home" itinerary, to minimize the time spent on the bus.

Depart Sacramento and travel south to the quaint Danish village of Solvang, with a lunch stop en route. Stay in one of the village's finest accommodations, the **Hotel Corque**. A smorgasbord dinner awaits.

The following morning, after a breakfast liberally sprinkled with Danish-specialties, enjoy a short guided tour of the center of town. Along the way, we'll point out a number of unique shops and bakeries, then give you gift cards to start your shopping spree in each of them. Think of the treasures you can find, wonderful souvenirs, many of them edible! The afternoon brings us through Santa Barbara (we'll be back) and to Ventura, to our home at the beautiful **Ventura Marriott** for two nights. Perhaps you'd like to attend Christmas Eve services at the historic mission?

On Christmas morning, we return to Santa Barbara. The stretch of highway between Ventura and Santa Barbara is without any doubt one of the most scenic in the entire state. A guided tour on a "duck" awaits, one of the amphibious land/sea vehicles, along with a stroll on the pier (weather permitting). Return to Ventura for a wonderful Christmas dinner. Our two gift exchanges, one serious and one not-so-much, help fill the holiday schedule.

On our final day, after breakfast and a bit of sightseeing, we travel to Burbank for our flight home, avoiding the long return ride to Sacramento by motorcoach over the same roads. We feel this is one of the best features of the itinerary (ok, maybe the shopping tour in Solvang with all the freebies is a bit better).

We've included door-to-door transfers, 8 meals (3B,2L,3D) and your one way airfare home! 1700/1850 Gold Passport Points

\$1655 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1815 single

The Tournament of Roses Parade and a Salute to Vienna

Featuring a performance at Disney Concert Hall

3 Days • December 31 – January 2, 2017

Here's your chance to check-off one of those items on your bucket list! Experience the nation's premier New Year's Day event, the Tournament of Roses Parade, a day later! Because the parade can never be held on a Sunday, we will celebrate the New Year with the spectacular *Salute to Vienna* at the Walt Disney Concert Hall.

1. Door-to-door service delivers you to the airport for your quick one hour flight to Southern California. Enjoy a very special buffet luncheon in the shadow of a former presidential jet at the Ronald Reagan Library in Simi Valley and learn a little more about our 40th president. Join your Tour Director for an "East Coast Toast" at 9pm tonight after your day of travel. **Hilton Hotel LAX – 2 nights (L)**

2. It's New Year's Day and what better way to begin the new year than with a Champagne Sunday Brunch aboard the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach Harbor? A short highlights tour precedes brunch and then you are off to downtown Los Angeles for a *Salute to Vienna*. The matinee performance at Walt Disney Concert Hall celebrates the ageless beauty of Viennese music with Strauss waltzes and sweeping melodies from operettas, performed by hand-picked European singers and a full orchestra. Beautifully costumed dancers present romantic vignettes. **(BR)**

3. The 128th Tournament of Roses Parade kicks off at 8am and your reserved seats are right along Colorado Boulevard. This special anniversary year's theme is "Echoes of Success." Following the parade, lunch is served en route to the airport where you will meet your flight for the return trip home. **(B,L)**

This tour includes roundtrip air, deluxe accommodations, 4 meals, reserved seating for the Tournament of Roses Parade along with a seat cushion and parade program, all attractions listed in the above itinerary, and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 1550/1700 Gold Passport Points

\$1510 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1660 single



Cruising the (NEW) Panama Canal

Travel in comfort aboard Holland America's m/v Westerdam

17 Days • February 3-19, 2018



Sail from Florida to California on one of Holland America's best-known ships, the m/v Westerdam. Spend one night in Fort Lauderdale before boarding the ship. Sailing from east to west provides you the advantage of getting the long, cross-country flight out of the way first, leaving just a short hop home from San Diego at the end of the cruise.

The 15-night cruise stops at Holland America's private island, Half Moon Cay, and Cartagena, Columbia before its full transit of the Panama Canal, called by some the Eighth Wonder of the World. Workers in Panama recently completed a nearly 10-year expansion project that doubled the canal's maritime traffic. Additional port calls include Puerto Caldera/Puntarenas (Costa Rica), where you can experience a tropical rainforest, Corinto (Nicaragua), Puerto Quetzal (Guatemala), and Acapulco and Cabo San Lucas (Mexico).

We continue to partner with **Holland America Line** for this adventure because of its commitment to service and because we know and believe in the quality of its ships, programs and shore excursions. The m/s Westerdam is a midsize ship which carries passengers with style and grace – it's large enough to offer a host of exciting amenities but more personal and intimate than the "floating cities" of other cruise lines.

**Inside cabins start at
\$4095 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5610 single**

**Outside cabins start at
\$4370 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6090 single**

This vacation requires a valid passport!

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Pre-cruise overnight stay at the Holiday Inn Express in Plantation
- Bon Voyage Dinner at Texas de Brazil Restaurant in Fort Lauderdale
- All meals included on board the m/v Westerdam
- Prices include all transfers, port taxes
- Roundtrip air to Ft. Lauderdale/from San Diego
- Door-to-door airport service
- Fully escorted by a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin

PANAMA CRUISE ITINERARY

Date	Port
04 Feb 2018	Fort Lauderdale, Florida, US
05 Feb 2018	Half Moon Cay, Bahamas
06 Feb 2018	At Sea
07 Feb 2018	At Sea
08 Feb 2018	Cartagena, Colombia
08 Feb 2018	Enter Panama Canal Cristobal
09 Feb 2018	Cruising Panama Canal
09 Feb 2018	Exit Panama Canal Balboa
10 Feb 2018	At Sea
11 Feb 2018	Puerto Caldera (Puntarenas), Costa Rica
12 Feb 2018	Corinto, Nicaragua
13 Feb 2018	Puerto Quetzal, Guatemala
14 Feb 2018	At Sea
15 Feb 2018	Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico
16 Feb 2018	At Sea
17 Feb 2018	Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
18 Feb 2018	At Sea
19 Feb 2018	San Diego, California, US

Key West, Miami and The Everglades

Featuring Key Largo and 4 nights in Key West

7 Days • January 20-26, 2018

**2017
SOLD OUT!**

Key West has become one of our most popular destinations with our annual tour selling out every year, months ahead of departure. Key West is a pedestrian-friendly destination, and because of that we walk to many attractions. During your extended stay in Key West, your accommodations are in the very best location in town, at the historic **La Concha Crowne Plaza**. The hotel is a landmarked building and it's right in the middle of famous Duval Street, allowing you to make the most of your free time in town, because you can walk to just about everything. Restaurants and shops are close and best of all, your breakfast is included every morning! We **do not** recommend this tour for travelers with serious mobility issues.



Chris Galloway appears to be having a personal conversation with his entrée at the Fish House in Key Largo

\$3895 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4450 single

HIGHLIGHTS

- Florida Everglades, air boats and alligators
- History – the Hemingway Home, The Aquarium and Truman's "Little White House," *Old Town Trolley* island tour
- Exclusive lunch on private Sunset Key
- "Taste of Key West" food tour by trolley; sample local culinary treats (including Key Lime Pie, Conch Fritters, Cuban Sandwiches)
- Sunset at Mallory Square meet one of the street performers for a closer look at his craft
- Day cruise on an authentic clipper ship (optional), visit the Butterfly and Nature Conservatory
- Cabaret Dinner Show at *La Te Da*; lunch at Hemingway's Sloppy Joe's, a local landmark
- Overnight Ft. Lauderdale – Miami city tour featuring South Beach and Coral Gables; overnight in Key Largo
- Tour the Turtle Hospital in the Keys
- Roundtrip air to Ft. Lauderdale/from Key West
- 14 meals, door-to-door airport service
- 3900/4450 Gold Passport Points

Winter in Yellowstone

Featuring the Old Faithful Snow Lodge in Yellowstone National Park

7 Days • February 10-16



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

1. Fly from to Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Settle into your four-diamond hotel listed on the National Register of Historic Places, located in downtown Jackson. **The Wort Hotel – 2 nights (L)**

2. In the National Elk Refuge and Grand Teton National Park, embark on a private safari tour in search of the area's abundant wintering wildlife. Your local guides will search out mule deer, elk, moose, big horn sheep and bison that migrate into the valley in search of food. Imagine yourself taking a horse-drawn sleigh ride amongst an elk herd numbering in the thousands! Visit the National Museum of Wildlife Art with

collections of nearly twenty-three hundred works of art. The museum's award-winning architecture is known for its synergy with the Jackson Hole landscape. **(B,L)**

3. Enjoy a free morning to explore the shops of Jackson Hole. In the early afternoon, travel west and north through Idaho's Targhie National Forest, to the town of West Yellowstone, Montana. Lunch is hosted before checking into the **Holiday Inn. (B)**

4. Today, discover the incredible landscape of Yellowstone National Park. Sit back and enjoy the spectacular scenery in comfort as you move easily across the snow in custom snow coaches chauffeured by experienced guides. Along the way, learn about the park's history and view thermal features such as the Fountain Paint Pots. Arrive at

Old Faithful in time for a hosted lunch at the Snow Lodge before exploring the upper Geyser Basin. Your accommodations are just steps away from the famous geyser.

Old Faithful Snow Lodge (B,L)

5. Snow-coach today to the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone where you'll have the chance to see spectacular Yellowstone Falls, chronicled by artists such as Thomas Moran and Ansel Adams. Stop along the way and take pictures – lots of pictures! Overnight back in West Yellowstone at the **Holiday Inn. (B,L)**

6. Today visit The Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, a home for grizzly bears from as far away as Alaska. Each bear and its story are unique, but they all have something in common: they came to reside here after becoming nuisance bears or orphaned cubs of a nuisance bear. Head back to Jackson. **Homewood Suites (B)**

7. Fly home this afternoon following a memorable trip! **(B,L)**

This tour is limited to 21 people and includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip airfare, accommodations, all attractions and meals listed in the itinerary (6B,5L), and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 3600/4100 Gold Passport Points

\$3585 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4090 single

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Take the Snow Train to Reno

All aboard Amtrak's California Zephyr for the Sierra Nevada

2 Days • February 14-15 or March 7-8

Experience a High Sierra winter wonderland as Amtrak's *California Zephyr* climbs through the mountains, providing magnificent winter vistas. Your journey begins from one of our convenient pickups and the train departs from Roseville. Don't worry about your luggage – it will travel on board our motorcoach which will meet you in Reno!

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

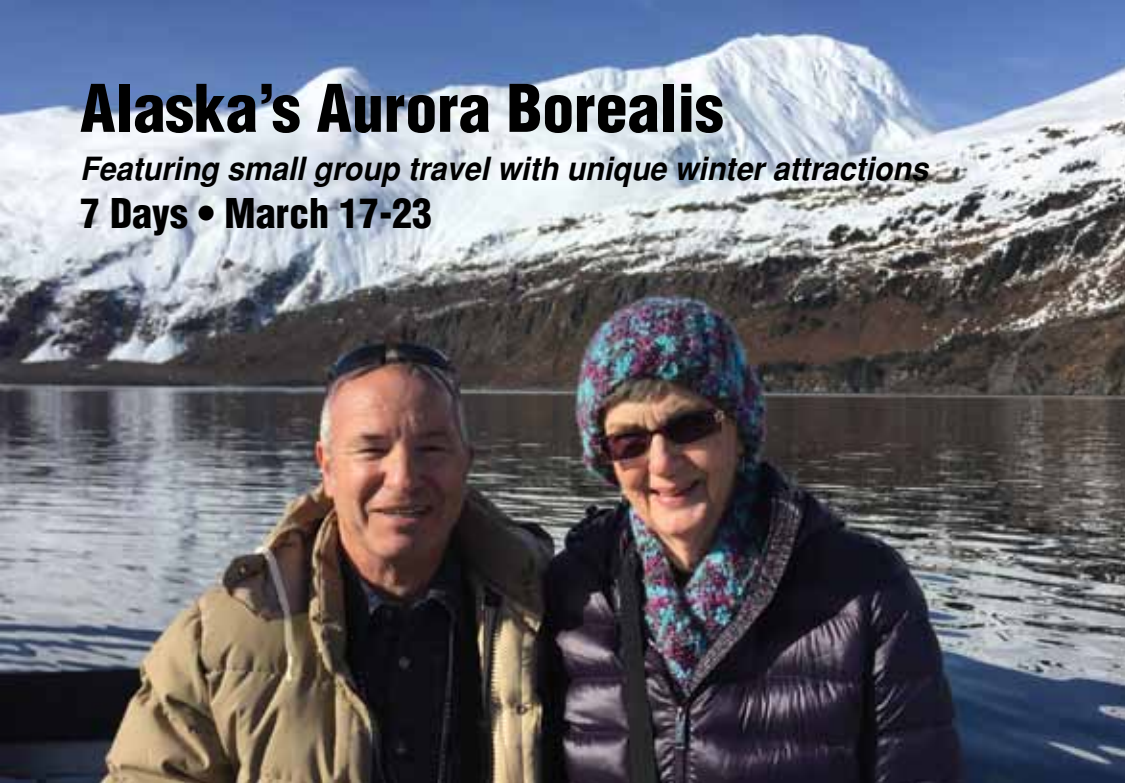
The package includes one-way rail passage on Amtrak's *California Zephyr*, a boxed lunch, hotel accommodations, casino bonuses (subject to change), and return transportation by motorcoach. 300/350 Gold Passport Points



\$279 p.p./dbl.occ., \$309 single
Add door-to-door service for \$80 p.p.

Alaska's Aurora Borealis

Featuring small group travel with unique winter attractions
7 Days • March 17-23



Our tours these past two winters to experience the wonder of the Aurora Borealis were huge successes and our 2017 departure sold out in only three days! We are now taking a **Priority Notification List** for our trip in 2018.

Highlights of our small group tour (limited to 20 passengers) will include stays at the spectacular **Alyeska Resort**, the charming **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge** and **Pikes Waterfront Lodge**. You will view the Aurora Borealis in a remote lodge outside of Fairbanks, away from the city lights, and travel on the Alaska Railroad from Talkeetna to Denali. Receive a VIP tour of

the **2018 BP Ice Art Championship** displays and experience a dogsled ride at Dallas Seavey's kennel, winner of the 2012, 2014, 2015 and 2016 Iditarod Race. An exclusive winter glacier cruise on Prince William Sound is also included along with a visit to see all the big land mammals at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center.

Please note: You must be prepared for cold weather (from 0 to 30 degrees Fahrenheit) throughout this tour. Winter gear, including boots and jackets, may be rented. 4750/5150 Gold Passport Points

\$4710 p.p./dbl.occ., \$5115 single*



Donna and Jeff relax on the Prince William Sound Cruise (left); The Northern Lights as taken by a **Sports Leisure Traveler** in 2016 (top); Looks like Scott Angeletti and Andeen have secured a "table for two" at the ice sculpture competition in Fairbanks

*For the second year in a row, this 20 passenger tour is sold out months before departure. You may place your name on the waitlist, and we will call you if space opens up. The waitlist automatically becomes the **Priority Notification List** for 2018. If you don't make the 2017 trip, you will get first shot at 2018.

Winter at the *Majestic* Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite

Featuring an overnight stay inside Yosemite National Park
2 Days • January 29-30

This trip is a **Sports Leisure Vacations' favorite!** And the focus is all about the Ahwahnee Hotel... recently re-named *The Majestic Yosemite Hotel*. But for this writer, and many others, it will **always** be the Ahwahnee!

1. Travel through the Central Valley to Yosemite National Park and to the historic Ahwahnee Hotel, built in 1926. Sunday Brunch is presented in the Ahwahnee Dining Room, with its 34 foot-high ceilings and floor-to-ceiling windows. A guided tour of the public areas of the hotel deepens your appreciation for the architecture and interior design of this grand structure. Pause for a cup of tea in the Grand Lounge while awaiting check-in at 5pm. The evening is yours to enjoy the historic

and scenic surroundings.
Ahwahnee Hotel (BR)

2. Exploring the valley during the winter is very different than during other times of the year; perhaps you will wake up to a fresh dusting of snow? Learn more about winter in Yosemite and enjoy the spectacular views as you explore from one end of the valley to the other from the comfort of a heated coach with a local guide this morning. There is time for lunch on before returning home.

This package includes motorcoach transportation, accommodations, 1 brunch,



all tours and attractions as listed above and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 750/850 Gold Passport Points

\$705 p.p./dbl.occ., \$820 single
Add door-to-door service for \$80 p.p.



Desert Beauty: Anza-Borrego and Joshua Tree National Park

Springtime wildflowers, majestic landscapes, and splendid beauty
4 Days • March 7-10

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

1. A late morning flight delivers you into beautiful San Diego in time for lunch in Old Town. A short trip to Point Loma brings you to the spot where the first European, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, stepped ashore. Enjoy

the view of the Pacific Ocean from this monumental site. This evening take in the sights and sounds of San Diego with dinner at your leisure in nearby Seaport Village.

San Diego Marriott (L)

2. Travel from the seashore into the mountains to Julian, a small town known for apple pies. A quick lunch and you are off to Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, California's largest state park. Famous for its springtime display of wildflowers, this desert park has so much to offer: rock formations, dramatic

mountains and vast arid landscapes punctuated by oases prolific with all types of flora and fauna. Traverse the park with a guide this afternoon to learn more about this "desert beauty." A date shake later in the day cools you off for the ride to Rancho Mirage, home to a "hot water" resort. **Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa – 2 nights (L)**

3. Another "desert beauty" awaits you this morning: Joshua Tree National Park. Forests of trees and jumbles of massive rocks make this an enchanting place. Return to Palm Springs for a ride in an aerial tram to the top of Mt. San Jacinto for a spectacular view of the Coachella Valley. This evening stroll through Village Fest, a menagerie of crafts, art and music on Palm Canyon Road, in downtown Palm Springs. **(L)**

4. One more "desert beauty" today, the Indian Canyons of the Agua Caliente. Board a red jeep for a trek into the canyons with a local guide explaining the history, culture and legends of the Cahuilla people. A flight from Ontario returns you home.

This vacation package includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip airfare to San Diego/from Ontario, 3 lunches, motorcoach transportation, daily attractions and activities, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1700/1900 Gold Passport Points

\$1675 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1875 single

Laguna Beach and The Pageant of the Masters

Art comes to life at one of the world's most unique festivals

3 Days • August 6-8 or August 20-22

1. Depart on a morning flight to Southern California. The first stop is the famous *Queen Mary*, a luxury liner now moored in Long Beach Harbor. Enjoy its lavish Sunday Champagne Buffet Brunch followed by a guided tour to learn about its historic past and see its updated conversion to a luxury hotel. A mid-afternoon departure delivers you to nearby Newport for check-in at your luxury hotel. **Marriott Newport Beach Hotel & Spa – 2 nights (BR)**

2. This morning a short drive takes you to Roger's Gardens in Corona Del Mar. Sitting on 7 acres, the gardens have become known as "America's Most Beautiful Home and Garden Center." Return to the hotel for time to relax before touring the grounds of the *Festival of Arts and Pageant of the Masters* in Laguna Beach. Dinner is included at Tivoli Terrace Restaurant. Presented in an outdoor theatre, reserved

orchestra seating provides comfortable and excellent viewing. Words fail to explain the pageant; you simply have to see it to believe it! **(D)**

3. Return to Laguna Beach to learn some behind-the-scenes secrets during a presentation with a speaker from the *Pageant of the Masters*. Lunch is included in Laguna Beach before a late afternoon flight returns you home. **(L)**

Includes Door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air to Southern California, accommodations, 3 meals (1 brunch, 1 lunch, 1 dinner), attractions and admissions



An artist explains his work to our group at the Festival of the Arts

as noted in the itinerary and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1400/1600 Gold Passport Points

\$1395 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1575 single



24th Annual Spring Training in Arizona

4 nights in a luxurious Marriott Hotel, ballgames every day

5 Days • March 9-13



Each spring the baseball fans in our midst make a pilgrimage to Arizona, where the “Boys of Summer” get ready for the season. We’ll catch a game every afternoon or evening, a total of 5 games in all. Generally, the Giants are the first priority and the A’s second. The schedules for the Cactus League in Spring Training are not finalized and announced until sometime in November/December, and those registered will be sent the schedule just as soon as it is finalized.

Each departure features Sunday Brunch at the Wrigley Mansion, and a dinner at Rustler’s Roost (a **Sports Leisure** tradition). The centrally located **Marriott Hotel** we call home provides a great buffet breakfast each morning. Tickets for the games are almost always located in the shade. You’ll see how important this tiny feature is once we get to Arizona and you see thousands of

people unwilling to take their seats for the game because they are in the sun!

By registering early, you secure your space, guarantee your tickets and save a few dollars. We only purchase a few tickets over the number of people reserved when they become available, so those who wait risk getting shut out. Plus, this tour has sold out the last two years (hence the second departure this season). This is a “bucket list” item for many, and lots of fans repeat this trip on a regular basis. See you in Arizona!

Until November 1:
\$2175 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2465 single

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights at the Phoenix Airport Marriott
- Tickets to 5 Cactus League games
- Lunch en suite or on the patio for one game
- Baseball Banquet, featuring a former or current player, coach, broadcaster or umpire (Umpire Ted Barrett was our speaker in 2016)
- A fabulous Sunday Brunch at the historic Wrigley Mansion
- 8 meals, including a full buffet breakfast each morning
- Airfare, door-to-door service
- Gold Passport Points based on reg. date

After November 1:
\$2275 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2565 single

Come with us to Cooperstown...

In 2017, our long distance baseball tour will include the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown (Grandstand Theater in the Hall, bottom left), along with accommodations at the grand Otesaga Hotel (bottom right). We must await the release of the 2017 game schedule to make our plans, but you are welcome to call and place your name on the **Hall of Fame Priority List**. The trip is likely to be roughly a week in duration, with 3-4 ballgames and a visit to Cooperstown. The hotel there is very special, just ask anyone who has been there. It’s a baseball fan’s dream come true. (Because of humid weather in the east/south, this tour is likely to depart in April/May.)



Hollywood and Jeopardy!

