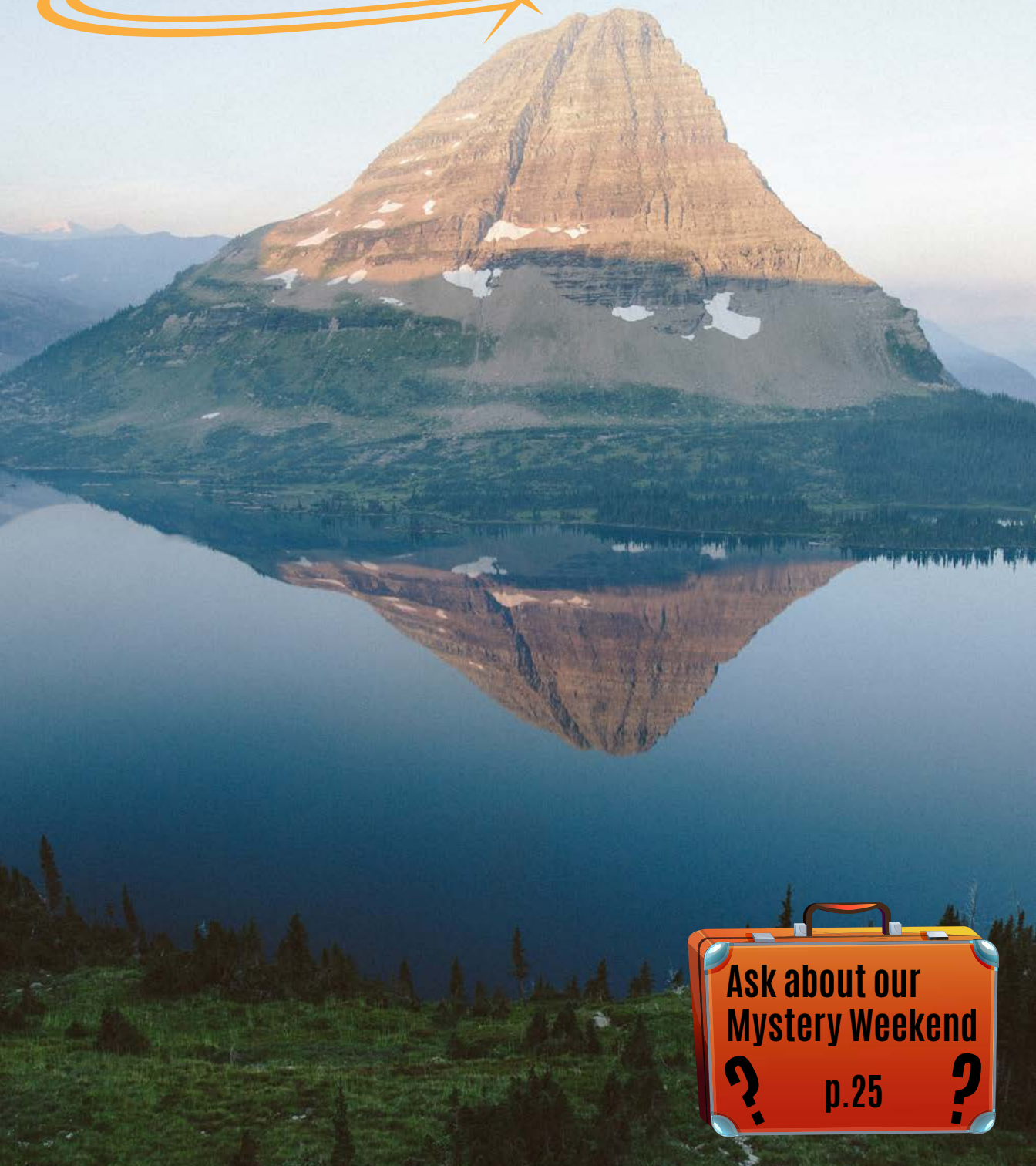




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INTRODUCTION

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U.S. Space and Rocket Center

Twickenham Historic District – Unclaimed Baggage Center

March 7-9

Tour #2024303

3 Days

Double: \$630

Triple: \$565

Single: \$864

Deposit: \$250



Day 1 - Huntsville, Alabama – Twickenham Historic District – Weeden Home - A southern welcome awaits as we travel south to Huntsville, Alabama. Upon arrival, we will meet our local guide, who will share with us the intriguing stories of the early merchants, bankers and attorneys who built the fashionable brick homes in the Twickenham Historic District, Alabama's largest district of antebellum homes. Many of the homes were seized by the Union Army from 1862-1865. We will also take a short tour of the Weeden Home, the home of 19th century poet and artist Maria Howard Weeden. We spend two nights in Huntsville.