Discover the magic of movies and television

3 Days • November 7-9



1. Fly to Burbank and enjoy a casual lunch at Philippe's, an LA institution and home of the original French Dip sandwich. After lunch, meet your local guide for a walking and motorcoach tour of historical Los Angeles and Hollywood. Visit the original pueblo where the City of Angels began and walk in the footsteps (and handprints) of the stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Check into your luxurious accommodations with dinner included in the elegant dining room. **Intercontinental Hotel Los Angeles – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. Enjoy an abundant gourmet buffet breakfast at the hotel before taking a short drive to Sony Studios in Culver City. Explore

the famed movie lot, once the home of MGM, where screen masterpieces such as *Ben Hur* and *The Wizard of Oz* were shot. Later in the morning, enjoy a taping of *Jeopardy!*, America's favorite quiz show. Enjoy lunch and shopping at the historic Los Angeles Farmers Market followed by a free afternoon for down time at the hotel or, if you choose, a visit to Rodeo Drive to window shop and rub elbows with the rich and famous. **(FB)**

3. Paramount Pictures, whose 104-year legacy influenced Hollywood and the world beyond, is your first stop this morning for a special behind-the-scenes tour. Then check in for a taping of the informative and

entertaining *Dr. Phil Show*, where the topic of the show is a mystery until taping begins. After the show, enjoy lunch at another historic LA eatery, Lucy's El Adobe Café, where celebrity nostalgia and Mexican fare have been served up for almost 50 years. After lunch, say good-bye to Hollywood and depart for the Burbank airport for your evening flight home. **(FB,L)**

The tour includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip airfare to/from Southern California, accommodations, 5 meals (2FB,2L,1D), admissions and attractions as included in the itinerary and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 1350/1550 Gold Passport Points

Please note: To fully enjoy this tour, you should be physically able to participate in the daily walking activities. All dates and times for the TV show tapings are subject to change at the producer's sole discretion. If this should occur, an alternate activity will be provided but may require a modest supplement.

\$1340 p.p./dbl. occ., \$1550 single

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Springtime in Monterey

Featuring a tour of Filoli Mansion and Gardens

3 Days • April 9-11

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore 17-Mile drive on a guided tour
- Meet undersea life at Monterey Bay Aquarium
- Enjoy lunch in Half Moon Bay and at the historic Steinbeck House
- Discover the Salinas Valley during an agricultural tour
- Door-to-door service to and from the **Sports Leisure** office
- Travel in comfort by deluxe motorcoach
- 5 meals: 2 breakfast, 3 lunches
- 1150/1300 Gold Passport Points

1. Begin with a comfortable ride to the **Sports Leisure** office bound for the coast. *Filoli* is recognized as one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th Century. Your docent-guided tour includes both the 36,000 square foot Georgian country house and spectacular 16-acre English Renaissance garden. Pause in Half

Moon Bay for lunch before the mid-afternoon drive to beautiful Monterey. **Best Western Victorian Inn – 2 nights (L)**

2. 17-Mile drive travels along the coast through the seaside communities of Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach. A guided tour provides the highlights. Pause for lunch at the scenic and luxurious Inn at Spanish Bay. In the afternoon meet some of the creatures who call the Pacific Ocean home during a visit to the world famous Monterey Bay Aquarium. **(B,L)**

3. Salinas Valley is known as the "Salad Bowl of the World," producing countless crops of farm and ranch-grown products. Observe vegetable field harvesting and



packing, irrigation, planting, organic farming, and learn where your fruit and vegetables come from! Complete your tour with lunch at the home of author John Steinbeck, who chronicled the history of Cannery Row and the fields of California, and a stop at Casa de Fruta for a chance to buy some local farm fresh foods. Arrive home in the late afternoon. **(B,L)**

\$1135 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1285 single

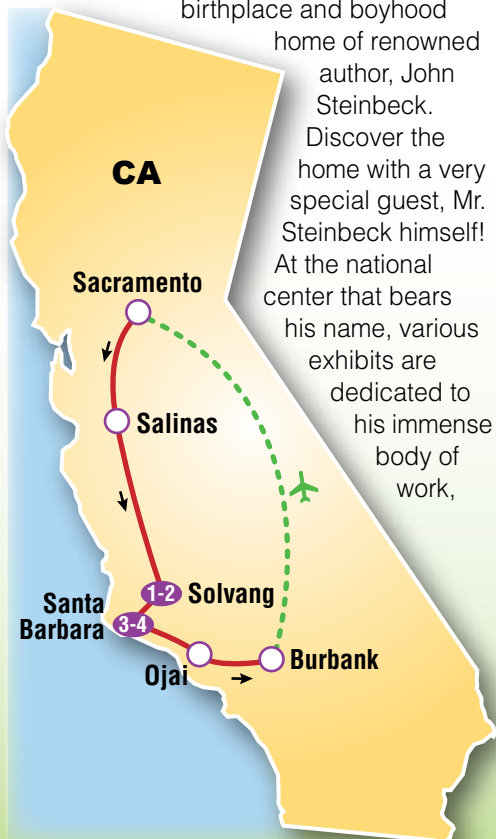
Simply Solvang and Santa Barbara

Featuring the very best of California's Central Coast

5 Days • March 27-31



1. This morning you are bound for Solvang! Pause in Salinas for lunch at the birthplace and boyhood home of renowned author, John Steinbeck.



Discover the home with a very special guest, Mr. Steinbeck himself! At the national center that bears his name, various exhibits are dedicated to his immense body of work,

philosophy, and the experiences of agricultural workers, a subject close to his heart. California's own "Little Denmark" is your next stop. Your arrival in Solvang allows you to settle into your well-appointed and comfortable hotel. Dinner is on your own at the hotel, in town, or catch the complimentary shuttle to the Chumash Casino Resort. **Hotel Corque – 2 nights (L)**

2. In the neighboring town of Los Olivos learn about the production of handcrafted artisan olive oils and balsamic vinegars. Of course, there are samples too! After time to explore the quaint town, visit the Quicksilver Miniature Horse Ranch to hear about the origin and care of these adorable little guys. Back in Solvang, an afternoon shopping spree awaits you! We will provide a gift card for a few of the fun, quirky shops. After lunch at your leisure, join an optional tour of Mission Santa Inés. Dinner is a casual Danish smorgasbord. **(FB,D)**

3. Up and over the hill we go to beautiful Santa Barbara! Tour the city with a local guide before lunch at Chuck's Waterfront Grill, situated along the harbor. At Old Mission Santa Barbara, your docent will focus on the gardens, featuring plants that are representative of California's Mission Era. Tour the chapel and the extensive museum as well. After arriving at your hotel, transportation is provided to enjoy dinner on your own at one of the many eateries on Stearns Wharf. **The Fess Parker Doubletree by Hilton Resort – 2 nights (FB,L)**

4. The iconic Santa Barbara County Courthouse, "the grandest Spanish Colonial Revival structure ever built" is up first this morning. Stroll the halls and discover the

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a comfortable ride to the Central Coast with a short flight home
- Tour the Santa Barbara Mission, County Courthouse and The Reagan Ranch Center
- Catamaran Cocktail Cruise in the Santa Barbara Harbor
- Visit the new National Disaster Search Dog Foundation
- One way airfare from Southern California
- 7 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door service
- 2050/2400 Gold Passport Points

grand architectural features; see the mural room and take the elevator to the top of the observation tower for sweeping views of the city. At The Reagan Ranch Center, a museum collection gives a glimpse into the private lives of Ronald and Nancy. It was at his ranch he entertained key international guests such as Mikhail Gorbachev. The shops and restaurants of historic State Street are yours to explore this afternoon. After some down time at your hotel, board a catamaran for a scenic cocktail cruise around the harbor before dinner. **(D)**

5. Travel to Ojai for a plated champagne brunch at the Ojai Emporium & Bakery before touring the brand new National Disaster Search Dog Foundation's training center. Meet some of the cuddly "trainees." Don't let those wagging tails fool you! These working dogs are rigorously trained to provide support during rescue operations. A quick, one-way flight from Burbank returns you home in the early evening. **(BR)**

\$2050 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2355 single





The New Colorful Coast

St. Augustine, Savannah, Charleston and so much in-between!
7 Days • March 10-16



The Charleston Battery (top) as seen from your harbor cruise; Mary Ann and Toot (bottom) entertain at our Progressive Dinner in Savannah

1. Fly to Jacksonville, Florida, arriving in the early evening. Rest well. You have a colorful week ahead! **Sheraton Hotel Jacksonville – 2 nights**

2. St. Augustine is the oldest city in North America, founded in 1565 but first explored by Ponce de Leon as early as 1513. A trolley tour will acquaint you with the area's unique Spanish history, including a guided visit to the 17th Century Castillo de San Marcos. Will you discover Ponce de Leon's illusive Fountain of Youth? **(FB,L)**

3. Midway along the Georgia coast is Jekyll Island, playground of millionaires in the early 20th Century. Tour the secluded village by tram and have lunch in the elegant Club Hotel, then stop by the Georgia Sea Turtle Center where patients are rehabilitated for a return to the wild. Savannah has been welcoming visitors with style and grace since 1733, and guess what? You're next! A well-located hotel encourages personal exploration. Just be careful after dark. This is America's most haunted city, after all! **Staybridge Suites Historic District – 2 nights (FB,L)**

4. A trolley tour will spotlight Savannah's intricate system of 24 beautifully landscaped squares teeming with dogwood and azalea. Here you'll find history and beauty in excess... plus a healthy dose of gossip just to keep things lively, delivered by local "characters" you'll meet along the way. Expect no less from the city that gave us the cotton gin, Paula Deen and The Lady Chablis! In the afternoon, our signature progressive dinner features a unique Low Country Boil and ends with Toot's famous prune cake served at *Clayton Place*. **(FB,D)**

5. Drayton Hall, circa 1750, is located along South Carolina's scenic Ashley River. It is widely considered to be one of the grandest homes in America dating to an era when rice, not cotton, was the South's king crop. That it has survived to the present day is amazing. Even more amazing is the fact the home was never modernized. No electricity. No plumbing. Centuries-old paint. You'll see it largely as it looked the day it was finished before the family moved in – not your typical house museum! Continuing on to Charleston, be prepared for your amazement to only grow as you enter this place known throughout the South as "The Holy City." Your elegant accommodations are guaranteed to set the tone. **Meeting Street Inn – 2 nights (FB,L)**

6. See Charleston in historic style by horse and carriage, ending at the old City Market for shopping and lunch. Check out the Sweetgrass baskets for the perfect souvenir! An afternoon harbor cruise passes such sites as the hallowed walls of Ft. Sumter where the first shots of the Civil War were fired in 1861, as well as The Battery, which has been home to

HIGHLIGHTS

- St. Augustine, North America's oldest city
- Georgia's first city, Savannah, and historic Jekyll Island
- Charleston by land and sea
- All 2-night hotel stays – historic district accommodations in Savannah and Charleston
- 12 meals: 2 breakfasts, 4 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners
- Roundtrip air to Jacksonville/from Charleston
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3100/3450 Gold Passport Points

Charleston's "rich and famous" since 1681. Your farewell dinner will end the day, and your tour, in style. **(B,D)**

7. Your homebound flight departs from Charleston International Airport after lunch. **(B,L)**

\$3065 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3445 single





The Preakness Stakes

Take your seat at the 142nd Run for the Black-Eyed Susans
5 Days • May 18-22

1. You're off to Baltimore for the center jewel of the elusive Triple Crown. Your downtown hotel is at once historic and hip, and located only a couple of blocks from the popular Inner Harbor, where dinner features the bounty of the Chesapeake. Crab cakes, anyone? **Hotel RL – 4 nights (D)**

2. Discover a city rich in history as you visit Ft. McHenry, where our National Anthem was penned during the War of 1812. Sports legend George Herman Ruth is a native son, and you'll tour the home-turned-museum where "The Babe" was born in 1895. Geppi's Entertainment Museum isn't academic – it's just fun! See for yourself as you walk through over two centuries of all-American pop culture. And speaking of pop culture, you won't believe the fanciful fine art at The American Visionary Art Museum. **(CB,L)**

3. Pimlico Race Course is your destination for a day of racing, wagering and people watching. Your seating is in the exclusive Turfside Terrace, a covered area with reserved table seating on the inside of the final stretch including fine wines, beer, a buffet luncheon, between-race entertainment and private mutuel windows, all climaxing in the early evening with the 142nd Preakness Stakes! **(CB,L)**

4. Thoroughbred breeding is gaining steam as you'll learn on a drive into Cecil County, Maryland's horse country. Joined by a local guide, visit a horse farm and learn more about the importance of the equine industry to the state, as well as the area's history to

HIGHLIGHTS

- Accommodations at the hip new Hotel RL in downtown Baltimore
- Experience The Preakness Stakes from the exclusive Turfside Terrace
- Visit Ft. McHenry, Babe Ruth Birthplace, National Aquarium, Geppi's Entertainment and American Visionary Art Museums
- Spend a day in Horse (and Crab) Country on the Eastern Shore
- 9 meals: 4 continental breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip air to/from Baltimore
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3350/3750 Gold Passport Points

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www.preakness.com/tickets/seating-information/turfside-terrace
www.redlion.com/baltimore
www.baltimore.org
www.seececil.org

the nation. Located on the Eastern Shore, this is also crab country. Your midday feast at The Wellwood Club is guaranteed to please. **(CB,L)**

5. Can it be over at last? Not before a visit to the National Aquarium where you're invited to see the world from below the surface. Located on the Inner Harbor, the aquarium features a diverse collection of over 20,000 sea creatures, reptiles and birds, all living in natural habitats. **(CB,L)**

\$3340 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3705 single

We hope to offer an Orioles baseball game, but it's too early at press time to know the schedule. You will be advised when details are known. If a game "fits," you can opt in for an additional charge!



Chicago: Your Kind of Town!

5 Days • September 21-25

Chicago is a world-class city with groundbreaking architecture, fine dining, top-notch museums, and fantastic shopping! Stay four nights at the **Embassy Suites Downtown-Magnificent Mile**, in the heart of it all.

We're including some fabulous views of the city: Get an overview at 360° Chicago from the 94th floor of the Hancock Building. On an architecture cruise, the buildings take on a whole new scale as you sail down the Chicago River. Choose from the collection at the Art Institute of Chicago, see 32,000 marine animals at the famed Shedd Aquarium, or visit the Museum of Science and Industry with exhibits ranging from WWII submarines to an almost real coal mine. At Navy Pier, ride the new Centennial Wheel and stop at Millennium Park to see *Cloud Gate*, lovingly referred to as "The Bean." An optional evening of theater may be added at additional cost. Available shows will be announced closer to departure.

Chicago has distinct neighborhoods, each having its own personality and style. With a local guide, visit an ethnic church, a Mexican bakery, Chinatown, and a Polish museum. At the Jane Adams Hull House, the exhibits tell the history of the many immigrant groups that have passed through or made Chicago their home.

Dine at The Berghoff, a Chicago institution. Try a Chicago-style hotdog; it's a full meal on a bun! Taste Garrett's popcorn, an addictive blend of cheese and caramel. Dinner one night is a Polish buffet spread. You'll even have an extravagant brunch at an Irish pub!

The tour includes door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air to/from Chicago, 8 meals: 4 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, all included attractions listed above and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 2600/2950 Gold Passport Points

\$2565 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2940 single

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Take the *Sunset Limited* to New Orleans

Skippping across the Southwest by rail

4 Days • March 19-22



Arrive in New Orleans in style aboard Amtrak's *Sunset Limited*. Crossing the deserts of the Great Southwest, be on the lookout for fantastic scenery, and maybe some blooming wildflowers! Fly home after one night in New Orleans or extend your stay by adding our ***New Orleans... And All That Jazz*** tour, featured on the next page.

1. Fly to Burbank on a mid-afternoon flight and enjoy dinner at the Pacific Dining Car in downtown Los Angeles. Train #2, the *Sunset Limited*, departs Union Station at 10pm headed for points east. **On board the *Sunset Limited* – 2 nights (D)**

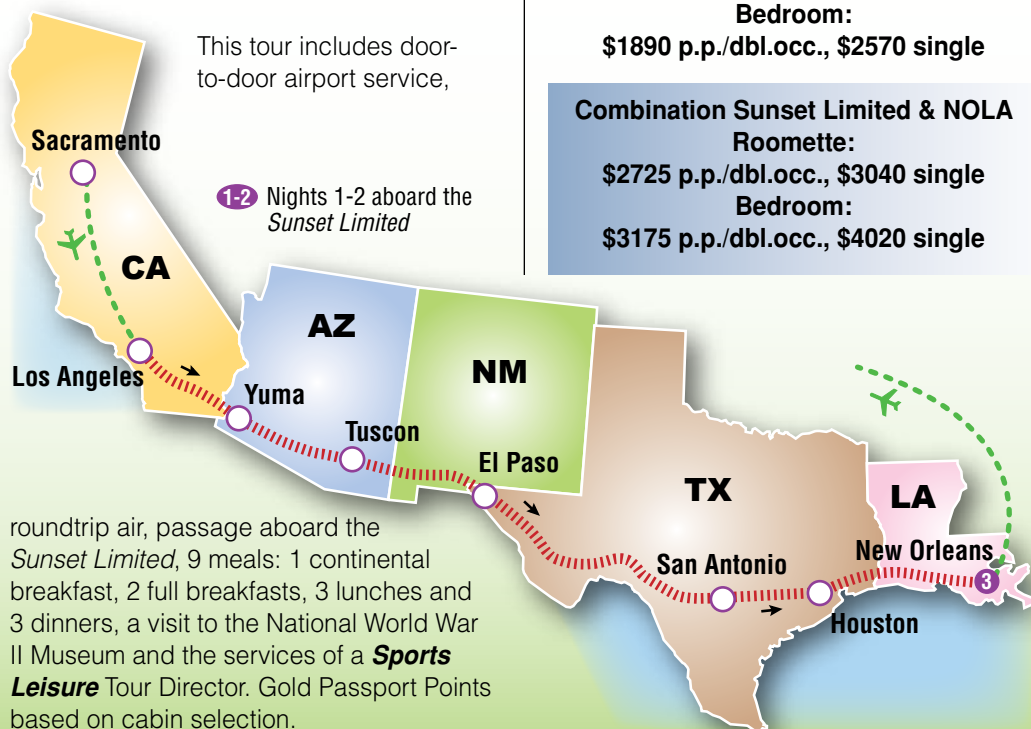
2. Awake in Tucson and feel free to stretch your legs during a short station stop. All meals are included on board in the dining car. Your accommodations are either a full bedroom, complete with a full bathroom and shower, or a roomette, a smaller accommodation with shared facilities. Throughout the day pass through New Mexico and into West Texas. **(FB,L,D)**

3. Find yourself in between San Antonio and Houston this morning. On into Louisiana

and finally your arrival in New Orleans, the Crescent City, at 9:30pm. Your overnight accommodations are in the heart of the city and on the edge of the famed French Quarter. **Sheraton Hotel (FB,L,D)**

4. This morning we'll join fellow New Orleans travelers who arrived by plane last night for coffee and beignets at famous Café du Monde. Later we'll tour the National World War II Museum, dedicated to preserving the memory of all who served, on the oceans, the battlefields and here at home. Lunch and a show in BB's Stage Door Canteen is included. Return home by air or combine this rail tour with our ***New Orleans... And All That Jazz*** tour, featured on the next page. **(CB,L)**

This tour includes door-to-door airport service,



roundtrip air, passage aboard the *Sunset Limited*, 9 meals: 1 continental breakfast, 2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, a visit to the National World War II Museum and the services of a ***Sports Leisure*** Tour Director. Gold Passport Points based on cabin selection.

Please note: due to new restrictive Amtrak policies, we encourage you to sign up for this tour no later than December 1 as any extra compartments will need to be released near that time. Also, because of the limited number of bedrooms Amtrak offers on the *Sunset Limited*, single travelers will be initially restricted to roomettes to accommodate couples in bedrooms. If bedrooms are available on our space release date, we will accommodate singles who wish to have bedroom compartments in the date order reservations are received. We apologize for any inconvenience but Amtrak is Amtrak.

Roomette:

\$1440 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1590 single

Bedroom:

\$1890 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2570 single

Combination Sunset Limited & NOLA Roomette:

\$2725 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3040 single

Bedroom:

\$3175 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4020 single

New Orleans... And All That Jazz

Featuring the Best of the Crescent City and the Bayou

5 Days • March 21-25



Jackson Square (top) is the heart of New Orleans' French Quarter; The National WWII Museum (middle) covers four city blocks in Midtown; Explore Gothic Ardoyne Plantation (bottom) in Houma with the owner as your guide

1. Welcome to New Orleans! Rest well in your centrally located hotel located at the foot of Canal Street with the Riverwalk and French Quarter only steps away. This city is all about the food. Start it off right with dinner at the famous Court of Two Sisters! **Sheraton Hotel – 4 nights (D)**

2. Start the day with beignets and Café au lait at famed Café du Monde. The National WWII Museum has grown into a massive, world-class facility covering four square blocks. To fuel you through your visit, take a midday break in BB's

Stage Door Canteen for lunch with The Vic-Tones, a dynamic male vocal trio who don't just sing, but celebrate the music of the 1940s – swing, big band, Latin and you know there will be jazz! You'll also visit the museum's unique 4D theatre for its acclaimed production, *Beyond All Boundaries*. **(CB,L)**

3. Take a walking tour of the famous French Quarter, ending with free time on Jackson Square. In the afternoon, explore the city past the Quarter with a drive through downtown, the Garden District and beyond. Tonight, learn the secrets of classic Creole cuisine with a dinner class at the New Orleans School of Cooking. **(FB,D)**

4. Take an excursion to Houma, located deep in the bayous of Cajun Country. Visit Motaviti Seafood, the largest oyster processor in the United States, and historic

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 nights at the Sheraton Hotel, right on Canal Street, on the edge of the French Quarter
- Experience the National World War II Museum including a luncheon show at the BB Canteen
- Fantastic dining experiences including beignets at Café du Monde, breakfast at Brennan's, dinner at the Court of Two Sisters, and a dinner class at the New Orleans School of Cooking
- Historic walking tour of the French Quarter
- Enjoy a daytrip to Houma to tour an oyster factory, gator farm and plantation
- Roundtrip air to/from New Orleans
- 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2150/2400 Gold Passport Points

Ardoyne, a rare Gothic Victorian plantation, where you're greeted by descendants of the original owners. Lunch is served at Greenwood Gator Farm, where you'll tour its breeding operation, and then see gators in the wild on a guided swamp tour before heading back to New Orleans. Have you worked up a thirst? A stroll down Bourbon Street to Pat O'Brien's – home of the Hurricane – should cure that! **(FB,L)**

5. Breakfast at Brennan's is a true New Orleans tradition. Where else will you get a dessert of flaming Bananas Foster following the morning meal? Return to your home state in the early afternoon. **(FB)**

\$2140 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2360 single

Ever consider a Mystery Tour?



Our local guide explains the last person to step in this very spot was dragged away and eaten alive by an ancient mastodon while on a mystery tour with him (near St. George, Utah)

The Great American Mystery Tour

6 Days • April 17-22

Join **Scott** on this mystery tour that is quintessentially America. Journey back in time, and maybe back to a happier time. While we are at it, why don't we go around the world and then into space? You will stay in a beautiful resort for three nights followed by two nights in a scenic town. As in all of Scott's tours, the scenery will be pretty and diverse. Visit old historic towns filled with colorful characters, a few unique attractions and three fascinating museums with astonishing collections (Scott is not a museum person but he believes these places are incredible and very unique)! One night you will even be treated to a dinner with entertainment. So raise the flag and salute the Great American Mystery! Includes Door-to-door airport service, roundtrip airfare, deluxe motorcoach service, 10 meals, and, of course, a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director to help you unmask the mystery! 2550/2800 Gold Passport Points

\$2540 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2785 single

Mysteries Are Okay, Eh?

5 Days • June 2-6



If you know anything about **Ramona**, then you know she loves the natural side of Canada. Okay, that is your first clue. Keeping in mind that she is the planner for this tour, you can expect to find a few trees, some wildlife and perhaps a lake or two. This trip does have a few shopping opportunities... one might say the fruits of birds, bees and trees. You may just want to bring an extra suitcase for all the goodies you purchase along the way. Transportation may be interesting; is that a floating bridge we just paddled past? Or do we ride a steam train? What do you mean I have to walk *up* that hill to lunch? Gray-cloaked monks once lived in this mission; I am not so sure. First Nation's culture, locally sourced foods, and Canadian "wildlife" are the highlights of this journey through the valley.

This package includes door-to-door airport service, airfare, 9 meals (4FB,3L,2D), deluxe motorcoach service, daily attractions and activities, and the services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director. 2500/2700 Gold Passport Points. *This tour requires a valid passport!*

\$2475 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2695 single



What is so amusing to these Mystery Tour ladies?

No one could figure out what had these ladies laughing so hard and grabbing their cameras... until we saw the tiny toilets for **munchkins** at the **Judy Garland birthplace** (in Grand Rapids, Minnesota) on this past summer's **National Park Mystery Tour**

Sign on the small toilets reads,
"Munchkin-sized toilet"

On the Central Coast

Oceanfront accommodations in Avila Beach and the Oceano Melodrama

4 Days • April 24-27



Located just steps from the sand in Avila Beach, Avila Lighthouse Suites is an all-suite oceanfront luxury hotel offering world class service, comfortable and stylish guest



suites and an unmatched location. Avila Lighthouse Suites features complimentary Wi-Fi, continental breakfast, fitness room, day spa, and a heated oceanfront pool and hot tub. Imagine sitting on a balcony drinking a delicious local wine, nestled in between rolling green hills and the expansive Pacific Ocean, and admiring the natural beauty of Avila Beach. The dream is real at Avila Lighthouse Suites.

1. Arrive at the **Sports Leisure** office by private car where your deluxe motorcoach is waiting to take you in comfort to the seaside community of Avila Beach. Lunch is hosted in Salinas en route to your large,

oceanfront suite, just steps from the sand and surf of the majestic Pacific Ocean.

Avila Lighthouse Suites – 3 nights (L)

2. Travel back in time to historic Point San Luis Lighthouse Park by trolley. Take in the dramatic vistas, stretching from Avila to Vandenberg, where whales, sea lions and otters are frequently seen. Discover the region's rich history as you explore the grounds and climb the steps of the lighthouse during your private tour with lunch. **(B,L)**

3. San Luis Obispo is one of America's most picturesque

HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay at the scenic Avila Lighthouse Suites
- Attend the *Great American Melodrama* in Oceano
- Ride an historic trolley to Point San Luis Lighthouse
- Tour San Luis Obispo, the Edna Valley and Arroyo Grande
- 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches
- Door-to-door service to the **Sports Leisure** office
- 1400/1650 Gold Passport Points

towns, home to Cal Poly University and one of California's historic missions. View both during a tour that also includes the wine region of Edna Valley, with optional wine tasting. Lunch is hosted in Arroyo Grande, with dessert served at Doc Burnstein's Ice Cream Lab. This evening it is time to cheer the hero and boo the villain during a performance at the *Great American Melodrama in Oceano*. **(B,L)**

4. Return to Sacramento today but not before a hosted lunch in scenic Paso Robles with a stop at Casa de Fruta to select a few fresh foods from local growers. Your car from Sacramento Limousine will be waiting to return you home. **(B,L)**

\$1385 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1645 single

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www.sanluislighthouse.org

Indeed, the view from the patio of your hotel is amazing (top); The accommodations are top notch (middle); You can enjoy shopping on the promenade right next door (bottom)



New York City – Behind Broadway and The Bronx

Featuring two nights of Broadway theatre and a pops concert at Carnegie Hall

6 Days • April 27 – May 2



Picture yourself in dress circle box seats at Carnegie Hall (top); Meet NYC's first responders in The Bronx (above); Our gang outside the New York Stock Exchange on Wall Street (below)



A visit to the Big Apple with **Sports Leisure** is something special. Our spring trip is always evolving. In 2017, it features our signature day in The Bronx for lunch and meeting New York's finest; plus a behind-the-scenes day on Broadway.

1. Depart the West Coast around 6am bound for New York City, arriving around

5pm (with a connection). A welcome to Times Square dinner is included tonight at Guy's American Grill, just a block from your hotel. **Marriott Marquis – 5 nights (D)**

2. Your Behind Broadway experience today will give you a feel for how it all works. Auditions, rehearsals, readings, financing, reviews; it's hard to make a hit. We'll take you behind-the-scenes to meet the performers and even a veteran Broadway reviewer, or "audience matchmaker," as Peter likes to refer to his talents. Tonight, your first night of theater. Your Tour Directors will be available to direct/escort you. **(L)**

3. A day to choose your own itinerary. Many will want to go by subway with your Tour Director to Battery Park, then on to Liberty or Ellis Islands by ferry. Those folks will return to Times Square around noon. Depending on baseball schedules, an optional tour of Yankee Stadium may be available this afternoon. Visit The Met, shop at Macy's; allow us to help you build your day. This evening, another night of Broadway theater.

4. We are headed downtown this morning, to learn the story of Wall Street, visit the historic Trinity Church, see Federal Hall (where George Washington was inaugurated president), enjoy a wonderful casual brunch in a historic restaurant. The afternoon is spent at Freedom Tower. Enjoy the view from the top, spend time in the 9/11 Museum, walk by the reflection ponds, there's time for it all. Enjoy a classic Italian family-style dinner at Carmine's. **(BR,D)**

5. Off to The Bronx, and specifically Little Italy, part of New York's most colorful neighborhood. We stop in at a fire and police station, to meet some first-

HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 nights at the **Marriott Marquis Times Square**, New York's best location
- 3 nights of entertainment – 2 Broadway shows (one we select and one **you** choose – an exclusive **SLV** feature); plus a concert at Carnegie Hall
- A Day Downtown – Wall Street, Federal Hall, the 9/11 Memorial/Museum/Observation Deck (all 3 experiences included)
- A Day in The Bronx – stop in at a police and a fire station and meet the first responders, lunch in The Bronx, with a variety of stops in "Little Italy"
- Behind Broadway – visit a rehearsal hall and learn how a show comes together, meet a Broadway performer, dine with a theater reviewer (**Peter Filichia**) – fun and educational
- Free day to visit Ellis and Liberty Islands, museums, shops, etc.
- 6 meals: 1 brunch, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip air to/from NYC
- Door-to-door airport transfers
- 3750/4250 Gold Passport Points

responders up close and get some unique souvenirs. On Arthur Avenue, we enjoy lunch and meet some of the shopkeepers on a unique 6-block walking tour. We get back to midtown in time for a great dinner at the Capital Grill, then walk a few blocks to Carnegie Hall for a concert by the New York Symphony Pops orchestra. (We saw this show last year and it was an **amazing** 90 minutes of music in a special place.) Dress circle seating for the concert. **(L,D)**

6. One of your most memorable vacations ever comes to a close. A late morning/early afternoon departure gets you home by 9pm.

\$3725 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4230 single



Memorial Day in Washington, DC

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

6 Days • May 25-30



1. Take a morning flight to Washington's Reagan National Airport. From this in-town airport, it's only a short drive to your hotel – a welcomed relief after a long day of travel!
Hilton Hotel Arlington – 5 nights

2. Embark on a comprehensive city tour with our local guide extraordinaire, Sandra

Sheksin. She will spin tales of Washington's dynamic past and present while orienting you to the Mall (important for later in the itinerary when you have free time for Smithsonian and National Museums). You'll see countless National Monuments, impressive governmental buildings both historic and modern (your tax dollars at work!), and the expansive parks and public spaces that make Washington, DC the striking city it is. **(FB,L)**

3. Begin your exploration of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums today with a full day on the Mall. Your coach will operate "shuttle style" to facilitate easy movement and breaks. "D.C. After Dark" features selected beautifully illuminated monuments and the Kennedy Center after dinner. **(FB,D)**

4. A morning visit to Arlington National Cemetery includes a narrated tram tour with stops at the Tomb of the Unknowns for the Changing of the Guard ceremony and the home of General & Mrs. Robert E. Lee—no, that's *not* a mausoleum on the hill! In the afternoon, take a ride into the country to visit the estate of George and Martha Washington, Mount Vernon. Tonight, dinner at Filomena Ristorante in Georgetown is a **Sports Leisure** favorite and sure to please. **(FB,D)**

5. Memorial Day offers a host of opportunities along our National Mall. Start the day with a visit to Ford's Theatre and the Petersen House to relive President Lincoln's final day. A new museum and interpretative center offer insight into this turbulent time in American history. From there your choices begin. Take your place along Constitution Avenue for the National Memorial Day Parade or use the time to continue your



HIGHLIGHTS

- 5 nights at the Hilton Hotel Arlington
- Tour Washington, DC by day and night
- Visit Arlington National Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, the US Capitol, Ford's Theatre, Kennedy Center and The White House*
- Explore the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums on the Mall
- See National Monuments including Lincoln, Jefferson, FDR, MLK, WWII, Vietnam, Korea and more
- 9 meals: daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Washington National
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2850/3100 Gold Passport Points

exploration of the Smithsonian Institution and National Museums. **(FB,D)**

6. A guided tour of the United States Capitol brings your vacation to a monumental end. Depart Washington National Airport in the early afternoon via Houston. **(FB)**

\$2805 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3080 single

Those making reservations more than six months prior to the trip (before November 25) will be submitted for a thorough security screening to visit The White House. This will require your full name, citizenship, birthday, city of residence and Social Security number. Please be advised those making reservations after this date are less likely to receive clearance. Questions? Please call Tour Planner **Clayton Whitehead.*

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www.visitthecapitol.gov

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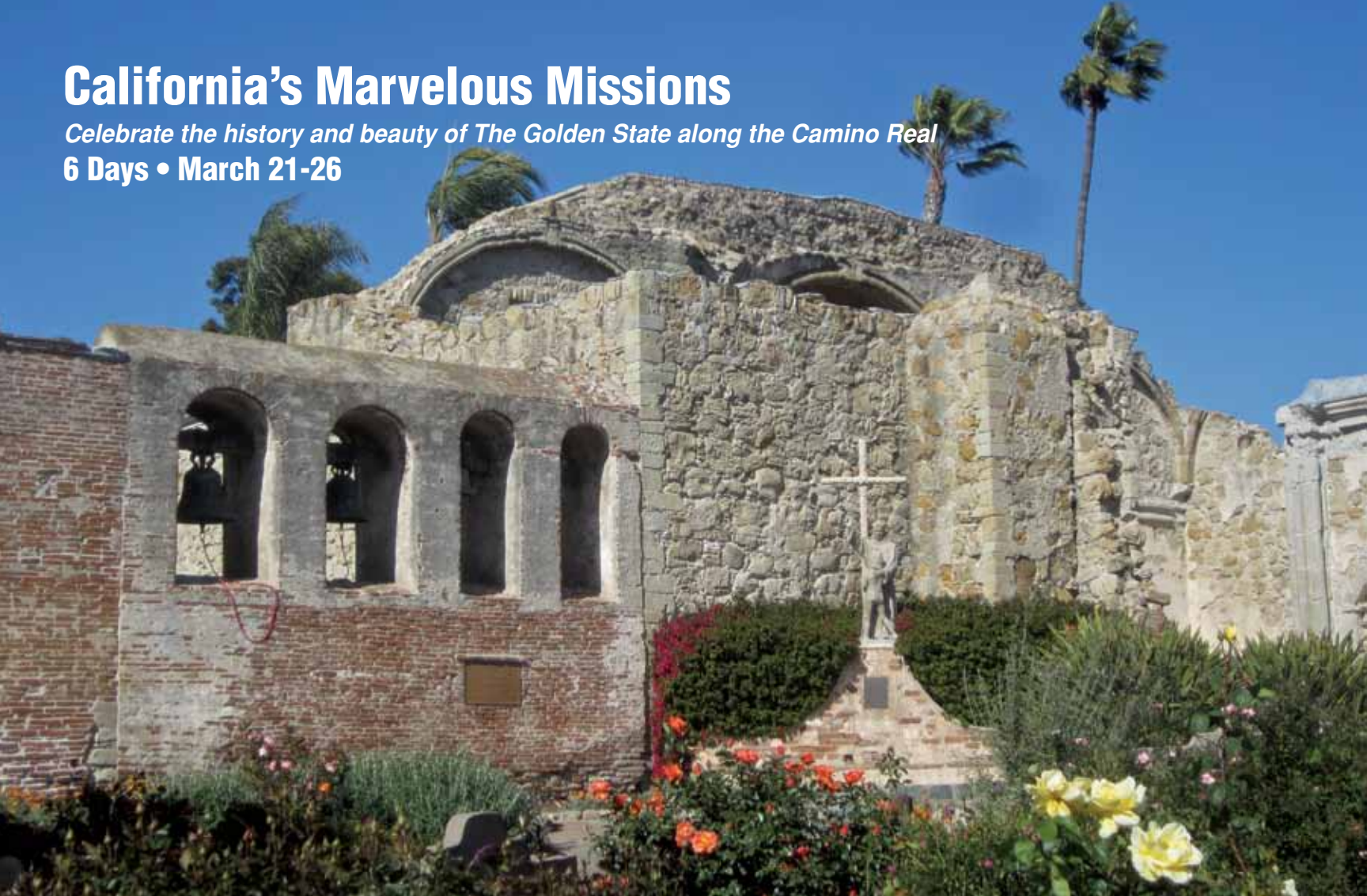
www.arlingtoncemetery.mil

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California's Marvelous Missions

Celebrate the history and beauty of The Golden State along the Camino Real
6 Days • March 21-26



HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit 11 of California's Missions and the Junípero Serra Museum
- Travel Southern California's scenic coast aboard Amtrak's *Pacific Surfliner*
- Experience lunch waterside at Ventura Harbor
- 2 nights in Solvang at the intimate Hotel Corque
- Tour the Santa Inés Valley with a local guide
- Sunday Champagne Brunch at the Dolce Hayes Mansion
- Door-to-door service
- Short one-way flight to San Diego
- 12 meals: 2 breakfasts, 3 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- 2350/2700 Gold Passport Points

1. A short flight takes you to sunny San Diego where you'll begin your journey. Your first stop is the Junípero Serra Museum before lunch in Old Town. Start at the very beginning with a visit to the Mother of the Missions, Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá. Afterwards, the majestic ruins of Mission San Juan Capistrano (pictured above) give a glimpse of the splendor prior to the devastating earthquake of 1812.
Dana Point Marina Inn (L)

2. All aboard Amtrak's *Pacific Surfliner*! Travel north along Southern California's

scenic coast to Ventura for a lunch at the Ventura Harbor. Founded on Easter Sunday in 1792, Mission San Buenaventura is rich in history and Catholic heritage. In Santa Barbara, tour the Queen of the Missions before continuing on to Solvang. Dinner is a Scandinavian buffet. **Hotel Corque – 2 Nights (B,L,D)**

3. With a local guide, tour the Santa Inés Valley, Mission Santa Inés and Mission La Purísima. Make a stop at Quicksilver Miniature Horse Ranch. These little guys are so cute! What would the neighbors say if you brought one home? In charming Solvang take the afternoon to browse the many boutiques and pastry shops, but save room for dinner this evening at The Hitching Post in Buellton! **(FB,D)**

4. This morning we make our way to Mission San Luis Obispo and the Dallidet Adobe to view the secret gardens. At the Pioneer Museum in Paso Robles, lunch is served among the museum's collection of buggies and carriages. After a visit to Mission San Miguel, refresh with a cold beer or glass of wine and nibbles at the historic and haunted Elkhorn Saloon. Your bartender will share ghost stories of the many "residents" that still call this place home. Tonight transportation to downtown Salinas is

provided for dinner on your own. **Hampton Inn – Salinas (FB,L)**

5. Your day begins with a visit to San Carlos Borromeo de Carmelo Mission, Father Serra's final resting place. After a tour of the mission, explore Monterey, the Pacific Grove coastline & Pebble Beach. Lunch is on your own at Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey. Arrive at the hotel in time to enjoy complimentary cocktails and snacks at your hotel. Enjoy dinner at your leisure. **Embassy Suites – Santa Clara (B,D)**

6. It's Sunday morning and Mission Santa Clara de Asís will be holding mass. Stop briefly to peek inside and tour the history museum before heading to the Dolce Hayes Mansion for a decadent Sunday Champagne Brunch. After a tour of Mission San Jose, make your way home, arriving in the mid-afternoon. **(FB,BR)**

\$2335 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2655 single

LEARN MORE!

www.sandiegohistory.org/serra_museum
www.pasoroblespioneer museum.org
www.hotelcorque.com

Autumn in Appalachia, Asheville to Nashville

The Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains in Fall majesty

8 Days • October 23-30, 2017



From the Biltmore Mansion in Asheville, to Dolly Parton's hometown of Sevierville, the Smoky Mountains will come alive

Travel the crests of the Blue Ridge Mountains to the elegance of Vanderbilt's Biltmore Estate and sip a little moonshine in the hollers of the Great Smokies. Visit recording legend Dolly Parton's Dollywood and see her old stopmin' grounds. The neon lights and beats of Nashville, known as Music City, will get your toes tapping!

1. Fly to Charlotte arriving in the early evening. Your hotel tonight features complimentary cocktails and nibbles upon arrival. Relax and enjoy dinner at your leisure at the Tryon Grill, located inside your hotel. **Embassy Suites Charlotte Airport**

2. Tour Charlotte Motor Speedway and learn about the "fastest" growing spectator sport in the world. A casual lunch is served in the Speedway Club. With fall colors ablaze, drive into the Blue Ridge Mountains to beautiful Asheville. Your home for the next two nights is located right on the grounds of the beautiful Biltmore Estate. **Village Hotel at Biltmore Estate – 2 nights (FB,L)**

3. Today is all things Biltmore! Learn about the Vanderbilt family on a tour of the grounds and home of the Biltmore Estate. Enjoy a seasonal farm-to-fork buffet lunch in the carriage house. Tonight, dine on the

grounds or take a shuttle to the shops and restaurants of neighboring Biltmore Village for a leisurely dinner. **(FB,L)**

4. Wind your way over to the Great Smoky Mountains and into Tennessee, pausing in Gatlinburg at Moonshine Holler, named for the Ole Smoky Tennessee Moonshine Distillery. Johnny Bootlegger's family has been making moonshine for 107 years... 7 years legally! Tour the distillery and sample the signature drink of the South. In Pigeon Forge, your home for the next two nights, the Hatfields and McCoys continue their feud with a dinner show performance. **The Inn at Christmas Place – 2 nights (FB,D)**

5. When you wake up it will be Christmas morning... in October! Confused? At your famed hotel it's Christmas 365 days a year! Wave goodbye to Santa and say hello to Dolly! Lots of crafts, live entertainment, and down-home charm are to be had at Dollywood. When ready, return to the hotel or shop the South's largest Christmas Store to prepare for your own holiday celebrations. Dinner is country cooking at its best and served family-style before an evening musical variety show. **(FB,D)**

6. Take a drive through Dolly's hometown of Sevierville and get a picture with her statue on the courthouse grounds. Hear about how she saved the town from certain ruin before heading west across the plains, stopping for lunch before arriving in Nashville. Take a behind-the-scenes tour of The Grand Ole Opry before attending the early evening show. **Nashville Airport Marriott – 2 nights (FB,L)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel the thrill during a tour of Charlotte Motor Speedway
- Travel through the scenic wonder of the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains
- Sample flavored moonshine at Ole Smoky Moonshine Distillery
- Spend a day at Dollywood Theme Park
- Experience a behind-the-scenes-tour of The Grand Ole Opry and attend the show
- Roundtrip airfare to Charlotte/from Nashville
- 14 meals: 7 full breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 4000/4400 Gold Passport Points

7. Music City comes alive this morning on a city tour with fun stops along the way. Did you know the Parthenon was in Nashville? It is, sort of. Centennial Park has a to-scale replica and affords great pictures of the capitol building on the hill. After an included lunch downtown, visit the Country Music Hall of Fame with memorabilia from stars past and present! **(FB,L)**

8. Feel the "Soul of Nashville" during a multimedia presentation at the historic Ryman Auditorium, home of the original Grand Ole Opry and Union Gospel Tabernacle. Enjoy one last taste of Southern food with an updated twist before your late afternoon flight home. **(FB,L)**

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9 Days • May 16-24



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Courtyard by Marriott Coconut Beach – 4 nights (D)

2. Our all-day, exclusive **Tastes of Kauai** tour includes a stop at Auntie Liliko'i's, home of award-winning passion fruit products; a chance to get a famous red dirt souvenir shirt and enjoy lunch at a local barbecue in Waimea; plus visit the Kauai Cookie Co., The Salty Wahine (gourmet salts) and Kauai Coffee. Gifts, samples and/or special discounts await you at every stop. It's a great way to sample island foods and meet the people. **(FB,L)**

3. The Steelgrass Chocolate Farm is one of our favorite attractions in the islands. During your visit, you'll learn how chocolate is grown, get to taste and rate 11 different gourmet chocolates from around the world, plus learn about (and taste) many delicious Hawaiian fruits. Your afternoon is free at the resort. **(FB,L)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 four-night stays on Maui and Kauai, minimal packing & unpacking
- Fantastic LOCAL food experiences: Auntie Liliko'i's Passion Fruit, the Kauai Cookie Company, Steelgrass Chocolate Farm, and the Surfing Goat Dairy Farm
- Experience private flightseeing over the incredibly beautiful Na Pali Coast & Waimea Canyon
- Unique shopping experiences at the Salty Wahine, Kauai Coffee, and the Hali-male General Store
- Dine at Plantation Gardens at Poipu Beach, enjoy a farm-to-fork demonstration and luncheon at O'o Farms
- Traditional Hawaiian cultural entertainment at U'lalena with dinner in Lahaina
- Roundtrip air to Kauai/from Maui plus one-way from Kauai to Maui
- 17 meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 4800/5600 Gold Passport Points

4. Your first exclusive experience is this morning – flightseeing over the Na Pali Coast in a private plane, home of the spectacular sheer cliffs on the west side of the island that can only be seen from the air. Your flight also takes you over Waimea Canyon, often called the Grand Canyon of the Pacific. Tonight we take you out to a local landmark for dinner, the Plantation Gardens at Poipu Beach. **(FB,D)**

5. Change islands today, with a quick 25 minute non-stop to Maui. On arrival,

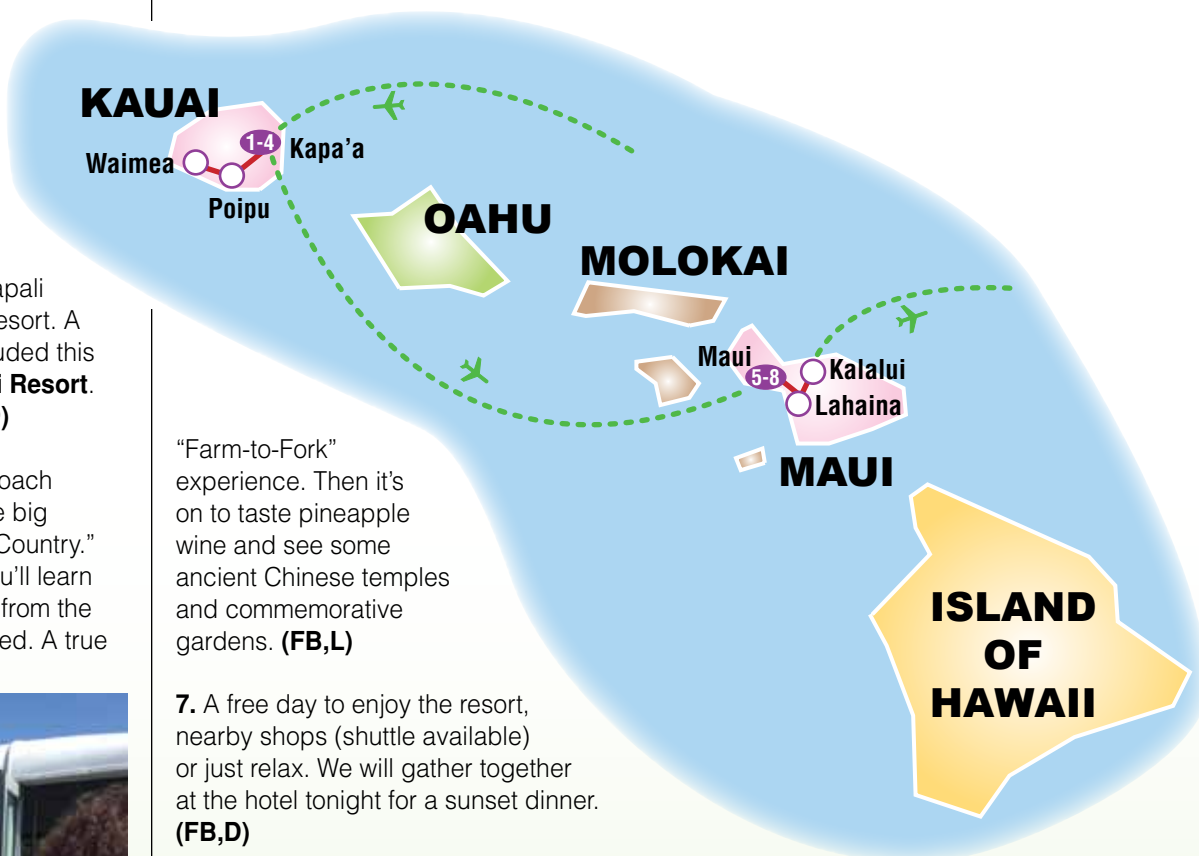
Chris Galloway is explaining (below) you should always get the largest size shave ice available; Bob and Alice (right) followed his advice it appears but their eyes might have been bigger than their stomachs/mouths; Get up close and personal with a pineapple (previous page); In Hawaii, even the drivers are part of the show (corner below)



visit Maui Plantation, where a short tour acquaints you with the coconut. Learn how they are grown and harvested and about other native Hawaiian plants and fruits. This is a good souvenir stop. A bit touristy, but fun and educational.