Day 2 - U.S. Space and Rocket Center – Unclaimed Baggage Center - After an included breakfast, we will “blast off” for the U.S. Space and Rocket Center. Whether you are exploring the history of space exploration, taking a virtual journey inside a motion-based simulator, or experiencing three times the tug of gravity inside the centrifuge, you are sure to have an out of this world experience. Next, we visit the Unclaimed Baggage Center. This building covers a city block, and their merchandise consists of unclaimed cargo and the contents of unclaimed luggage. Here, you will find lost treasures from around the world and just about anything you can think of that can be packed in baggage or shipped by air. No worries about your new treasures since Unclaimed Baggage will ship your items home for you! Overnight same hotel.

Day 3 - Home - After an included breakfast, we depart our hotel, and make our way back to our own beautiful Bluegrass State, remembering the lovely sights of this great tour. **Meals: 2B**



Memphis & Graceland

March 11-13

Tour #2024302

3 Days

Double: \$844

Triple: \$776

Single: \$1,094

Deposit: \$300



Day 1 - Peabody Duck Parade – Beale Street – Memphis, Tennessee - We travel south through Nashville and into Memphis, referred to as the “Capital of the Mississippi Delta.” This beautiful city is famous for being the home of the blues and Elvis Presley. We arrive in Memphis in time to see the Marching Ducks Parade at the Peabody Hotel. The ducks play in the fountain in the hotel’s lobby and are taken down a red carpet to the elevator and up to their rooftop home for the night. The rest of the day is at your leisure. You may enjoy Beale Street and dine in one of the fine restaurants (meal on own) or just enjoy some of the blues music. We overnight for two nights in Memphis.



Day 2 - Graceland – City Tour - After an included breakfast, we visit Graceland, the lovely mansion of Elvis Presley. Here we see his dazzling costumes, gold records, gifts, cards, a 17-carat diamond studded ring, a 24-carat gold leaf grand piano, his motorcycles, and of course, his home. Next, a local guide steps aboard our coach and provides us with a city tour of the beautiful Memphis area, sharing with us some history and trivia. Dinner is included this evening. Overnight same hotel.

Day 3 - Home - After an included breakfast, we return home with beautiful memories of Memphis and a greater appreciation for the accomplishments of Elvis. **Meals: 2B, 1D**



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Nashville Spring Getaway

March 20-22

Tour #2024301

3 Days

Double: \$1,039

Triple: \$805

Single: \$1,411

Deposit: \$300



Day 1 - Country Music Hall of Fame – Grand Ole Opry - Our coach heads south to “Music City, USA,” making a stop for lunch on our own en route. Upon arrival, we will visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Experience the fascinating history of country music as it is told through the turn of two centuries. View one-of-a-kind recordings, films, and musical instruments that tell the story of those who have helped shape country music. Next, we check into our hotel accommodations in Downtown Nashville for the next two nights. Tonight, we attend a performance of the famous Grand Ole Opry show, the nation’s longest-running continuous radio program, where well-known country music stars will be performing.

Day 2 - Opry House Backstage Tour – Opry Mills – General Jackson Dinner Cruise - After an included breakfast, we take a guided backstage tour of the Grand Ole Opry House. We’ll get an exclusive behind the scenes look at the show that made country music famous. Our guide will share some of the stories about the Opry and the legendary musicians who have performed here. Afterwards, we visit Opry Mills, the number one entertainment and shopping destination in Nashville. There are over 200 retailers, unique restaurants, outlets, and specialty stores. We will have time for lunch on our own and shopping. This evening, we board the Victorian-styled General Jackson Showboat for a scenic dinner cruise down the Cumberland River. We will enjoy an included dinner, followed by entertainment performed in the Victorian Theater on board the boat. Listen

to some of Nashville’s finest musicians and singers sharing stories and songs from the pride of Tennessee. Overnight same hotel.