We'll make one of our favorite "side" stops on the way to Kaanapali Beach, and the Royal Lahaina Resort. A welcome dinner at sunset is included this evening at the famous **Napili Kai Resort. Royal Lahaina – 4 nights (FB,D)**

6. Depart the hotel in our small coach (which allows us to go places the big coaches can't), heading for "up Country." First stop is O'o Farms, where you'll learn about your food, watch it picked from the garden and then how it is prepared. A true



"Farm-to-Fork" experience. Then it's on to taste pineapple wine and see some ancient Chinese temples and commemorative gardens. **(FB,L)**

7. A free day to enjoy the resort, nearby shops (shuttle available) or just relax. We will gather together at the hotel tonight for a sunset dinner. **(FB,D)**

8. Make your way into the center of the island, to the Surfing Goat Dairy Farm, to meet... the goats. It's a "hands-on" tour with cheese tasting at the conclusion. Down the road, a gourmet lunch awaits at the old Hali'maile General Store. Tonight, dinner

and *U'lalena* (oo-la-layna), a wonderful cultural performance in an indoor theater in Lahaina, brings our travels together to a glorious conclusion. **(FB,L,D)**

9. Your return flight leaves the island mid-morning with a 7:30am departure from your hotel. Land at home in the early evening and your door-to-door service is waiting! **(FB)**

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HIGHLIGHTS

- All accommodations in centuries-old castles and manor houses
- Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens
- Kilkenny Castle, Hook Head Lighthouse and Waterford Crystal
- Dublin City Tour and the *Book of Kells*
- Belleek Pottery and the walled city of Derry
- Slieve League, the Ulster American Folk Park and Irish Tweed
- 14 meals: Full Irish breakfast and dinner daily
- Roundtrip air to/from Dublin
- Door-to-door airport service
- 5350/6350 Gold Passport Points

1. Depart on an overnight flight to Ireland via Denver and Newark. **(In-flight meals)**

2. Arrive in Dublin where you'll be greeted by your driver/guide extraordinaire Owen Flynn. Visit Irish National Stud & Japanese Gardens to meet the new spring foals over tea and scones. The century-old gardens symbolically trace a person's life journey through landscape and plants. Tour the medieval Kilkenny Castle before arriving at your 5-star accommodations in the village of Thomastown in County Kilkenny. Mt. Juliet is Ireland's premier country estate. **Mt. Juliet Estate – 3 nights (D)**

3. Travel to the town of New Ross and along the Hook Peninsula to visit the oldest operational lighthouse in the world,

Hook Head. In Waterford, tour the famed crystal production facility and the Medieval Museum with a special surprise awaiting you in the Mayor's Wine Vault. **(FB,D)**

4. Take a tour of the Capital City of Dublin before stopping at Trinity College to view the 9th-Century *Book of Kells*. **(FB,D)**

5. Explore the Irish Midlands to County Roscommon where you'll learn about one of the darkest periods in Irish history – the Great Famine. See world-renowned pottery in Belleek, then onward to County Donegal and your beautiful castle home nestled deep in a storybook setting. With a history dating back to the 1400s, Lough Eske is associated with the O'Donnell Clan, the founding fathers of Donegal. **Solis Lough Eske Castle – 3 nights (FB,D)**

6. Head east through Barnesmore Gap into Northern Ireland where you'll discover the ancient city of Derry. Dating back to the 1630's, Derry is one of the best preserved walled cities in Europe. **(FB,D)**

7. Today's expedition takes you up through the rugged mountains of Donegal to Europe's highest sea cliffs at Slieve League. Onward to Ardara for a stop at the popular Tweed Center. If you don't have the perfect souvenir yet, here's your chance! **(FB,D)**

8. At the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh you'll travel back in time to learn how people lived, why they emigrated to make a life in the New World and the significant influence the Irish have had on American history. Continue through County Cavan to Straffan and your 13th-Century castle where the farewell dinner and a last night's rest await. **Barberstown Castle Hotel (FB,D)**

9. A mid-morning transfer to Dublin International Airport readies you for your early-afternoon return flight via Washington Dulles. **(FB, In-flight meals)**

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Croatia by Land and Sea

Venice Italy, Bled Slovenia and a private seven-day Adriatic cruise
16 Days • May 13-28

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Please Note: Walking conditions on this tour range from stairs, wooded walkways, cobblestone streets, and dirt trails. If you require a wheelchair at the airport, this tour may not be for you. Please contact our office with any concerns.

1-2. Fly overnight. Arrive in Venice and settle into your hotel. **Hotel Russot Mestre (L)**

2-3. Spend the day exploring Venice with a guided docent tour which includes Piazza San Marco and the St. Mark's Basilica. Plenty of free time allows you to explore on your own with the assistance of local guides. Depart for Slovenia. Lake Bled is one of the most popular destinations in Slovenia for its picturesque setting. **Hotel Park – 2 nights (FB,D)**

4. Enjoy a boat ride on Lake Bled and in the afternoon visit Lake Bohinj. Take the Vogel Gondola for panoramic views of Triglav National Park and the Julian Alps. **(FB)**

5-6. Visit the Renaissance Predjama Castle and the Lipica Horse Farm. Travel into Croatia and the elegant seaside resort town of Opatija. Enjoy a walking tour of town with free time to walk the coastal promenade. Visit the public gardens and relax and take in the truly beautiful scenery. **Palace Bellevue – 2 nights (2FB,D)**

7. Plitvice Lakes National Park is the most beautiful and oldest national park in Croatia. It consists of 16 lakes connected by magnificent waterfalls. The park is visited by foot, part trail and part wooded walkway. **Hotel Cornaro Split. (FB)**

8. Discover Split on a walking tour today. Explore the Diocletian's Palace, built by the Roman emperor Diocletian at the turn of the 4th Century and see the cathedral and bell tower of St Domnius. This afternoon, board your private yacht for the second half of your journey. **Onboard the *m/v Infinity* (FB)**

9-14. Spend seven days cruising to several ports of call: **OMIS:** A picturesque town of

HIGHLIGHTS

- Private deluxe yacht with only 19 cabins
- Walking tour of Venice
- Lake Bled cruise and Vogel Gondola
- Predjama Castle and Lipizzaner Horse Farm
- See spectacular Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Roundtrip airfare to Venice, from Dubrovnik
- 25 meals: 14 breakfasts, 7 lunches, 4 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- Gold Passport Points based on cabin

surrounded by steep rocky mountain cliffs. Board a boat for a cruise on the Cetina River. **PUCISCA:** a typical Mediterranean town world famous for the stone of Bra. **BOL:** best known for its famous Golden Horn Beach. **HVAR:** The oldest community theatre in Europe was founded here in 1612. **KORCULA:** surrounded by ancient walls and fortified bastions, Korcula's old town dates back to 13th Century. **KUCISCE:** visit a local farm with Croatian delicacies. **(6FB,5L,2D)**

15. Disembark in Dubrovnik and discover this ancient town. A sightseeing tour includes the Franciscan monastery, Cathedral treasury, a cable car ride and free time to walk the city walls, one of the best-preserved fortification complexes in Europe. Your hotel features oceanview rooms. **Hotel Grand Villa Argentina (FB,L)**

16. An early flight via Frankfurt and Denver arrives in the late evening.

Based on cabin category starting at:
\$6550 p.p./dbl.occ, \$7850 single
This vacation requires a valid passport!





Wonder Valley, Kings Canyon and The Sequoias

Featuring natural beauty and western hospitality

3 Days • May 29-31



Wonder Valley has a long and colorful history: from the traditions of the Yokuts, the Native Americans who called the valley home, to the days of the Dalton Gang – holed up on the east side of the San Joaquin Valley. Located in the Sierra foothills outside of

Fresno, this is cattle country. George Pierson started the first guest ranch here in the early 1900's. Today the ranch is owned by the Oken Family. Enjoy fine hospitality as you take in the rich history and enjoy the leisurely activities offered by the resort.

1. Door-to-door service will deliver you to the **Sports Leisure** office. Travel through the San Joaquin Valley pausing in Reedley for a light lunch at the historic Opera House before continuing to Wonder Valley. This evening enjoy a ranch welcome! **Wonder Valley Ranch Resort – 2 nights (L,D)**

2. Leave the foothills for the day, traveling into Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. While you won't actually be traveling deep into Sequoia National Park, there are plenty of Giant Sequoias to view at Grant's Grove. Take a morning walk through these ancient trees and listen to the stories they have to tell of their discovery. Later, travel to Kings Canyon. Carved by the mighty Kings River, it is deeper than the Grand Canyon. Follow the river to Grizzly Falls and Zumwalt

Meadow for an afternoon filled with awe and wonder. Return to the ranch in time for dinner and s'mores around an evening campfire. **(FB,L,D)**

3. As you leave the foothills behind, stop in Fresno for a tour of the Forrester Underground Gardens. Designed and built by one man, his vision of beauty stands today as a testament to his passion. Return to Sacramento in the late afternoon. **(FB,L)**

This vacation package includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, 7 meals (2 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners), lodging and activities as described in the itinerary along with the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1150/1250 Gold Passport Points

\$1150 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1220 single

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The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta

Featuring reserved upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge

4 Days • October 11-14, 2017



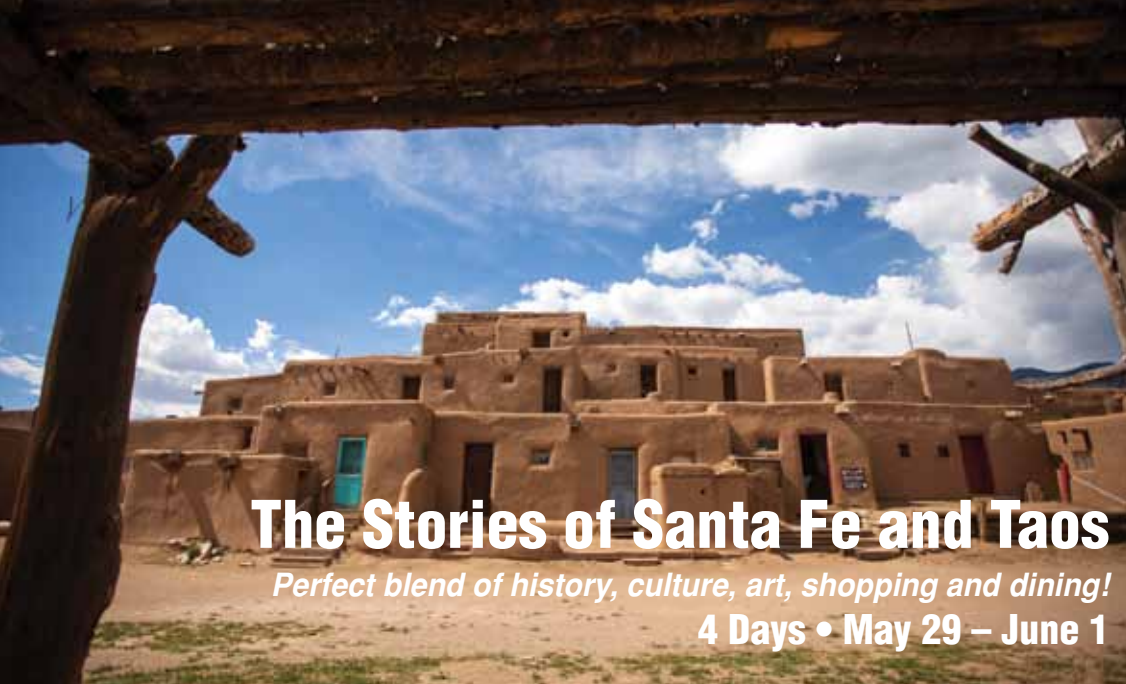
1. Arrive late afternoon in Albuquerque and check into your hotel. Gather for a group orientation and enjoy the hotel's "Kickback," which includes complimentary hot food plus soda, beer and wine. **Drury Inn & Suites – 3 nights**

2. The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, with over 600 balloons, is the largest ballooning event and the most photographed event on earth. We have upgraded your experience to the Chasers

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay 3 nights at the Drury Inn & Suites with daily breakfasts and evening hospitality
- 4 balloon events including Balloon Glow, Special Shapes and Mass Ascensions
- Upgraded seating in the Chasers Lounge
- Guided tour of the Abruzzo International Balloon Museum
- Presentation at the Turquoise Museum
- Roundtrip air to Albuquerque
- Door-to-door airport service
- 7 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- 2000/2250 Gold Passport Points



The Stories of Santa Fe and Taos

Perfect blend of history, culture, art, shopping and dining!

4 Days • May 29 – June 1



HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 nights in the city center of Santa Fe
- Discover Santa Fe's Palace of the Governors on a guided tour
- Visit Chimayo, Taos and the Taos Pueblo
- Enjoy shopping in Madrid, New Mexico
- Roundtrip air to/from Albuquerque
- 6 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1750/2000 Gold Passport Points

Santa Fe and Taos, with their expansive histories, have many stories to share with you. Hear these stories while enjoying breathtaking scenery, fine Southwestern cuisine, eclectic art galleries and unique boutique shops! Stay mere steps from the Central Plaza near many museums, shops and restaurants. It's the right balance between city and nature with a splash of decadence. Go ahead and indulge yourself!

1. Fly to Albuquerque arriving in the early afternoon. The Standard Diner, featured by Food Network star Guy Fieri, is your lunch spot. Cruise iconic Route 66 right through the heart of downtown to Old Town Albuquerque. Shop the numerous eclectic boutiques, or just grab an ice cream cone and listen to the soothing music of pan-flutes. At the San Felipe de Neri Parish, dating back to the early 1700s, take a moment for reflection. Travel the Turquoise

Trail, named for the mines producing the signature gem of the Southwest, stopping in Madrid where you might just find yourself a little bauble...or two! Arrive at your hotel in time to take advantage of the nightly complimentary cocktails and buffet spread.

Drury Plaza Hotel – 3 nights (L)

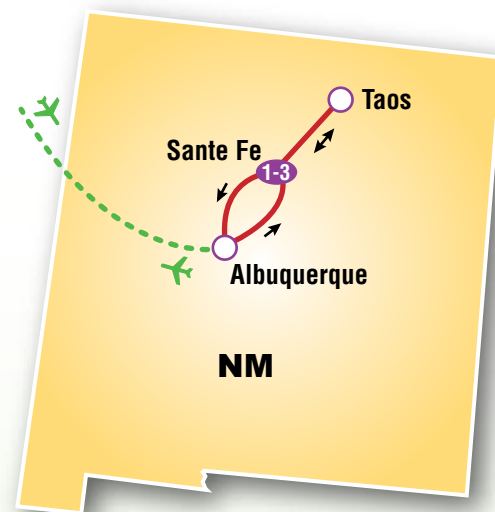
2. Get an overview of town during a trolley tour. Take notes and create a plan of action to explore the unique boutiques and galleries. Retrace Santa Fe's history on a guided tour of the Palace of the Governors. Just outside the door handmade Native American jewelry and pottery are for sale by the local artisans. Enjoy free time in the plaza or an optional visit to the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum. What a fascinating lady! Tonight's dinner is at a local favorite, La Casa Sena, featuring imaginative Southwestern cuisine. **(FB,D)**

3. After a brief visit to New Mexico's one-of-a-kind capitol to view its extensive art collection, head north to the small town of Chimayo. With a local guide, you'll discover the Santuario de Chimayo, a famous healing shrine. Visit a small textile shop and learn about centuries-old weaving techniques, still widely practiced today. Visit the Taos Visitors Center and take a short walking tour before free time for lunch on the plaza. Inhabited for over 1,000 years, the Taos Pueblo residents welcome you to learn about their ancient traditions still in practice.

Return to Santa Fe in the evening. Enjoy dinner at your leisure at one of the many superb restaurants. **(FB)**

4. Ascend the Sandia Peak Tramway this morning. Be sure to have your cameras ready to capture the stunning desert landscape! After an included lunch at the peak, board the motorcoach and return to Albuquerque. At the award-winning Pueblo Cultural Center, join a docent-guided tour with time for last minute shopping in the top-notch museum shop before your flight home. **(FB,L)**

\$1725 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1960 single



The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta (Con't from page 30)

Club Lounge which offers private seating on the field. **(B,L)**

3. This morning is the Mass Ascensions, a launch of all the participating balloons. (Weather permitting, high winds could possible cancel any events.) Enjoy a

special tour at the Abruzzo Balloon Museum before heading back to the hotel to for some rest this afternoon before tonight's "Glowdeo," a static display of the Special Shape balloons. Following dinner this evening is the spectacular Afterglow Fireworks! **(B,D)**

4. One more Mass Ascension this morning and a hosted lunch with some free time in Albuquerque's Old Town before heading home. **(B,L)**

\$1960 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2235 single



Alaska: Wildlife and Glaciers

Two nights inside Denali National Park and the coastal town of Valdez
7 Days • June 4-10

1. Fly to Anchorage via Seattle, pausing for a very special private dining experience before taking a scenic flight over Prince William Sound to the town of Valdez.

Mountain Sky Hotel & Suites – 2 nights (L)

2. Spend the day cruising the majestic waters of Prince William Sound from Valdez to Meares Glacier. En route, the captain will hug the shorelines looking for sea otters, sea lions, Orca whales, eagles, puffins and more that call the sound home. The captain will also share with you stories about this unique area; stories of history and early explorers, gold and copper mining, oil shipping, commercial fishing, and the 1964 Earthquake. **(B,L)**

3. Depart Valdez for the quaint “mountain climbing” town of Talkeetna, featured on several TV shows for good food and fun personalities. Drive the Richardson and Glenn Highways, which this writer considers to be two of the most scenic roads in Alaska. Pass through Keystone Canyon, a place of spectacular waterfalls, and stop at the Worthington Glacier. Travel over Thompson Pass, which holds Alaska’s record for snowfall. During your journey your local Alaskan guide will share pioneering stories and the history of the last frontier. Vistas include snowcapped mountains and beautiful glacial valleys. In Talkeetna you will be treated to mountain-view rooms of the Alaska Range and Mt. Denali, “The Great One.” **Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge (B,L)**

4. Enjoy some free time this morning in Talkeetna. This afternoon take flight to your accommodations in Denali National Park. This is a very special and unique stay with local naturalist guides available for guided

hikes and talks. Your accommodations are made up of a spacious two-story main lodge with individual cabins that are comfortably appointed with individual private baths and blackout curtains for a peaceful night’s sleep. **Kantishna Roadhouse – 2 nights (B,D)**

5. Enjoy a relaxing day in the wilderness today, with ample hiking and exploring opportunities. Try your hand at gold panning and experience the tradition of mining in the Kantishna Hills. Or choose a massage or simply relax. **(FB,L,D)**

6. This morning there is unforgettable wildlife and sightseeing on the bus ride out of the park. Board the Alaska Railroad at the Denali Depot with Gold Star Service to Anchorage. En route, sparkling salmon streams and stands of birch and spruce come into view, while carpets of fireweed add a dramatic purple color to the landscape. Gold Star Service provides both lunch and dinner served in the dining car, complimentary nonalcoholic beverages, two adult beverages, and tree line viewing in glass dome cars as well as an open air viewing platform for epic photos along your journey! This evening check into your lodge-style hotel, set on the shore of Lake Spenard, next to Lake Hood. **The Lakefront Anchorage (FB,L,D)**

7. In the late morning take a tour of Anchorage and visit the Saturday market where more than 300 arts, crafts and food vendors take over 7 acres of downtown. Your flight home departs in the afternoon. **(FB)**

\$5550 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6160 single



HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise Prince William Sound on a Wildlife & Glacier Cruise
- Ride the Alaska Railroad with Gold Star service from Denali to Anchorage
- Discover the local wildlife on a bus tour in Denali National Park
- Stay at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge
- Scenic drives, Thompson Pass & Keystone Canyon
- Roundtrip airfare to Valdez/from Anchorage
- 13 Meals: 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 5550/6200 Gold Passport Points



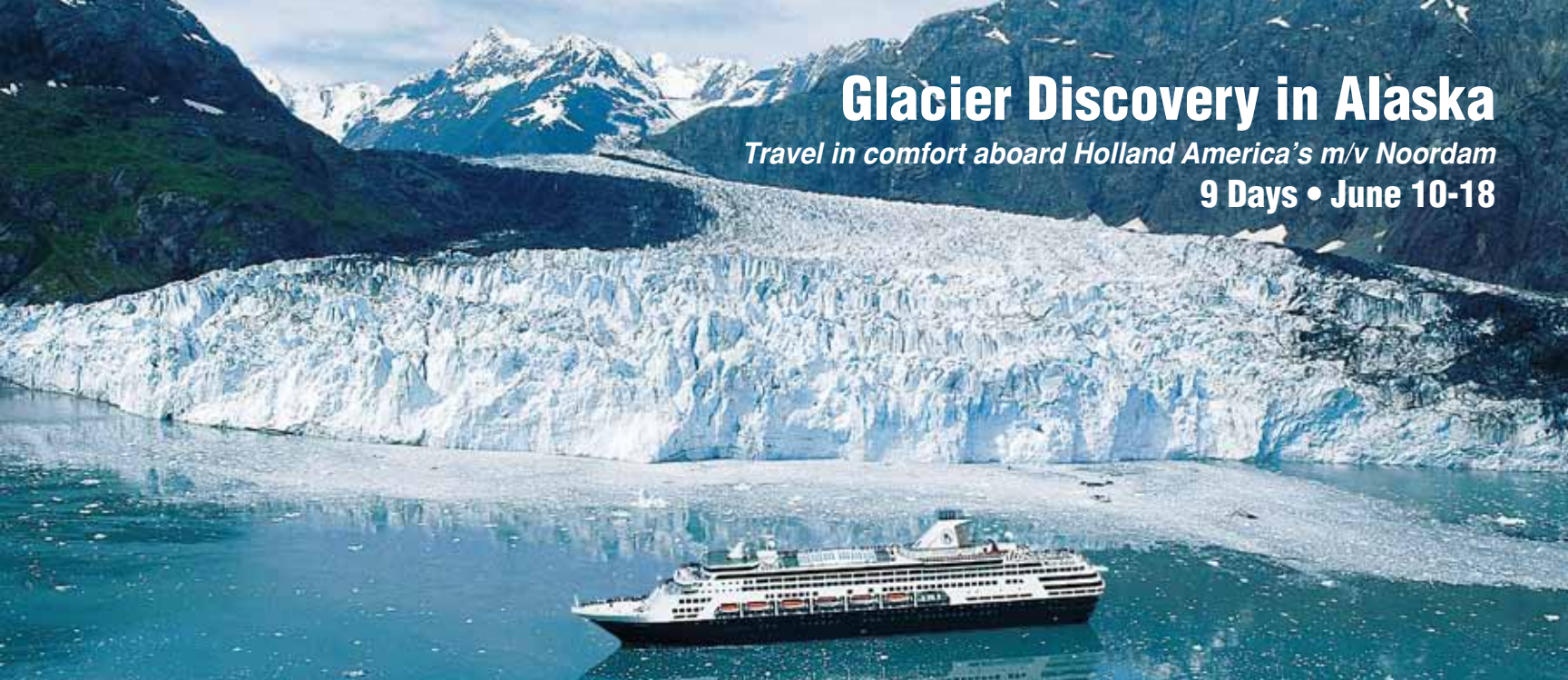
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Day	Date	Port	Arrive	Depart
0	11 Jun 2017	Seward (Anchorage), Alaska, US		08:00 PM
1	12 Jun 2017	At Sea		
2	13 Jun 2017	Glacier Bay	10:00 AM	07:00 PM
3	14 Jun 2017	Haines, Alaska, US	06:30 AM	09:00 PM
4	15 Jun 2017	Juneau, Alaska, US	08:00 AM	06:00 PM
5	16 Jun 2017	Ketchikan, Alaska, US	11:00 AM	07:00 PM
6	17 Jun 2017	Scenic Cruising The Inside Passage		
7	18 Jun 2017	Vancouver, B.C., CA	07:00 AM	

Sail Alaska's stunning coastline and the Inside Passage to discover some of the world's most beautiful natural scenery. Sailing southbound from Seward to Vancouver, there's no end to the wonder of leaping whales, calving glaciers and a coastline with shadowy coves and soaring mountains. Ports of call will include Haines, which flourished during the Gold Rush, Juneau, home to Glacial Gardens and Mendenhall Valley, Ketchikan, where you can board a floatplane to explore Misty Fjord National Monument or take a sea crab fishermen's tour, and finally, Glacier Bay, home to ice-blue glaciers and the sound of ice crashing into the ocean.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Pre-cruise overnight stay in Anchorage at the Hilton Hotel
- Bon Voyage Dinner in Anchorage
- Visit with the animals of the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center
- All meals included on board the m/v Noordam
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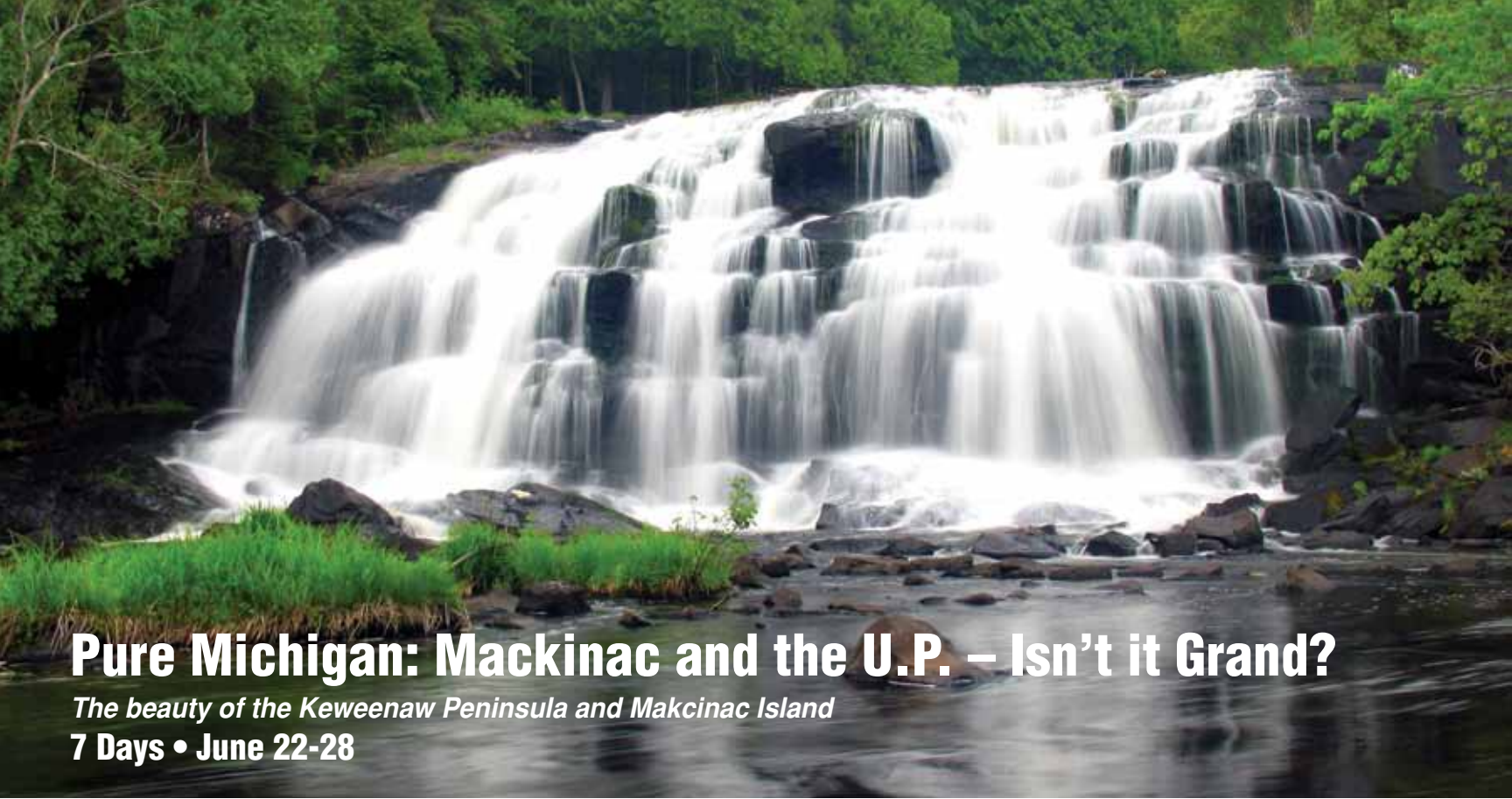


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Pure Michigan: Mackinac and the U.P. – Isn't it Grand?

The beauty of the Keweenaw Peninsula and Mackinac Island

7 Days • June 22-28



Stop at beautiful Bond Falls on the way to Marquette (top); Learn the story of Father Baraga – the snowshoe priest (middle); Father Basil runs the Jampot Bakery – the most unique out of the way bakery you'll ever visit (bottom)

Perhaps one of the best-ever combinations of “someplace I’ve never been” and “someplace I’ve always wanted to go” **Sports Leisure Vacations** has ever offered. Come discover the history and scenery of The Great Lakes. You’ll see three of them – Superior, Michigan and Huron; plus stay on picturesque Mackinac Island. It is without a doubt one of the best new adventures of 2017!

1. Michigan’s Upper Peninsula (U.P.) is not easy to get to. Perhaps that’s why many people have never visited this pristine, largely unspoiled area. History and scenery abound, along with the opportunity to meet some of the hardy people who call the U.P. home. In fact, the residents of the region are called “yoopers” (u-pers). Did we mention it’s hard to get to? Only two flights a day from Chicago to Houghton (ho-ton), and only one connects with Sacramento. Depart at the unusual time of 1:30pm, arriving at 11:40pm in Houghton. **Country Inn & Suites – 2 nights**

2. Unknown to most people outside the region, the **Keweenaw Peninsula**, where you tour today, was where most of the country’s copper once came out of the ground. The scenery is memorable, the people and their stories fascinating, the history is all around you. Magnificent churches, many over a hundred years old, dot the landscape. Churches gave the miners and their families a sense of community. Here, on Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, hardy people braved extreme weather to bring copper out of the ground.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights at Mackinac’s famous Grand Hotel, tours by horse and carriage
- 2 nights in Houghton, gateway to the Keweenaw Peninsula, the country’s Copper Capital
- 2 nights Marquette, on the shores of Lake Superior
- Keweenaw Nat’l Historic Park tour – Meet the monks at Jampot Bakery, hear the stories of George Gipp (remember “win one for the Gipper?”) and the Copper Kings
- Tour the Music House, filled with one-of-a-kind musical instruments
- 15 meals: daily breakfast, 4 lunches, 5 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Houghton/from Traverse City
- Door-to-door airport service
- Tour Directors: **Mark Hoffmann and Clayton Whitehead**
- 3850/4450 Gold Passport Points

Today, you meet Father Basil, one of the monks who runs the Jampot Bakery. We’ll stop in for treats and enjoy the waterfall next door. Lighthouses abound, lunch is in a magnificent mountain lodge and afternoon libations are included at the historic Michigan House Pub and Restaurant. The entire day is a history lesson, told by the people who live here. Awesome. **(B,L,D)**

3. Time to travel. Our motorcoach leaves the Keweenaw and heads east to Marquette, on the shores of Lake Superior. Along the way, meet Sister Maria at the Shrine of Bishop Baraga. This wonderful lady

is working to start a new order, in a most remote destination. We must pause at “Da Yoopers Tourist Trap,” because after all, we are tourists, and it’s a very unique gift shop. Your accommodations are the best in town, right down by the lake and every traveler has a great view of the water (and the sunrise). **Hampton Inn – 2 nights (B,L,D)**

4. Just an hour from Marquette is the small lakeside village of Munising. We’ve included a most interesting boat tour, to see **shipwrecks** through the glass bottom of the boat! A fascinating adventure. Tonight, dine in the U.P.’s finest steak house. **(B,D)**

5. Push east this afternoon, through to St. Ignace where you’ll board the ferry for the 20-minute ride to Mackinac Island. Prepare to fall in love at first sight with its historic buildings, quaint shoppes and “no motor vehicles allowed” policy. It’s a short horse-drawn carriage ride to the top of the hill and Mackinac’s iconic landmark – the Grand Hotel. Built in 1887, the Grand is prepared to satisfy your every desire this evening starting with a formal dinner and ending with live music and dancing. Best of all, you get to do it all over again tomorrow! **Grand Hotel – 2 nights (B,L,D)**

6. Discover Mackinac Island’s natural beauty on a morning horse-drawn wagon tour. Free time is allowed midday to explore the lakeside village. Don’t forget to buy some fudge – an island staple – for the trip home. Before long you’ll be ready for a little pick-me-up, so return to the Grand for Afternoon Tea. The filming location of *Somewhere in Time*, don’t miss the historical exhibits (yes, there IS a framed portrait of Jane Seymour), art gallery, horse stables and have a sit on the front porch which, at 660 feet long, is the biggest in the world! **(FB,D)**

7. Take the ferry to Mackinaw City on the LP (Lower Peninsula) and travel along the scenic east shore of Lake Michigan with lunch served in the quaint community of Petoskey. In nearby Acme, you’ll discover an incredible collection of mechanical instruments and antique phonographs at The Music House. The centerpiece of the museum, a huge Belgian pipe organ, is simply amazing, and all instruments are in perfect working order as you’ll see... and hear! The short drive to Traverse City is where your return flight awaits. **(FB,L)**

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Yellowstone & Glacier National Parks

Featuring the grand national parks of Montana and Wyoming
9 Days • September 6-14

1. Fly into Jackson, Wyoming this today. Rising above a scene rich with extraordinary wildlife, pristine lakes, and alpine terrain, Grand Teton National Park stands monument to the people who fought to protect it. Your hotel for the next two evenings is a historic gem nestled in Moran, WY. This evening enjoy a special presentation by a local naturalist. **The Hatchet Resort – 2 nights (D)**

2. A scenic float trip on the Snake River provides gorgeous views including the wildlife, the flora, and the sheer magnitude of nature. Next visit Jackson for an included lunch followed by free time to explore on your own. This old cowboy town is now home to hundreds of art galleries, shops, attractions and restaurants but still maintains an old west charm. **(B,L)**

3. The world's first national park is a wonderland of natural beauty and geologic oddities that has delighted visitors over 100 years. Yellowstone is a mysterious land of steaming geysers, fumaroles and bubbling mud pots. Visit the centerpiece of the park, Old Faithful, along with visits to Midway Geyser Basin and Fountain Paint Pots. Your home for the next two nights is just outside the park in West Yellowstone. **Gray Wolf Inn & Suites – 2 nights (B,D)**

4. Return to the park for a drive along the Lower Loop Road. Visit the awe-inspiring "Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone." It is here where the mighty Yellowstone River cuts its way through sheer rock to cascade down hundreds of feet to the foaming torrents below. Look for buffalo and other

wildlife in scenic Hayden Valley. Stop for lunch at scenic Lake Hotel, on the shores of Yellowstone Lake. **(B,L)**

5. At Mammoth Hot Springs explore the upper and lower terraces that make up this rich geothermal area. Exiting Yellowstone, travel across the Big Sky Country of Montana on your way to Missoula for a tour of the Smokejumper Base Aerial Fire Depot. Forest Service Smokejumpers are your personal guides during your visit and offer firsthand accounts of firefighting and smokejumping. **Best Western Plus Grant Creek Inn (B,D)**

6. Discover Flathead Indian Reservation with a stop at the St. Ignatius Mission. This National Historic Site was built in 1891 by American Indians and Jesuit missionaries. This afternoon get your first taste of Glacier National Park with a two-night stay on the shores of Swiftcurrent Lake. This beautiful Swiss-style lodge was constructed in 1915 and is now a National Historic Landmark. **Many Glacier Hotel – 2 nights (B,D)**

7. See and feel the grandeur that makes Glacier National Park "The Crown of the Continent." Board the sightseeing boat *Chief Two Guns* for a cruise on Swiftcurrent Lake, then take a short, 300-yard walk over the hill to Lake Josephine. Here the *Morning Eagle* awaits your arrival for a cruise on this pristine lake. Return to the lodge for a free afternoon to enjoy the

HIGHLIGHTS

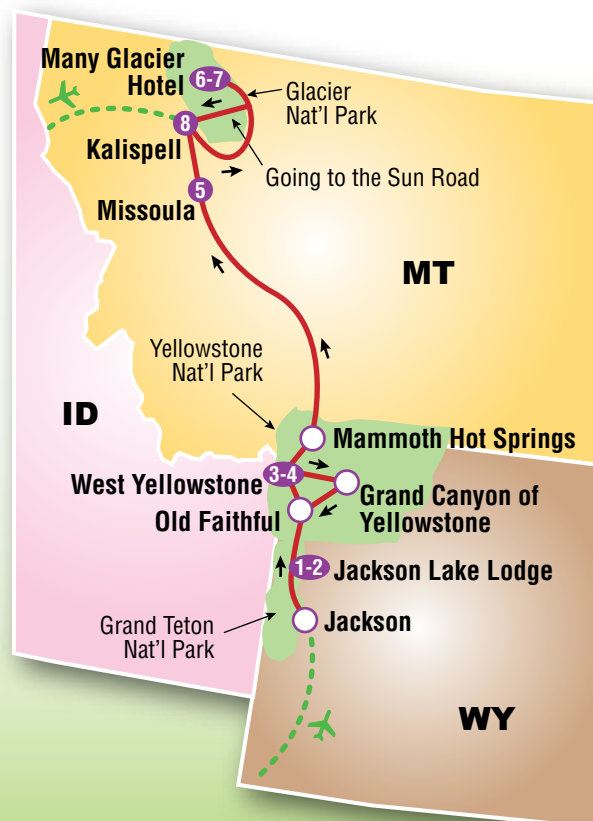
- Explore Grand Teton National Park by coach and Snake River float trip
- Yellowstone National Park unveiled: Old Faithful, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs, Midway Geyser Basin, Fountain Paint Pots and local wildlife
- Lake cruises plus Going-to-the-Sun Road by Jammer Car in Glacier National Park
- Tour the Smokejumpers Base in Missoula
- Lunch at the Lake Hotel in Yellowstone
- Discover Native American and Jesuit histories at St. Ignatius Mission
- Roundtrip airfare to Jackson, WY/from Kalispell, MT
- 15 meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners
- 5200/6200 Gold Passport Points

scenery, do some optional activities or just relax. **(B)**

8. What better way to spend your last full day by driving in a Jammer Car on the world famous "Going-to-the-Sun Road?" Amid magnificent snow-capped peaks, gleaming lakes, and the virgin forests of the McDonald Valley, your 52-mile drive crests the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. Pause at Lake McDonald Lodge with free time to explore and have lunch on your own. In the afternoon, continue to Kalispell and your hotel and a farewell dinner. **Red Lion Hotel (B,D)**

9. Transfer to the Kalispell Airport for your flight home. **(B)**

\$5195 p.p./dbl.occ., \$6170 single



Vancouver and Victoria

The very best of British Columbia

6 Days • August 1-6

1. Fly to Vancouver, B.C. this morning. Lunch is at Granville Island Public Market, an old concrete plant turned tourist hotspot. Enjoy views of the city as you dine waterside and browse the shops and stalls selling artisanal foods to locally produced arts and crafts. Experience Vancouver's hottest new attraction! Buckle up for *Fly Over Canada*, a virtual flight simulator using four story high projection screens to give you the feeling of soaring over Canada's iconic landmarks. Once "back on the ground," check into your centrally located hotel, a great base for exploring the city. **Blue Horizon Hotel – 2 nights (L)**

2. A city tour featuring the iconic Gastown Steam Clock, Lions Gate Bridge, and an impressive collection of totem poles in Stanley Park fills your morning. For lunch, dine at Top of Vancouver, a revolving restaurant. Take a rest because tonight is the *Celebration of Light*, a pyrotechnics competition in which three countries are invited to compete annually. After a buffet dinner aboard a scenic cruise, the fireworks illuminate English Bay choreographed to music. It's an impressive spectacle! **(L,D)**

3. This morning board the BC Ferry (bus and all) and make the one hour sail to Vancouver Island arriving in Sidney, a lovely seaside town. After lunch, head to Lolligobble, an English Sweets Shop full of old timey, unique candies unfamiliar to us Americans. You'll get a little treat to take with you! Explore the main street shops before heading to your hotel in Victoria. Located a short walk from the Inner Harbour, many of the city's attractions, restaurants and shops are at within an easy stroll. **Chateau Victoria – 3 nights (L)**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy High Tea at the Empress Hotel
- Explore famed Butchart Gardens with lunch in the original family home
- Experience a double-decker bus tour of Victoria and city tour of Vancouver
- Be awed by an outstanding fireworks display over English Bay
- Travel by ferry to Vancouver Island
- Roundtrip airfare to Vancouver/from Victoria
- 7 meals: 1 high tea, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2650/3000 Gold Passport Points

4. See Victoria from the top down on a double-decker bus tour ending at the majestic Empress Hotel for High Tea. You'll sip the very same tea blend the Queen of England herself enjoys with assorted finger sandwiches. It's the place to be seen, and you never know who you'll meet! This afternoon explore nearby museums, do some shopping, take a whale watching cruise or even a seaplane tour. The choice is yours and your Tour Director can provide information and several different suggestions. **(HT)**

5. Take a short walk from your hotel to the iconic Parliament Buildings for a docent-guided tour to learn about Canada's governmental structure. Your next stop is Butchart Gardens! As it has been for over 100 years, everything will be in full bloom. After lunch in the original family home, take in the magnificent blooms. You've never seen so many colors of dahlias, or so large! Pick up seeds for your own garden at the gift shop before returning to the hotel in the early evening to enjoy a last night at your leisure. **(L)**



"Queen Victoria" shows our group around Parliament (top); A double decker bus provides a great view of the city (above)

6. Take the morning to make one final stroll along the water, find that perfect gift, or just relax in your hotel suite. Enjoy an included lunch before catching your mid-afternoon flight home. **(L)**

\$2620 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2990 single
This tour requires a valid passport!



Happy Birthday Canada!