Day 3 - Johnny Cash Museum – Home - After an included breakfast, we will tour the Johnny Cash Museum, dedicated to the life and music career of the late “Man in Black.” The world’s largest collection of Johnny Cash memorabilia can be found in this museum. Next, we board our motorcoach for our return to the Bluegrass State, making a stop for lunch on our own en route.

Meals: 2B, 1D Shows: 1



Patti's 1880's Settlement

March 21

Tour #2024304

1 Day

Cost: \$197



Note: Full payment must be received within 10 days of making your reservation. You will receive an itinerary reconfirming your departure and return times approximately two weeks prior to departure.

Our destination for today is Grand Rivers, Kentucky – home of Patti's 1800's Settlement. Patti's is famous for their great food, southern hospitality, and beautiful gardens. The restaurant serves over 350,000 people each year, in a small town of 350 people. After an included

lunch at Patti's Restaurant, the rest of the afternoon will be free to explore the log cabin settlement. Browse the gift and specialty shops, and stroll the gardens with its stream, water wheel, and colorful flowers. **Meals: 1L**

Schnitzelbank Restaurant

Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels

April 13

Tour #2024403

1 Day

Cost: \$166



Note: Full payment must be received within 10 days of making your reservation. You will receive an itinerary reconfirming your departure and return times approximately two weeks prior to departure.

Travel with us to Dale, Indiana, where we tour Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels, a spectacular collection of restored mechanical musical instruments from the 1800's to the mid 1900's. Our guided tour will provide interesting narration on the

various instruments. The list ranges from early music boxes, player pianos, carousel organs, and band ensembles, along with turn of the century memorabilia. Take a trip back in time as you listen to the magical music produced by

these amazing instruments. Lunch is included at the landmark Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper, Indiana. Enjoy German food at its finest in an Old-World atmosphere. Our last stop for the day will be at the Dubois County Museum, one of the largest county museums in Indiana. Visit the “Main Street Dubois County” featuring

17 rooms portraying life at the turn of the 20th century including a barber shop, bank, hotel, photographer, and shoe shop. Visit the double log cabin, historic agricultural machinery collection and the furniture industry, sports, and military exhibits. **Meals: 1L**

Indiana Amish

April 27

Tour #2024402

1 Day

Cost: \$139



Note: Full payment must be received within 10 days of making your reservation. You will receive an itinerary reconfirming your departure and return times approximately two weeks prior to departure.

Our destination for today is the Amish Country of Central Indiana. We make our way through the rolling countryside and over sparkling spring-fed streams as we travel back to a time when life was simpler and at a slower pace. Our motorcoach shares the scenic country roads with buggies of the Amish as a local step-on guide takes us on

a guided tour of the countryside, stopping at an Amish home for a home-cooked lunch. We spend the rest of the day browsing through the shops and looking at the handiwork of the Amish, such as homemade quilts, crafts, and wholesome baked goods. **Meals: 1L**



Mackinac Island

May 7-12

Tour #2024502

6 Days

Double: \$1,618

Triple: \$1,470

Single: \$2,166

Deposit: \$300



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Come to beautiful Mackinac Island, the “Bermuda of the North.” Take a step back “somewhere in time,” to an island where no motorized vehicles are allowed, only horse drawn carriages and bicycles. Savor the aroma of world famous Mackinac Island fudge, enjoy a carriage tour of the island, and view this intriguing place steeped in history and memories.

Day 1 - Dearborn, Michigan - Our coach heads north into the “Great Lakes State” of Michigan for our first overnight in Dearborn.