Celebrate the Sesquicentennial of our neighbor to the North
7 Days • July 18-24



Witness the changing of the guard in Ottawa and/or Québec; See the spectacle of Montmorency Falls

1. Away to Ottawa, Canada's understated Capital City. Our historic accommodations are well-located in the heart of downtown and the shadow of Parliament Hill. **Lord Elgin Hotel – 2 nights (D)**

2. Take a comprehensive tour around Ottawa including a chance to visit the House of Parliament both inside and out, the latter during the impressive Changing of the Guard ceremony. After lunch, the Canadian Museum of History offers you an interesting look at milestones in the country's 150 years of confederation. After dark don't miss *Northern Lights*, a spectacular sound and light show broadcast on Parliament's striking façade. **(FB,L)**

3. Explore the Canadian countryside as you train across *la belle province*, arriving

in Québec City in the late afternoon. You're just in time for dinner and entertainment at a real sugar shack, *Erablière le Chemin du Roy* – a meal fit for a king! **Hilton Hotel Québec – 3 nights (FB,D)**

4. Perhaps the country's most impressive birthday celebration is *Rendez-vous 2017*, a Tall Ships Regatta on the St. Lawrence River, and you'll be there for the spectacle as 40 ships with a combined crew of over 3,000 converge upon the province! Tour the city in the morning, ending with lunch served within the hallowed walls of the *Hôtel du Parlement* (Québec's national assembly building). Explore visiting ships and a festival atmosphere along the river to complete your day. **(FB,L)**

5. The Cathedral of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and majestic Montmorency Falls sit along the St. Lawrence, only a short distance from Québec. Visit the holy shrine, then have lunch with a view high above the falls – reached by cable car, no less! You'll also visit the Copper Art Studio showcasing the work of artist Albert Gilles, whose masterpieces are the doors and altar ornaments you saw at Ste. Anne. A family member will be there to help you craft an *objet d'art* of your own. Back in Québec, return to the river in the evening for the spectacular musical fireworks show. **(FB,L)**

6. A scenic drive along the St. Lawrence takes you to Québec's most populous and cosmopolitan

HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 nights Ottawa, Canada's Capital City
- See the House of Parliament, Changing of the Guard and *Northern Lights*
- 3 nights Québec City during *Rendez-vous 2017*
- Québec City tour, riverfront festival and fireworks!
- Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré and Montmorency Falls
- Montréal's Notre-Dame and Biodome
- 12 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners including lunch served in Québec's *Hôtel du Parlement*
- Roundtrip air to Ottawa/from Montréal
- Door-to-door airport service
- Gold Passport Points based on prices

city, Montréal. Holy sites, Olympic venues, history and culture – all with a decidedly French flair – are yours to discover on an afternoon sightseeing tour. The interior of Notre-Dame Basilica is breathtaking. Your farewell dinner offers up a final taste of *gastronomie canadienne-française*. **Hotel TBA (FB,D)**

7. Montréal hosted the Summer Olympic Games in 1976. The venue constructed to house the cycling events is now the Biodome. To call it a mere greenhouse or even a zoo would be an understatement! The Biodome leads you through four distinct ecosystems complete with animals and marine life – the perfect place to end a perfect Canadian adventure. **(FB)**

Call now and place your name on the **Priority Notification List**. We will contact you with pricing in early October. ***This vacation requires a valid passport!***

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Crater Lake and the Umpqua National Scenic Byway

Featuring natural scenic wonder in Oregon
6 Days • July 3-8



Enjoy the lake view from the balcony at Crater Lake Lodge; Ride the exciting Rogue River Jetboats

1. Sacramento Limousines will meet you at your home and deliver you to the **Sports Leisure** office. Board your deluxe motorcoach and head north, pausing for lunch in Redding before arriving in Klamath Falls in the late afternoon. **Shilo Inn (L)**

2. A remnant of a fiery volcanic past, Crater Lake is one of the deepest and bluest lakes in America, with sheer surrounding cliffs almost 2,000 feet high! A ranger-guided tour around the rim of this ancient volcano today will acquaint you with its geological history. After lunch at the historic Crater Lake Lodge, travel the Rogue-Umpqua National Scenic Byway. Your accommodations are located on the banks of the South Umpqua River. Today is the 4th of July and you will be able to view the holiday fireworks right from the comfort of your hotel. **Holiday Inn Express Roseburg (B,L)**

3. Wildlife Safari is a 600-acre drive-through park and village where you can have close encounters with animals from

all over the world! Drive along a 4.5-mile route to view over 500 animals from Africa, Asia and the Americas in their natural habitats, roaming freely as they do in the wild. Tonight, your lodgings are again waterside, on the banks of the Rogue River. **Riverside Inn Grants Pass – 2 nights (B,D)**

4. There are few adventures as exciting as a 36-mile roundtrip jet boat ride through Hellgate Canyon. Stop down river at the OK Corral for an all-you-can-eat country lunch presented on an open-air deck. Your guide will point out geological and historical points of interest up and down the canyon, including where John Wayne and Katherine Hepburn filmed *Rooster Cogburn*. This afternoon there will be an optional visit to a nearby vineyard for wine tasting. **(B,L)**

5. Explore the beautiful town of Ashland, set in a unique geographic setting nestled at the base of the convergence of the Siskiyou and Cascade mountain ranges. Browse its art galleries, enjoy the thriving restaurant scene, food artisans and award-winning wineries and breweries. Tonight there is an optional (extra cost) performance at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Available shows will be announced closer to departure. Your hotel tonight is located in the heart of Medford. **Inn at the Commons (B)**

6. Say farewell to Oregon and journey back to California. Stop for a hosted lunch before arriving home in the evening. **(B,L)**

\$1725 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1995 single

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided rim tour of Crater Lake National Park with lunch at Crater Lake Lodge
- Independence Day Fireworks in Roseburg
- Up close animal encounters at Wildlife Safari
- Hellgate Jet Boat tour
- Visit the charming town of Ashland
- Optional (extra cost) performance at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival
- 10 meals: 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 dinner
- Door-to-door service
- 1750/2000 Gold Passport Points

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38th Annual SLV Anniversary Tour – Portland Roses and Oregon's Coast

Featuring covered, reserved seating for the Grand Floral Parade
5 Days • June 9-13



Join **Clayton** and **Mark** on this special regional tour to celebrate **Sports Leisure's** 38th birthday. See the spectacular Portland Rose Parade, with the comfort of indoor seating; then head to Newport for an extended stay in one of our favorite destinations and hotels!

1. Fly away on a morning flight to Portland, then hit the ground running. Lloyd Center is your first stop for lunch and a chance to enjoy the colorful sights and sweet fragrances of the Rose Society's 129th

Annual Spring Rose Show. In the afternoon, visit downtown for two very special experiences. With our expert local guide (and former **Sports Leisure** employee Merrill Mixer) enjoy a multi-modal look at the city by streetcar and aerial tram. Discover the flavors of Portland – tea, spirits and salts to be exact – on our exclusive Forktown Tour with samples at each stop along the way. In the evening we'll toast a great day of touring with dinner served at the trendy restored Kennedy School. **Hilton Garden Inn Portland Airport (D)**

2. The Grand Floral Parade is both the Rose Festival and Portland's premier event. Don't worry about the city's frequent rainfall. You'll view the parade from reserved seating inside Memorial Coliseum with "creature comforts" (restrooms and concessions) only steps away. As a special treat, the Queen's Coronation precedes the parade. Oregon's Capital City of Salem is your next stop for lunch (McGrath's Fish House) and a whirl around the historic carousel. Then you're bound for the coastal community of Newport where quaint accommodations boast all ocean-view rooms! **Elizabeth Street Inn – 3 nights (FB,L,D)**

3. Newport has so much to offer! Take an educational marine cruise on the bay, to learn how crab pots work, and to meet some of the creatures who call Newport Harbor home. Shop and enjoy lunch on the wharf, then have "dinner with the creatures" at the Oregon Aquarium, a truly unique experience. Of course there will be leisure time for a walk along the beach! **(B,D)**

4. Your destination today is just south of the coastal town of Florence for a buggy ride on the giant dunes. You'll have a choice of a scenic or a more adventurous ride. For lunch, choose from one of the quaint

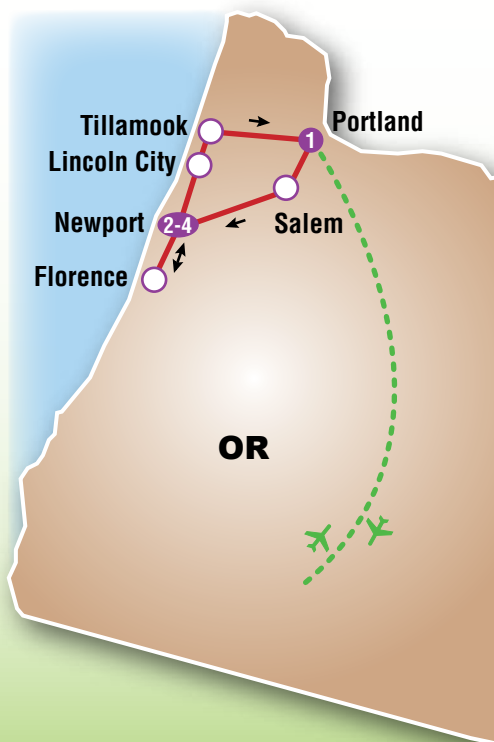
eateries on the old waterfront in Florence. No visit to the coast would be complete without a trip to a lighthouse, and historic Yaquina Head, c. 1868, fits the bill just north of Newport. **(B,D)**

5. Take a scenic drive up the coast this morning to Lincoln City for lunch and a bit of sightseeing. In nearby Tillamook, the Blue Heron French Cheese Company is a popular and tasty stop to take home a souvenir or two of the dairy country. Return to Portland in the late afternoon for your return flight. **(B,L)**

\$1995 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2230 single

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Kenya Wildlife Safari

A once-in-a-lifetime look at the world's most naturally diverse continent

13 Days • June 24 – July 6



1-2. Depart on your overnight flight to London. On arrival enjoy a pub lunch followed by a city tour prior to your hotel check-in. **Heathrow Hilton (L)**

3. After a restful night's sleep, depart for Nairobi where you will be greeted at the airport and whisked away to your luxurious hotel. **Nairobi Serena Hotel**

4-5. Cross the equator before arriving at Sweetwaters, a small deluxe camp where every tent has its own bath and private veranda overlooking a watering hole frequented by the local giraffes, warthogs, and gazelles. Rest and relax between morning and evening game drives. **(2FB,2L,2D) Sweetwaters Tented Camp – 2 nights**

6. Depart for Lake Naivasha, a large freshwater lake in the Great Rift Valley. Arrive in time for lunch and then enjoy a boat ride to Crescent Island, a wildlife sanctuary where you can walk among

impalas, giraffes, and zebras. From your patio or balcony, observe the hippos rise from the lake each evening to trim the lawn. **(FB,L,D) Lake Naivasha Sopa Lodge – 2 nights**

7. Take a drive to Lake Nakuru National Park to view exotic birds, endangered rhinos, and elusive leopards. Return to Lake Naivasha to watch the sun set and enjoy more animal viewing from the comfort of the lodge. **(FB,L,D)**

8. Enjoy a hearty breakfast for today you depart on a bumpy drive to the vast Masai Mara, one of the world's greatest ecosystems and home to the "Big Five" (lion, leopard, African elephant, Cape buffalo, and black rhinoceros). Arrive in time for lunch, rest, and an evening game drive. **Ashnil Mara Lodge – 4 nights (FB,L,D)**

9-11. Each day in *The Mara* will provide new opportunities to observe the richness and diversity of this unique wildlife area. Visit the Mara River, known for its enormous crocodiles that lay in wait for wildebeest or zebra to cross over. Over 450 species of birds call *The Mara* home and mammals move freely throughout the vast area, creating a constantly changing landscape. Enjoy daily game drives with your expert driver/guide and visit a local Masai village and school to interact with the Masai people who proudly welcome you to their homes. **(3FB,3L,3D)**

12. In the late morning, take a short flight to Nairobi and return to the Serena Hotel in time for lunch and leisure. Relax in your own day room, have a facial at the spa, swim in the pool, or dine at one of the fine restaurants as you prepare your late evening flight home. **(FB) Nairobi Serena Hotel Day Room**

13. After an early morning arrival in London, have time to stretch your legs before departing on your flight home.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a tour of London and pub lunch
- All-inclusive 10-day safari to Kenya's spectacular savannahs
- Observe and photograph exotic birds, mammals, and reptiles in their natural habitat
- Stay in luxurious lodges and tented camps
- Each day is an opportunity to spot elephants, lions, rhinos, hippos, giraffes, and zebras with your personal driver/guide
- Visit a Masai village and school as the people welcome you with tribal dances and crafts
- 26 meals: 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 8 dinners
- Roundtrip air to/from Nairobi
- Door-to-door airport service
- Services of a **Sports Leisure** Tour Director
- 7900/8450 Gold Passport Points

\$7895 p.p./dbl.occ., \$8445 single

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Spectacular Redwoods and the Oregon Coast

Featuring the Oregon Coast Music Festival
6 Days • July 23-28



1. Your door-to-door transportation brings you to the **Sports Leisure** office to meet your fellow adventurers. The journey north begins with a stop in Santa Rosa for Sunday Brunch at the Flamingo Hotel. Dinner is included tonight at the historic Benbow Inn. **Best Western Humboldt House Inn – Garberville (BR,D)**

2. The Avenue of Giants weaves its way through some of the grandest groves of redwoods and other trees in California. A local guide and historian will be along to

share the stories of the people who helped preserve these trees and perhaps tell a tall tale or two. Spend the day wandering through these giants, stopping at the visitors center to learn about Charles Kellogg, the naturalist known as the “bird singer,” and some of the other wonders of the redwood forest before finally, at the end of the day, resting in Eureka. **Red Lion Hotel (B,L)**

3. The Blue Ox Millworks is a working mill creating doodads and thingamajigs for the beautiful old Victorian-style homes that dot Eureka’s Old Town. Visit with the craftsmen that keep these “painted ladies” in good repair. In the afternoon, take a short stroll through the ancient giants of Prairie Creek State Park, one of the most beautiful of our redwood forests. Tonight, your rooms are right on the beach in Brookings. Enjoy a leisurely evening at one of our newest discoveries. **Best Western Waterfront Inn – 2 nights (FB,L)**

4. The boats of the Rogue River have been carrying the U.S. mail since 1895. Enjoy a scenic 64-mile journey (roundtrip) up river to Singing Springs Lodge for a casual lunch buffet and an afternoon of scenic beauty. (Warning – you might just get damp!) Return to Brookings in the late afternoon for more beach time. **(B,L)**

5. After driving along some of the most beautiful coastline on the West Coast, we stop this morning in Bandon. There will be time for cranberry sweets and lunch at



Walk amongst the big trees and “painted ladies” of the north coast

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel along the Avenue of the Giants with a local guide and historian
- Walk through the ancient groves in Prairie Creek State Park, Redwood National and State Parks, Humboldt State Park
- Enjoy 2 nights of comfort and beauty with oceanview rooms in Brookings
- Ride the historic Mail Boats of the Rogue River
- Enjoy the sounds of the 39th Annual Oregon Music Festival
- Bayview rooms in Coos Bay at The Mill
- Long sandy beaches, rugged seastacks, fresh crab and spectacular views of the Oregon coastline
- 11 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 full breakfast, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door transportation
- One way transportation by motorcoach with return airfare
- 2800/3150 Gold Passport Points

your leisure before continuing to Coos Bay. Tonight two treats await you: a fabulous crab feast and the sounds of the Oregon Coast Music Festival Symphony. Over 80 members strong, this festival orchestra attracts musicians from around the globe – specific concert details should be available in November. **The Mill Casino Hotel (B,D)**

6. Spend a leisurely morning at the hotel or take in the new Coos History Museum & Maritime Collection for a look into life on the coast. A mid-day flight from Coos Bay, by way of San Francisco, saves you a day and a half of over-the-road travel! **(FB)**

\$2755 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3125 single



Oktoberfest, Canadian Thanksgiving and Niagara Falls

Celebrations of Canada with natural beauty

6 Days • October 6-11, 2017



Experience Niagara Falls and Oktoberfest in Canada (top); the view from atop the CN Tower is fabulous (above)

1. A morning flight delivers us to Toronto. After meeting our local guide, we'll make our way directly to dinner atop the CN Tower to dine at 1200 feet in a revolving restaurant. Both the view and the food are spectacular! Journey west of the city to the Waterloo Region, home to a large German population. Check into your hotel and rest up for the festivities to come! **Radisson Hotel – Kitchener Waterloo – 3 nights (D)**

2. This morning visit the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market, Canada's largest year-round market with products ranging from fresh local produce to all types of arts and crafts. This place is a destination in itself! With the fall colors at their peak, travel along the scenic shores of Georgian Bay to the Blue Mountain Region. We'll be following the Apple Pie Trail, stopping for an included lunch and lots of little tastings along the way. Return to your hotel to freshen up and then it's a night of German food, beer, music and dancing at a local Festhalle. Who is doing the chicken dance? **(FB,L,D)**

3. Happy Canadian Thanksgiving! Take the morning to sleep in before exploring the nearby Mennonite Countryside. It's Sunday

so you're sure to see horse-drawn buggies headed to church. Your local guide will explain the ins and outs of the community followed by Thanksgiving lunch featuring locally sourced farm fresh ingredients. Walk off lunch while exploring the Waterloo Region Museum and Crossroads Heritage Museum, which focuses on the local history of the late 1800s. Discover the stories of the folks who settled here. Return to your hotel and enjoy dinner at your leisure. **(FB,L)**

4. Everyone turns out for the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Thanksgiving Day Parade, a charming and surprisingly entertaining event! You'll have seating to enjoy all the sights and sounds. After the parade, bid farewell and travel to the Niagara Peninsula. Stop for lunch at a winery specializing in ice wine. Picked in the middle of winter, these grapes only produce one drop of liquid when crushed, making a sweet fruity wine. You can't get this in Napa Valley! Arrive at your hotel and enjoy the nightly Manager's Reception with cocktails and snacks. Every room has a view of Niagara Falls! Tonight laugh it up at *Oh Canada... eh?* **Embassy Suites Niagara Falls – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

5. Today is all things Niagara Falls! Begin with a Journey Behind the Falls, where you are literally behind the waterfall. Feel the immense power of 6 million cubic feet of water per minute cascading down right in front of you! Take some time to explore Clifton Hill and grab a bite to eat before boarding your boat to sail right out to the base of the falls. Don't worry, ponchos will be provided... but you'll still



HIGHLIGHTS

- Dine high above Toronto at CN Tower's revolving restaurant
- Join the fun at a German Festhalle to celebrate Oktoberfest
- Enjoy a Thanksgiving feast featuring local farm fresh ingredients
- Sample ice wine during a winery tour
- Take a cruise to the base of Niagara Falls
- 12 meals: 5 full breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- Roundtrip airfare to Toronto/from Buffalo
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2750/3150 Gold Passport Points

get wet! Return to the hotel to dry off and then enjoy dinner at Element on the Falls, with a stunning view as you dine. **(FB,D)**

6. You have options this morning. You may either visit the Niagara Botanical Gardens or remain at the hotel to enjoy the view from your room a little longer. Cross the international border into New York and fly home from Buffalo. **(FB)**

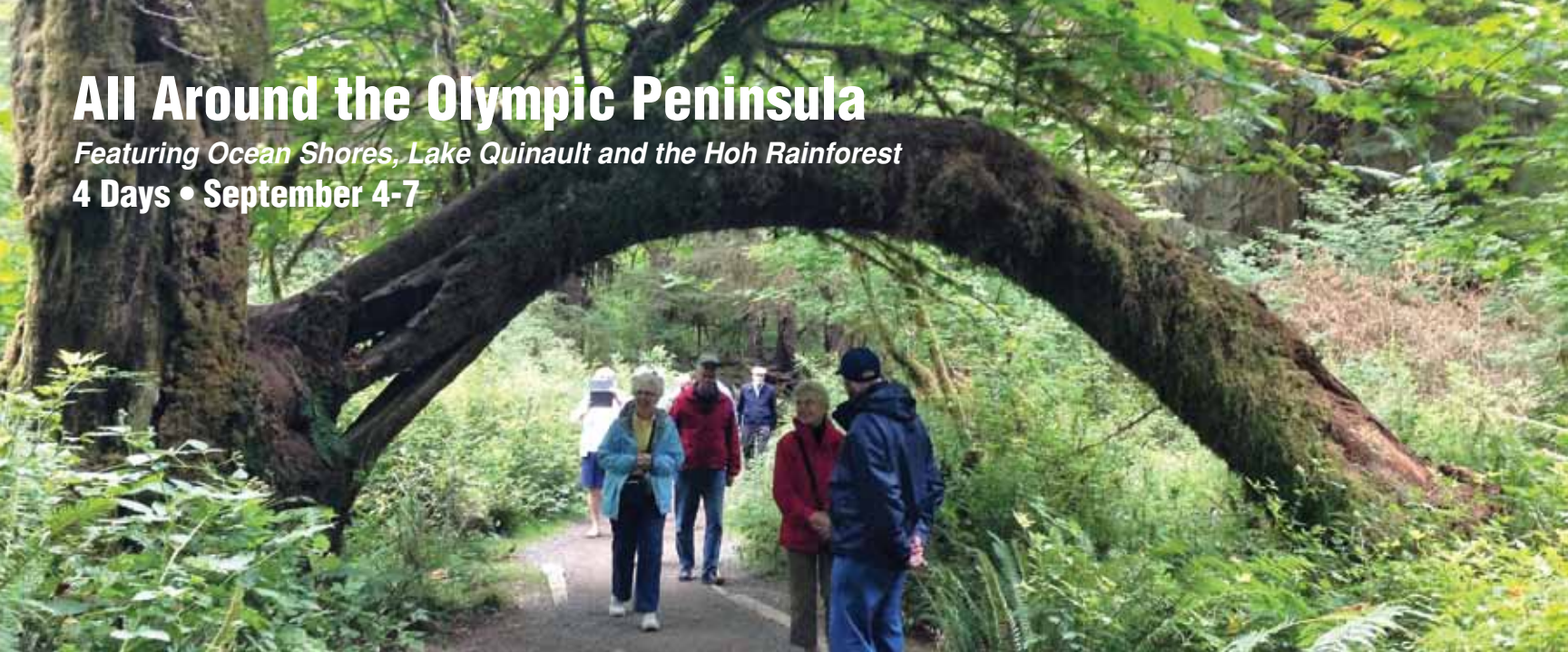
\$2730 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3105 single
This tour requires a valid passport!



All Around the Olympic Peninsula

Featuring Ocean Shores, Lake Quinault and the Hoh Rainforest

4 Days • September 4-7



HIGHLIGHTS

- Sleep with the peaceful sound of ocean waves at Ocean Shores
- Let your imagination run wild as you stroll through a temperate rainforest
- Stand high above the Strait of San Juan De Fuca – you'll feel like you are on top of the world at Hurricane Ridge
- Ride the Bainbridge Ferry and take in one of the best views of Seattle
- Stay at Lake Quinault Lodge, in lakeview rooms, nestled in the rainforest
- 6 meals: 1 breakfast, 1 full breakfast, 3 lunches, 1 dinner
- Roundtrip airfare to/from Seattle
- Door-to-door airport service
- 2050/2300 Gold Passport Points

1. A direct flight to Portland this morning means an early afternoon arrival in Ocean Shores. Take this time at the ocean to walk along the sandy beach or enjoy the sunset from your hotel balcony. **Shilo Inn (L)**

2. Leaving the shore, travel north to the temperate rainforest. Home to giant trees, thousands of ferns, and creatures of every size and color, the environment is beautiful. Relax on the shores of Lake Quinault or take a walk through nearby maple groves. A game of croquet on the lawn or canoeing on the lake are also options! **Lake Quinault Lodge (L,D)**

3. The Hoh Rainforest is one of the most prime examples of diversity in the world. Take a walk through screens of moss, twisted ancient trees, and giant ferns. Who knows? You may even meet an elk along the way! Spend this evening watching the ferries ply the strait or walking along the shoreline in Port Angeles. **Red Lion Inn (FB,L)**

4. Complete the route around the peninsula stopping in Poulsbo for a tasty treat. As the afternoon comes to a close, ride the Bainbridge ferry across Puget Sound

for one of the most spectacular views of Seattle. Return home in the early evening. **(B)**

\$2005 p.p./dbl.occ., \$2265 single



Beautiful Bodega Bay

Featuring Ft. Ross and Armstrong State Parks

3 Days • April 30 – May 2

1. Travel through Sonoma County to Santa Rosa for brunch at a **Sports Leisure** favorite, the Flamingo Hotel. After brunch, travel to Bodega Head to catch sight of the Pacific Ocean. Your hotel this evening is at one of the finest lodges in Northern California, overlooking Dorian State Beach. Every room looks out over the gardens of the lodge towards the water. **Bodega Lodge & Spa – 2 nights (BR)**

2. This morning enjoy a drive up the Sonoma Coast to the historic site of Fort

Ross, one of the first European settlements in Northern California. Lunch is included at The Tides, a Sonoma coast landmark. Return to the hotel for an afternoon of leisure... a full service spa awaits, along with a pool and hot tub, or maybe a walk to the beach is more your style. **(FB,L)**

3. Retrace the road along the coast, catching another glimpse of the spectacular scenery, and then turn into the forest. Choose to join a docent-led stroll through the ancient giants of Armstrong Woods

or perhaps just sit and enjoy the beauty that surrounds you. A short drive from the park brings you to Occidental, a gem of a community tucked into the redwoods for an Italian meal served family-style. After a brief time to browse the quaint shops located in Occidental, return to Sacramento in the late afternoon. **(FB,L)**

This tour includes door-to-door service, deluxe motorcoach transportation, 5 meals: 2 full breakfasts, 1 brunch, 2 lunches, attractions as listed above, and the services of a **Sports Leisure Vacations** Tour Director. 1050/1200 Gold Passport Points

\$1035 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1200 single



Land Without Limits: British Columbia's Cariboo Chilcotin

Featuring the best of BC's Interior
7 Days • September 22-28



One of our newest itineraries, this might just be one of our best trips of the year! It certainly takes "off-the-beaten-track" to new limits! Just north of Vancouver you will find the Cariboo Chilcotin Mountains; sparsely populated by humans and vibrant with wildlife. Nestled within these mountains is the Echo Valley Ranch and Spa. A working ranch and resort, Echo Valley is a tranquil space of beauty. Take a couple of days to enjoy the beauty of the valley and explore the history of this region with its surprisingly strong connection to Sacramento.

1. An early morning flight to Vancouver provides time for some fun in the city before departing for the more remote areas of British Columbia. Explore Vancouver by SkyTrain, water taxi and foot. Stroll through Yaletown and ride the water taxi along False Creek to



Granville Island Market. Pick up something in the marketplace for dinner, find a seat along the waterfront and enjoy the view.

Fairmont Airport Hotel

2. This morning catch a short flight to Prince George. Lunch will be waiting at the Northern Lights Winery, located on the banks of the Fraser River. Walk through this unique "vineyard" featuring raspberries, blackberries, goji berries and other fruits used in the locally produced wines. Travel south along the Cariboo Waggon Road, following the Fraser River, this afternoon to Quesnel. **Sandman Hotel – 2 nights (L)**

3. Immerse yourself into the history of the area as you travel back in time to 1862 in Barkerville. Walk the unique streetscape of 100+ heritage buildings and even pan for some gold of your own. Most importantly, learn about a few Sacramento men and their role in the "settling" of Barkerville. **(D)**

4. Continue along the Waggon Road with stops at the Sugar Shack for a beavertail treat, a visit with an elder at Xats'ull Heritage Village, and a cup of proper English Tea before a journey into the mountains. Yes, we leave the pavement behind and travel an hour on a dirt road into Echo Valley. Once at the ranch, you will be greeted by the official welcome committee...the ranch dogs! Surrounded by the Southern Chilcotin Mountains, your companions for the next two days will be the ranch animals, along with the exceptional staff: a world-class chef, Thai massage therapists, and yes, even ranch wranglers. You will find that

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend 2 nights in comfort and luxury surrounded by the beauty of the Chilcotin Mountains at the Echo Valley Ranch
- Step into the Gold Rush at Barkerville Historic Town and Park, with living history characters, and storytellers. Ride the stagecoach, visit with craftsmen, and enjoy the show.
- Participate in a cooking demonstration, ride horseback through the wilderness, relax with a Thai massage at the Echo Valley Ranch
- Visit a First Nation site – Xats'ull Heritage Village; and a Gold Rush-era site – Hat Creek
- Dine next to the Fraser River, doze next to the South Thompson River
- Roundtrip airfare to Vancouver/from Kamloops in addition to air between Vancouver and Prince George
- Door-to-door airport service
- 11 meals: 3 full breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners
- 4000/4350 Gold Passport Points

the comfortable rooms, warm hospitality, and tranquil beauty make it easy for you to settle in each night. **Echo Valley Ranch – 2 nights (L,D)**

5. Echo Valley Ranch is a unique blend of three cultures: Canadian Western, Thai, and First Nations. Everything at the ranch, activities, food and furnishings, honors these traditions. On this full day at the resort choose from a massage, cooking demonstration, horseback riding, nature walk, or maybe just sitting on the porch. Sorry folks, no shopping experiences here; just Mother Nature at her best! **(FB,L,D)**

6. Return to the Waggon Road and a further taste of the Cariboo Gold Rush with a brief stop at the historic Hat Creek Ranch before arriving into Kamloops. **South Thompson Inn and Guest Ranch (FB,L,D)**

7. Stroll along the river this morning, or take in an optional visit to the Wildlife Park (as time allows), before your mid-morning flight. Return with a fresh view of British Columbia's back roads, wildlife, rivers and mountains in your memory. This is a fantastic journey into the heart of the province. **(FB)**

Please note: Because of the remote nature of some of the places visited, it is recommended travelers are in stable health with good mobility as we will often be walking over rough gravel paths.

\$3990 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4330 single
This vacation requires a valid passport!

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Ferries, Islands and Towns of Old Cape Cod

Martha's Vineyard, two nights in Provincetown, two nights Nantucket
7 Days • June 17-23

1. Arrive in Boston in the late afternoon, after your early morning departure from Sacramento/Reno. Dinner is included this evening. **DoubleTree Club Boston Bayside (D)**

2. Boston is full of history and there are lots of opportunities to learn. Because this is the centennial anniversary of the birth of John F. Kennedy, we have selected a stop at the Kennedy Presidential Library & Museum. Right next door is the new Edward Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. Included is admission to one of the facilities. After an opportunity to enjoy some "chowda," or a lobster roll for lunch at the famous Quincy Market downtown, head to the ferry dock and off across the water on the 90-minute cruise to Cape Cod. You are riding on one of the largest and fastest catamarans in the world, providing the smoothest and quickest journey to Provincetown or "P-Town." On arrival, you'll have time to visit the shops and galleries near the dock, in the heart of town. Your hotel is a half mile from the center of town. **Surfside Hotel – 2 nights (FB,D)**

3. A guided tour of Provincetown by trolley gives you the opportunity to discover the rich history and current mood of this most unique "end of the road" community. Next, travel over the sand dunes – yes, the sand dunes, in a special SUV – to discover a whole new scenic world! Dine at a popular local spot for lunch, and have the afternoon free to explore P-Town or relax and enjoy the waterfront view at your hotel. Dinner is at your leisure, and tonight enjoy a local theater production in town. **(B,L)**

4. Just south of P-Town on the southeast end of the Cape is Chatham. Arrive there via a route that takes you through small New England villages along Cape Cod National Seashore, with a stop at the NPS Visitors Center to glean a little more information about the region. Chatham is known for

its beautiful sea captain mansions and you'll have time for lunch and browsing. Continue on to Hyannis, where the John F. Kennedy Museum gives you a "other than presidential years" look at JFK's life. We will also view other Kennedy family landmarks in town, part of the story of America's fascination with JFK and his clan. Your accommodations are right across from the ferry dock, making for a super convenient departure. Tonight, it's time for LOBSTERS! **Hyannis Hotel – (B,D)**

5. After breakfast, board a high speed catamaran for a cruise to the "Storybook Island" of Martha's Vineyard. Learn about the history of the island on a narrated bus tour. Lunch is also included and there is free time in Edgartown. Your stay on The Vineyard is brief, as you catch the inter-island ferry to Nantucket in mid-afternoon. Stay at the Nantucket Inn, just across the street from the small, local airport. A complimentary shuttle service is available from the hotel to town every hour. Dine in small, popular, local restaurants in town each night. **Nantucket Inn – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

6. Nantucket is one of the United States' oldest communities. Your tour this morning takes you around the island, explaining the whaling industry, which was once big here, and current lifestyles, which are dominated by "upper-middle class types" from the mainland. After the tour, you are free in town for lunch. Visit the Whaling Museum, browse some of the shops and galleries, return to the inn at leisure. **(B,D)**

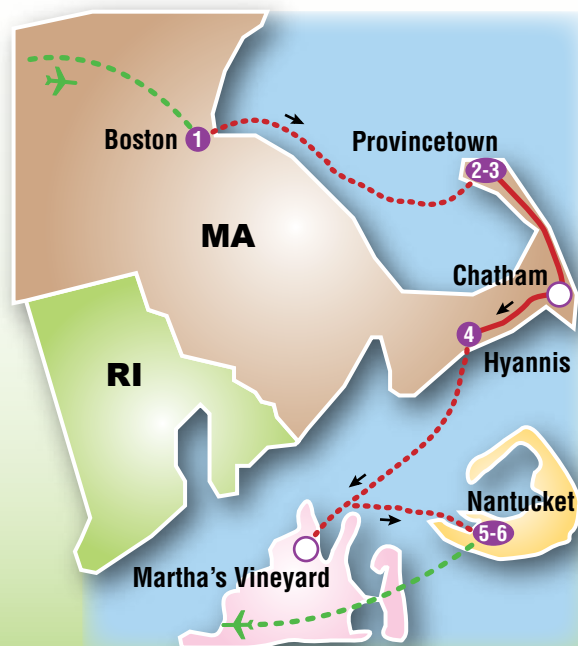
7. Flight schedule permitting, fly directly from Nantucket to Kennedy Airport on JetBlue, arriving home about 11:30pm. An alternative route is by ferry back to Hyannis with a flight home from Boston. The

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ferry rides from Boston to Provincetown, Hyannis to Martha's Vineyard, then on to Nantucket
- Overnight Boston, 2 nights Provincetown on the Cape, overnight Hyannis, 2 nights Nantucket
- Guided tours of Provincetown, Cape Cod Nat'l Seashore, Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard
- An evening of theater in Provincetown
- Visit Chatham, home of many a sea captain
- See the Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, John F. Kennedy Museum in Hyannis – 2017 will be the 100th anniversary of his birth
- Free time to browse shops and galleries
- 13 meals: breakfast each morning, 2 lunches, 5 dinners, including a lobster feast
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3750/4150 Gold Passport Points

decision on return flights will be made in January 2017. **(B)**

\$3710 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4125 single





Ferries and Towns of Puget Sound

Spend a few days riding ferries and exploring quirky small towns
3 Days • July 9-11

1. Fly non-stop to Seattle, arriving at 8:30am. Enjoy a lavish Sunday Brunch buffet, with dozens of selections from carved meats to desserts. The afternoon ferry ride to Bremerton is the longest (50 minutes) and one of the most scenic in the sound. Your accommodations for **2 nights** are at the beautiful **Clearwater Casino Resort**, just off the Hood Canal. Dinner is at leisure and there are several choices on property. **(BR)**

2. Just down the road is Poulsbo. Founded by Scandinavian immigrants in the 1880's, today it's a popular tourist destination. We've arranged a short guided walking tour, along with a visit to Sluy's, the town's legendary bakery. Next stop is Port Townsend. Once a bustling port town, its historic district is now a national landmark. It's laced with old Victorian homes and buildings from long ago. A great place for lunch and browsing the shops. The day's final stop is in Sequim. This little hamlet is known for its lavender fields and the shops in town sell a variety of products made from the plant. Tonight, we'll take you out for a wonderful dinner with an international flare! **(FB,D)**

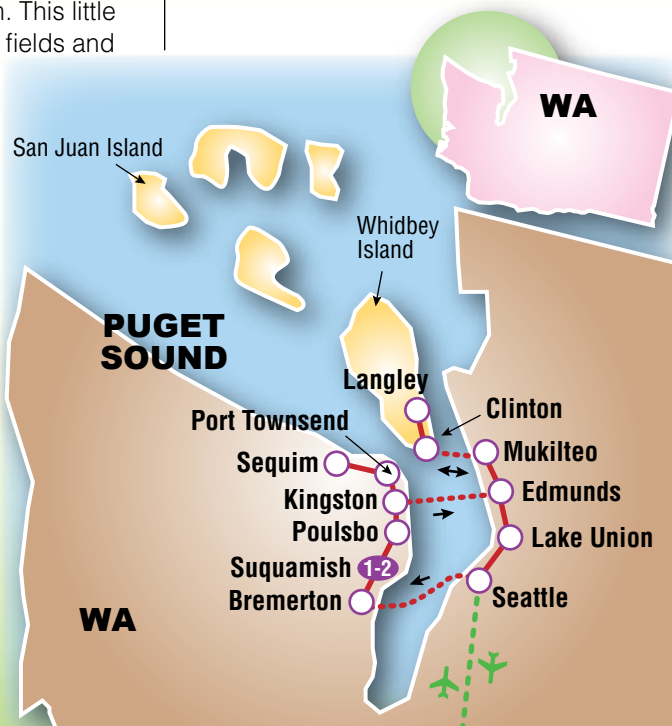
3. Partake in some of the history of the area in Port Gamble, before boarding the ferry in Kingston. Our destination is Edmunds, and Mukilteo is just a few minutes away. There you'll find the Mukilteo Light and a striking waterfront park. Take a short walk before lunch. After lunch, board the ferry again for the shortest ride, the 12-minute crossing to Clinton on Whidbey Island. Our last destination is Langley, a great little spot with

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 ferry rides on Puget Sound, including the longest route, Seattle to Bremerton
- Visit the villages of Poulsbo, Port Townsend, Sequim, Port Gamble, Mukilteo and Langley as you make your way around the sound
- Guided tour in Poulsbo, learn about the town's Norwegian heritage
- 2 nights Clearwater Casino Resort in Suquamish – gaming for those who enjoy it, beautiful views for those who don't
- 5 meals, including Sunday Brunch in Seattle
- Explore the Mukilteo Lighthouse Park
- Roundtrip air to Seattle
- Door-to-door airport service
- 1500/1700 Gold Passport Points

lots of interesting shops. Take the ferry back to Mukilteo and then head on to SeaTac Airport for your 7:45pm return flight. **(FB,L)**

\$1495 p.p./dbl.occ., \$1675 single



Postcards from Puget Sound

Natural beauty in the Pacific NW
4 Days • September 2017

See the stunning natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest by land, air, and sea! Idyllic coastal communities, artist enclaves, boutique shopping and upscale cuisine featuring fresh seafood and locally sourced ingredients showcase the best of the San Juan Islands.

On Whidbey Island, explore the many unique shops and galleries. Sample marionberry milk chocolate truffles and overload your senses at a shop dedicated to chocolate's aromatic qualities. Hear the story of Ebey's Landing, the end of the Oregon Trail. Celebrate the region's military history at Fort Casey, dating back to the Civil War.

In Anacortes, spend two nights in the beautiful **Majestic Inn & Spa**. Sail through Puget Sound, aboard the Washington State Ferries, with its breathtaking scenery. Arrive into Friday Harbor and tour the island. Have you ever heard of the Pig War of San Juan Island? This was a real skirmish (sort of) between American and British forces. It's a funny story! Visit an alpaca ranch, taste lavender-vanilla infused ice cream, and board a seaplane for a "flightseeing" experience over the island archipelago.

In Everett, home of Boeing, learn about the company's storied history and groundbreaking technology during the Future of Flight tour. At the assembly plant for the 787 Dreamliner, see the assembly process for yourself! This tour will include door-to-door airport service, roundtrip air, and several meals.

Call now and place your name on the **Priority Notification List** and we will contact you with pricing in early November.



The Best of the Dakotas: From the Grasslands to the Black Hills

Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse
8 Days • June 20-27



1. Fly to Bismarck, the capital of North Dakota. Your accommodations are centrally located. **Radisson Hotel – 2 nights (L)**

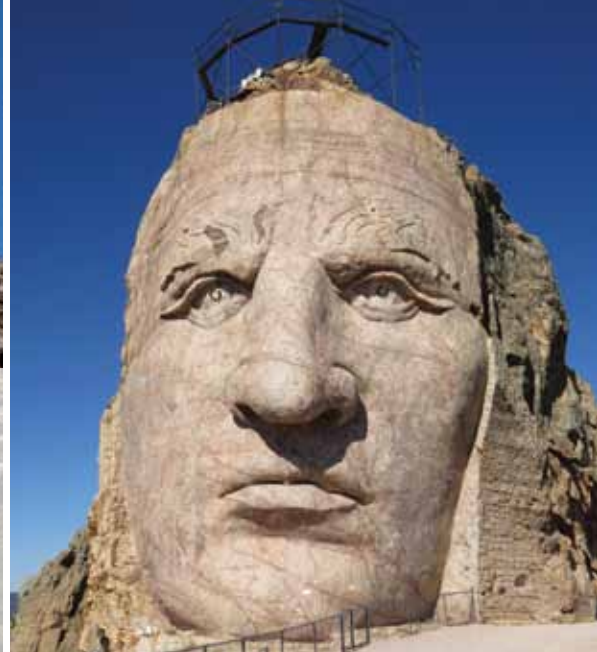
2. Located on the Missouri River, the area around Bismarck played an important role in Lewis and Clark's expedition. It was home to one of the western-most forts during later

expansion efforts. Tour General George Armstrong Custer's home at Fort Abraham Lincoln, stroll Mandan villages, and visit the North Dakota Heritage Center. **(FB,L)**

3. Follow in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark to Knife Village, a reconstructed Mandan village. This is where their expedition spent its first winter as the party searched for the waterway that would lead to the Pacific. As you walk through the village you will learn about the importance of this winter layover and the culture of the people who meant so much to the expedition. Tonight, the history of the expansion comes alive at the *Medora Musical*. This pageant has been capturing the essence of the west for many decades. **Rough Rider Hotel – 2 nights (FB,L,D)**

4. Join Cowboy Lyle as he spins tales and weaves the history of the west into your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park this morning. Keep your eyes open for buffalo and wild horses. And yes, you are apt to fall in love with the little prairie dogs too... Merriweather Lewis certainly did. This afternoon spend time in Medora, celebrating the lives of TR and the many others who fell in love with and were ultimately shaped by the West. Visit Chateau de Mores for an example of the "good life" in the West. **(L)**

5. A day of transition as you move from the grasslands of western North Dakota into the Black Hills of South Dakota. Stop in small towns along the way to get a sense of life in the Dakotas both past and present. Tonight, dinner at the Bay Leaf Cafe features the state fish, walleye. **Hampton Inn Spearfish (L,D)**



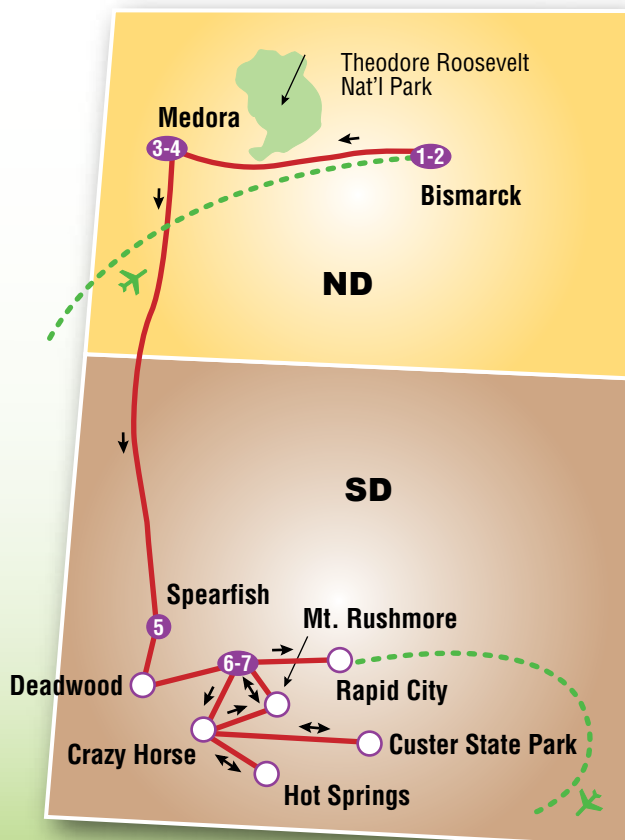
HIGHLIGHTS

- Relive the passion and excitement of the Western Expansion with the Medora Musical
- Get a sense of the wide open plains of North Dakota, with roaming herds of buffalo and wild horses during your visit to Theodore Roosevelt National Park
- Experience the grandeur of Crazy Horse National Monument (above right) as you stand on the carving, viewing the lands of Crazy Horse's people
- Visit Mt. Rushmore, both during the day and at night, for a patriotic tribute to the United States
- Thrill to the beauty of the Black Hills as you ride in jeeps across the hills – this is truly the where buffalo roam and antelope play
- Roundtrip airfare to Bismarck/from Rapid City
- 13 meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 full breakfasts, 6 lunches, 2 dinners
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3800/4250 Gold Passport Points

6-7. The Black Hills were sacred mountains to the Lakota Sioux. Today they are home to monumental tributes to both the leaders of the United States and the Sioux nation. Mt. Rushmore celebrates our birth, growth and tribulations of a young country. Crazy Horse, a monument still in the making, pays homage to the leader of the Sioux. Both monuments are breathtaking and awe-inspiring. At Custer State Park, thrill to the wildlife that calls these hills home as you travel across the rolling hills by jeep. **Palmer Gulch Lodge – 2 nights (2B,L)**

8. There is one more drive through the hills of South Dakota as we make our way to Rapid City, the city of presidents. A brief stop to explore its many statues and then it is off to the airport. May you return home with a greater appreciation of the history and culture of the Dakotas. **(B)**

\$3760 p.p./dbl.occ., \$4220 single



Canyons and Monuments

Featuring Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly and Lake Powell

7 Days • October 3-9, 2017

1. Fly to Phoenix, then enjoy a hosted lunch en route to Flagstaff. Your hotel for this evening sits in a Ponderosa Pine forest.

Little America Hotel (L)

2. Lake Powell is a spectacular scenic destination, formed when the Glen Canyon Dam was built to hold back the mighty Colorado River. Over 200 miles wide and spread across the states of Utah and Arizona, it is indeed a sight to behold. Lunch will be hosted before checking into your lakeside hotel with dramatic views.

Lake Powell Resort – 2 nights (B,L)

3. Antelope Canyon is one of the most beautiful of all natural formations. Upon walking in with your Navajo guide, you are immediately awed by massive red walls which look like they were sculpted by an artist. It is a photographer's dream! After, view some of the most sought-after sights in the Southwest during a state-of-the-art helicopter tour. Fly over iconic Horseshoe Canyon, a hairpin turn in the Colorado River. See Glen Canyon Dam and its steel arch bridge. And just when you thought things couldn't possibly get more beautiful and exciting, they do, as the lone spire of Tower Butte comes into view and you land right on top of it! You'll have approximately 20 minutes to walk around the butte and take in the immenseness and tranquility that Mother Nature has laid at your feet. **(B,L)**

4. This morning travel by boat on a 2½-hour tour that encompasses both Navajo and Antelope Canyons. The cruise includes twisting Antelope Canyon and scenic Navajo Canyon with its beautiful Navajo

Tapestry-laden walls that rise dramatically from the water. Tonight stay at an historic lodge with its original 1920's trading post that houses a wonderful collection of movie-making memorabilia and Native American artifacts. **Goulding's Lodge (B,L)**

5. Monument Valley provides perhaps the most enduring images of the American West. It has been the site of countless western movies. Tour the valley in four-wheel drive vehicles with Navajo guides. Secluded off-roads let you discover the restricted areas of the backcountry of Monument Valley. Visit famous places that once served as real-life backdrops for numerous movies such as *Stagecoach*, *The Searchers* and *How the West Was Won* to name a few. After lunch travel to Chinle and check into your hotel in the late afternoon. **Thunderbird Lodge – 2 nights (B,L)**

6. Canyon de Chelly National Monument offers visitors the opportunity to learn about Southwestern Indian history from the earliest Anasazi basketmakers to the Navajo Indians who live and farm here still today. Your four-wheel drive tour will take you down into the canyon to view ruins of native villages at the base of sheer red cliffs and in canyon wall caves. In the afternoon tour the rim, stopping at the viewpoint of famous Spider Rock. **(B,L)**

7. Pause in Flagstaff for a hosted lunch before arriving back in Phoenix for your flight home. **(B,L)**

\$3205 p.p./dbl.occ., \$3585 single

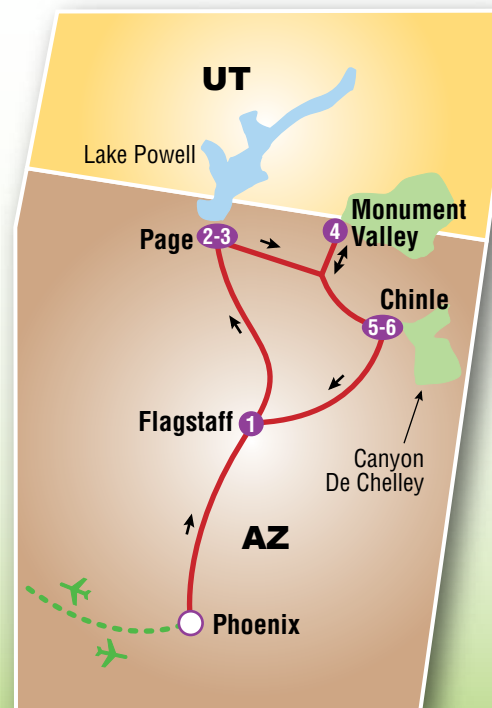
HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover Lake Powell on a scenic boat cruise and in the air by helicopter
- Learn about famous Antelope Canyon on a guided tour
- Explore Monument Valley & Canyon de Chelly by four-wheeled drive vehicles
- Roundtrip air to/from Phoenix
- 13 meals: 6 breakfasts, 7 lunches
- Door-to-door airport service
- 3250/3600 Gold Passport Points

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Placing your name on the list does not obligate you in any way. However, we ask you only put your name on a tour if you have a genuine interest in going there – if the itinerary, dates and price are right, you'll register! Thank you in advance for your show of interest.

Cruising Around Cape Horn and South America

16 Days • Spring 2017

Cruising aboard Holland America's *ms Zaandam* is cruising in style. A much smaller ship than the "mega" ships that are on the world's oceans, she accommodates fewer than 1,500 passengers.



Begin your voyage with a two-night stay in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Your ports of call include Montevideo, Uruguay and the Falkland Islands before passing through the Strait of Magellan. Visit Punta Arenas, Chile and Ushuaia, Argentina and experience the

amazing scenic beauty of Glacier Alley, one of the most magical seascapes on the planet, as Patagonian tidewater glaciers unfold one by one at the tip of South America. Finish your voyage in Santiago, Chile.

Canada Coast to Coast by Rail

10 Days • Spring 2017

A popular rail journey we have not offered for several years – but the exchange rate is once again in our favor and the beauty of Canada remains unchanged! Fly to Halifax and spend two nights in town with local touring to include famous picture-spot Peggy's Cove. Then board *The Ocean*, an overnight train bound for Montreal. Overnight in Canada's most cosmopolitan city before continuing on to Toronto aboard VIA Rail's *Corridor* train.

Local touring and dinner high atop the city at the CN Tower punctuate your two-night stay in Toronto, followed by a



final rail adventure on VIA's famous Train 1, *The Canadian*. During the four-night ride you'll travel past the lakes of Ontario, the prairie provinces' "amber waves of grain" and the stunning Canadian Rockies. Return home from Vancouver.

Treasures of Thailand

Spring 2017

Thailand, known as the land of smiles, has friendly people, exciting markets and delicious cuisine. Visit ornate Buddhist temples and learn about the traditions which are ingrained in everyday life. Start in Bangkok before heading to the beautiful and relaxing northern countryside of Chang Mai and Chang Rai. Allow time to pause and reflect during a stay on the lush tropical island of Koh Samui. Come along and experience a vibrant culture that is unlike any other in Asia. Prepare to be enchanted!

Wildlife Viewing in British Columbia

6 Days • October 4-9, 2017

Glendale Cove in Knight Inlet is home to one of the largest concentrations of Grizzly Bears in British Columbia. With ample seafood and other food sources, these grizzlies are magnificent!

During the fall salmon run bears are observed from viewing platforms in order to see them filling up on fresh salmon. Bring your cameras and binoculars for spectacular viewing!

This is truly an incredible opportunity and a must on your bucket list if you are a nature enthusiast.



The Knights Inlet Lodge is a **remote floating lodge in the wilderness**, accessible only by seaplane or boat; and many activities include climbing into marine vessels or walking on uneven surfaces. For these reasons, **you must be in stable physical condition, with good mobility**. We **do not** recommend this tour for travelers with moderate to serious mobility issues. If you have questions or concerns, talk with our staff before booking. *This is a Sports Leisure Vacations exclusive*, as we are the only tour operator with premier fall viewing season availability!

New England Fall Foliage Spectacular

7 Days • October 9-15, 2017

Experience Vermont, New Hampshire and the coast of Maine during the height of the fall foliage season. Three nights on Lake Champlain at the secluded Basin Harbor Club and a night high atop



Loon Mountain are followed by two nights in the bustling ocean-side city of Portland. 12 meals include dinner aboard the *Café Lafayette Dinner Train*. Visit the Rock of Ages, Morse Farm, Shelburne Museum & Vineyards and

the Norland Living History Center. Drive the Kancamagus Highway and take the cog rail to the top of Mt. Washington.

Italy... That's Amore!

9 Days/7 Nights • Late October 2017

Imagine an autumn visit to Italy after the summer crowds and temperatures are long gone. Begin with two nights in the magical



city of Venice where you will explore both on foot and by gondola. Two nights in Tuscany is next, home to breathtaking landscapes, mouthwatering food and Michelangelo's

Florence. End with three nights in "The Eternal City" of Rome with a full day each to explore her ancient antiquities and the vast collections and holy spaces within Vatican City. You'll also visit Assisi, home of California's patron Saint Francis. Travelers are encouraged to be in good health as this vacation includes extremely long walks over extended periods and distances.

Get Your Kicks Route 66

May or October 2017

It's been 20 years since our first journey on *The Mother Road*. Not the first (that was the Lincoln), but certainly the most well-known of our early long-distance highways, **Route 66** has its own song; there was even a rather strange TV show in the 60's about it. Even the Disney movie *Cars* is a sort of tribute to the old highway. So what



makes it so magical? From Chicago to St. Louis to Oklahoma City, Amarillo, Gallup, New Mexico, Flagstaff, Arizona, don't forget Winona, Kingman, Barstow, San Bernardino (or so the song went)... **It's the people and the places that make 66 special.**

From the "Rabbit

Ranch" to the Missouri Hick BBQ, from a man who is building a town from restored old buildings from around the country, to Cadillacs that stick up in the desert air, this is the real deal. If you are an "off-the-beaten-track-traveler," then this is your trip of a lifetime.

By Invitation Only

Occasionally we learn of exciting travel opportunities we are certain our members would love, but we can't offer them because they don't line up with the publication schedule of a newsletter. In an effort to alleviate this issue, we're proud to offer **By Invitation Only** to all active Travel Club members. The only requirement is that you have an email address (or a friend who does)!

You can register online by following the link on our website at www.sportsleisure.com. This places you on the short list of people notified of these special, time-sensitive and often limited availability events. We don't send out invitations often, but when we do you can rest assured you're in for something unique and exciting such as a chance to see *Hamilton*, coming soon to San Francisco!

Because of your requests, a new **Route 66** journey is under consideration. **Mark** is our expert, having led a half dozen trips along the old highway. Call in and let us know if you would be most interested in **Chicago to Oklahoma City (9 Days)**; **Oklahoma City to Los Angeles (9 Days)**; or the entire **Chicago to Los Angeles route (18 Days)**. Based on your response, you might see the trip in the November newsletter. Questions? Ask for **Mark** when you call.

Royal India

Fall 2017

India's northern region is a rich mosaic of culture, natural beauty and wildlife. See majestic mountains, lush forests, vast deserts and ancient monuments.

Visit a wildlife sanctuary to see Bengal tigers, the Taj Mahal in Agra, and the holy city of Varanasi. Join the hustle and bustle by day and retreat to the luxury of your premier hotel each evening. Lose yourself in the sights, sounds and tastes of a magical destination.



Christmas Markets aboard the *American Queen*

December 3-11, 2017

European-style Christmas Markets on the Mississippi River? Oh, yes! In fact, their popularity requires that you consider this cruise over a year in advance. Fly to Memphis for a one-night hotel stay at the Sheraton Hotel Downtown prior to the cruise. Christmas at Graceland alone is worth the price of the trip! Your southbound cruise includes ports of call in historic Vicksburg, Natchez, St. Francisville, Baton Rouge and ends in New Orleans. A special stop will be at the Antebellum riverside plantation of Nottoway for a holiday dinner banquet followed by a grand ball.

Ice Magic Festival in the Canadian Rockies

Featuring the Lake Louise ice carving competition

5 Days • January 2018

Set in the spectacular surroundings of Lake Louise, the Ice Magic Festival is a world-class event with over 20 years of history. Watch as talented ice artists from around the world skillfully sculpt towering one-of-a-kind works of art from 300lb blocks of solid ice over a grueling 34 hours. You are able to wander amongst the emerging sculptures watching the magic in action. Attractions will include a horse-drawn sleigh ride around Lake Louise and a helicopter flight into the wilderness where dog sleds will be waiting to take you for a ride. Visit the town of Banff and ride the gondola for awesome views.



The Sports Leisure Difference...

Answers to these frequently asked questions will tell you more about our company and help you enjoy your vacation to the fullest!

What is your new policy for tipping drivers on fly-away tours?

For fly-away tours departing after March 17, 2017, driver gratuities at a rate of up to \$4 p.p./day are included. You will still have the opportunity to tip drivers at your leisure on local and regional trips traveling on All West Coachlines.

Most gratuities while on tour are included as a part of each package and extended on your behalf by the Tour Director. Occasions when this is not the case are covered in Final Tour Notes issued shortly before each departure. **Envelopes for Tour Director gratuities will continue to be distributed and remain at your discretion.**

Can I find you on the Internet?

You bet! www.sportsleisure.com. There you'll find all our recent publications, valuable information on upcoming events and more. While there, consider joining our online notification service, **By Invitation Only**. We'll inform you of time-dated opportunities that present themselves between regular newsletter cycles.

I have dietary restrictions. Is this going to be a problem?

If you have **mild** dietary restrictions or are a vegetarian, it is important you notify our office at the time of registration. It's your responsibility to read your Trip Invoice carefully and make certain your restrictions have been noted. As you can certainly understand, it is quite difficult for your Tour Director to accommodate those who wait until they are actually traveling to share their special needs. **If you have severe dietary restrictions, you may find this type of travel is not for you.**

Can I make other special requests?

You are invited to make special requests of the airline and hotel(s) serving your vacation at the point of reservation. The more notice we have, the better our ability to accommodate you. Requests might include specific airline seating, the need for wheelchair assistance at airports; and at hotels, a smoking room, king bed and/or handicap-accessible room. **Please note: we automatically request a non-smoking room for everyone in the group and a room with two beds for those traveling**

double occupancy unless you tell us otherwise. Handicap-accessible rooms are limited. We ask you to make this request only if your condition demands it. There could be another traveler who needs this accommodation more than you.

I live in Nevada. What does your company offer me?

We welcome our growing number of Nevada travelers with open arms! Most of you live in residential communities in the Reno/Sparks area. We're also proud to have been selected as the official travel provider for the Retired Public Employees of Nevada who live state-wide. Our fly-away tours are priced to include air and door-to-door service for those living in the Sacramento, Reno/Sparks, Carson City and Las Vegas metropolitan areas. Those living a distance from the airports in Sacramento, Reno or Las Vegas should consult with our office to determine the options best for you, some of which may add to the advertised tour price. **At present, motorcoach tours depart only from the Sacramento area.**

Can you explain "door-to-door service"?

Quite simply, this means we will pick you up and return you to your home on all vacations of **three days or longer**. Provided by Sacramento Limousine, this service may involve a limousine, sedan, SUV or other special vehicle.

California door-to-door service is included within these boundaries: Davis on the west, Galt on the south, Auburn and Placerville on the east, Woodland to the north. Service is available for an additional charge for travelers living in Stockton, Yuba City/ Marysville, Grass Valley, Winters, Vacaville, Fairfield, Pollock Pines and Colfax.

Nevada door-to-door service is provided to anyone living in the Reno/Sparks metropolitan area and south to Carson City, as well as travelers living in the greater Las Vegas metropolitan area.

A \$75 per person credit is available for travelers to whom this service isn't available, or for those who wish to opt out of this service and meet us at the point of departure.

Another option for those who live in outlying areas is to overnight in Sacramento. We have negotiated a special reduced rate of \$99 per night plus tax at the **Best Western PLUS Sutter House** located downtown at 1100 H Street. You can leave your car in the lot while on vacation and enjoy door-to-door service to and from the hotel. Call (916) 441-1314 or 1-800-830-1314 and

ask for **Doris Gray** (extension 311) to make a reservation. We are happy to make recommendations for our Nevada travelers in need of similar services.

On overnight and daytrips, motorcoaches depart from convenient neighborhood pick-up points throughout the greater Sacramento and Roseville areas. Door-to-door service is available for a fee on daytrips and overnights. Call our office for details.

I have some trouble walking distances. Will I be able to participate and enjoy the trip?

In order to get full value from a travel experience, it is important to be in good mental and physical health. Walking and some step-climbing are necessary to participate in the normal activities of our vacations. While we can do almost everything for you on a **Sports Leisure** vacation, **the Tour Director cannot provide sustained attention to individual clients. Please be advised that we visit many cultural sites on tour, not all of which meet A.D.A. requirements due to their historic status.**

Let us assure you that people with mobility restrictions are welcome on our vacations. Many of our travelers are over 70 (or even 80 or 90), something we keep in mind when planning our itineraries. In our office, the Tour Planner for each departure knows the itinerary well and would be happy to consult with you personally should you have questions regarding the amount of walking, elevations, etc., on a particular trip.

I hear you refer to customers as "members." Do I have to join a club to travel with you?

Absolutely not, though most travelers do elect to join the **Sports Leisure Travel Club**. Only through club membership will you receive the annual catalog, our bimonthly newsletter **The Traveler**, and invitations to our special events. Additionally, only members can participate in **Travel Club Gold**, our bonus rewards program. A complimentary membership is extended to new and potential travelers upon request. After that, it's only \$10 per person, per year. A lifetime membership is available for \$30, or \$50 for two people.

What's all this I hear about a "super coach"?

SuperCoach III is our Prevost H3-45 and was factory-configured with 55 seats. In cooperation with our local partners in travel, **All West Coachlines**, the first thing we did was reconfigure the seating to accommodate only 44 travelers, providing

extra leg-room for all. Then we added tray tables and foot rests for additional comfort. In the rear, a fully-operative galley features a refrigerator, oven, built-in coffee makers and potable running water for the enjoyment of hot and cold snacks.

Put one of All West's professional drivers behind the wheel and you're riding on the finest motorcoach transportation available anywhere in North America. *SuperCoach III* is used on most daytrips, overnights and selected long-distance trips unless it is unavailable due to maintenance or highway size restrictions.

You have assigned seating on your tours. What's that about?

We do not rotate motorcoach seats as many companies do. You are free to select the seating of your choice at the point of reservation. Single travelers are sometimes asked to take available single seats to leave remaining seat pairs for those traveling with a friend or spouse.

What about airport security restrictions? They seem to change all the time.

The Transportation Security Administration requires you provide us your date of birth and full name as is appears on your government-issued identification for all vacations involving air travel. Complete passport information is additionally required in advance for international travel. Up-to-date security information can be found at www.tsa.gov, including details on how you can qualify for TSA Pre-Check.

Do I need a passport?

Passports are required for all travel outside the U.S., including Canada and Mexico. If you are of foreign citizenship, we highly recommend you check with your country's embassy and follow its instructions to make certain your travel will be legal and seamless. U.S. citizens in need of a passport can pick up an application at any post office or find it online. Please allow 8-10 weeks for processing. **Your passport must be valid for six months past the end of your tour.**

Do I need to worry about airline baggage charges?

As each airline has different policies regarding luggage and associated charges, you may expect rules and restrictions (number of bags allowed, weight, etc.) to vary from trip to trip. **You have this Sports Leisure promise: You will never pay to check your first bag on any flight on a U.S. airline.** Should you wish to bring a second checked bag, please be prepared to pay your Tour Director at check-in.

Second bag charges are not limited to airline fees and may include other handlers such as hotel bellmen. We can advise you of additional charges if you call the office in advance of your departure.

Each checked bag has a strict weight limit of 40 or 50 pounds (depending on the trip). Bags weighing more will incur additional fees or be rejected. This policy applies throughout the tour. Many "wheelie" bags and oversized carry-ons that fit in airline overhead bins cannot be accommodated within the cabin of the motorcoach. In such cases, you will be asked to check them coachside with your Tour Director. They will be tagged and available coachside at each overnight stop.

Are my payments protected when I pay for my vacation in advance?

Your deposits and final payments are protected in accordance with the State of California Seller of Travel Law (#2011549-40). In addition, **Sports Leisure Vacations** is a member of the Northeast California Better Business Bureau with an A+ rating.

Can a friend from another city sign up for a Sports Leisure vacation, or join me for a meal or visit at one of our destinations?

Yes! We can arrange travel for friends or relatives to meet our groups from any city in the world. (We currently have over 1,000 Travel Club members who live outside the Sacramento area.) If you have friends or relatives who would like to travel with you, have them call us toll free at 1-800-951-5556. With advance notice, we are also happy to welcome your friends or relatives who may live along the tour route and may wish to join us for a meal or attraction.

Can I extend my vacation to visit friends or relatives?

The answer is almost always yes, particularly if you register and make your request at least 60 days prior to departure. There could be additional charges for flight deviations, but generally they are small. Many travelers take advantage of this service to visit friends or relatives, or explore a destination in greater detail on their own.

What if I become ill and cannot travel? Do you offer cancellation protection or travel insurance?

Yes, on every departure. Either must be purchased at the time you make your initial tour payment. We strongly recommend you consider this optional protection. Please refer to the *Special Vacation Notes and Information* brochure for details. This coverage may not be available to travelers

who have cancelled more than two tours in a 12-month period or who make their reservation less than one month prior to the departure date.

What is your policy regarding travelers of size?

Sports Leisure Vacations recognizes the importance of safe and comfortable seating for all travelers while on tour. Travelers who are unable to sit comfortably within the space provided by your seat when the armrests are in the down position are asked to book the adjacent seat when making reservations. The fee for the additional seat is a variable portion of the tour price and will be calculated at the time of the reservation. In the event the tour is not sold out, the cost of the second seat will be refunded upon the tour's conclusion.

Travel can be denied on the day of departure if the traveler of size is unwilling to purchase an additional seat, cannot fit safely in their assigned seat without infringing on the space of the adjacent traveler, and/or the tour is sold out and no other options are available. **Travelers of size are encouraged to notify the office at the point of reservation.**

How does your company deal with "chronic complainers?"

One or two can ruin a trip for all. **Sports Leisure Vacations** reserves the right not to accept or retain anyone whose lack of personal hygiene or poor general behavior, in the opinion of the Tour Director, impedes the operation of the tour and/or affects the rights of other travelers. A refund of unused tour services is the limit of our liability if a person is required to leave the tour for the reasons stated above. Said passenger(s) will be responsible for any additional costs to return to the city of origin.

We want to learn, discover and have fun together. Our groups are often complimented on their positive attitude by tourism professionals and other travelers who encounter us on the road. Life is too short for making yourself and others around you miserable due to small challenges that are bound to occur. Travel is by nature an inexact science. Problem travelers will kindly be asked to find another company with whom to travel.

And that's the Sports Leisure Difference...

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Pictured: The Yaquina Bay Bridge in Newport, Oregon, built in 1936.
Our June trip to Newport will drive over and pass under this magnificent structure, which stands at the entrance to Yaquina Bay and Newport Harbor.



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