Day 2 - Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village - After an included breakfast, we visit the Henry Ford Museum and discover the history of America through its appliances, furniture, transportation, agriculture, and just about anything else you can imagine. In Greenfield Village, we will see a collection of buildings spanning more than 300 years of American history. From Thomas Edison’s laboratory to the courthouse where Abraham Lincoln practiced law, you will find it here in this unbelievable history museum. We overnight in Frankenmuth, Michigan. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 3 - Mackinac Island – Lunch at Grand Hotel - After an included breakfast, we drive to St. Ignace, Michigan, where we board the ferry that takes us to Mackinac Island. This afternoon, we stop at the Grand Hotel, where the hotel’s 700-foot veranda leads us into an enormous lobby decorated with priceless works of art. We have included their delicious luncheon buffet spread over ten tables of mouthwatering delights. After lunch, we will transfer to our hotel

accommodations for the next two nights on Mackinac Island. The remainder of the day is at leisure. The clip-clop of the horses’ hooves is a pleasant sound in this quiet relaxing place that has no motorized vehicles.

Day 4 - Carriage Ride - We begin our day with a horse-drawn carriage tour of Mackinac Island. The rest of the day will be free to roam through the downtown shops, or maybe rent a bicycle for a ride around the island. Overnight same hotel.

Day 5 - Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland - This morning, we have some leisure time to browse for that last souvenir before boarding the ferry that takes us back to the mainland. Our ferry takes us to St. Ignace in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, where we will have the pleasure of driving back across the famous Mighty Mac Bridge that connects Michigan’s Upper and Lower Peninsula. In Frankenmuth, Michigan, we’ll visit Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland before checking into our hotel. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 6 - Home - After an included breakfast, we begin our journey home with many memories of the natural beauty of Mackinac Island.

Meals: 3B, 1L, 2D

Holland, Michigan

Tulip Time Festival

May 7-10

Tour #2024503

4 Days

Double: \$1,421

Triple: \$1,246

Single: \$2,012

Deposit: \$350



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Do you like parades, folk dancing, and learning the culture of other lands? Then come with us to Holland, Michigan, where residents celebrate their Dutch heritage with the Tulip Time Festival in May. The klomp-klomp of wooden shoes can be heard throughout Holland as hundreds of residents dressed in traditional Dutch costume take to the streets to perform the native dances of the Netherlands.

Day 1 - Holland, Michigan - Our first day's journey takes us through Indiana and into Michigan to our hotel for three nights in Holland. Tonight, we enjoy an included dinner and the first of our three shows.

Day 2 - Windmill Island – Veldheer's Tulip Gardens – Delft Pottery & Wooden Shoe Factory - Today, we visit famous Windmill Island where we see a 1761 operating windmill - America's only authentic Dutch windmill. Next,

we stop at the Delft Pottery Factory to watch craftsmen decorate their wares, and to see the wooden shoes being constructed out of one solid piece of wood. A stop at Veldheer's Tulip Gardens to see the more than two and a half million tulips in bloom will delight you with its colorful display. Dinner is included tonight before enjoying another entertaining show.

Day 3 - Tulip Time Parade - Today, we drive down Tulip Lanes, streets of beautifully manicured lawns with neat houses, and rows of tulips in a variety of colors. Next, we're off to see the Klompen Dancers, the Street Scrubbing, and the famous Tulip Time Parade. This evening we have included dinner and another great show for your enjoyment. Overnight same hotel.

Day 4 - Home - We begin our journey homeward today, with warm memories of parades, flowers and fun! **Meals: 3B, 3D, Shows: 3**



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Niagara Falls

U.S. and Canada

June 3-7

Tour #2024602

5 Days

Double: \$1,566

Triple: \$1,443

Single: \$2,010

Deposit: \$300



Passport
Required



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This comprehensive tour includes the natural beauty of Canada's Horseshoe Falls and the majestic power of our own American Falls. Come witness the thundering, churning waters of this natural wonder, as well as many other area attractions.

Day 1 - Niagara Falls, Ontario - Today we drive north across Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York State. We cross the Canadian Border and arrive at our hotel around sundown. Our hotel accommodations for the next four nights will be in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Day 2 - Table Rock – Niagara's Fury – Niagara SkyWheel – Hornblower Boat Ride – Queen Victoria Restaurant - After an included breakfast, a local guide will step aboard our coach and provide an exciting tour of the Table Rock area. Table Rock Centre is the heart of Niagara Parks, where every year over eight million visitors stand close to the thundering water rushing over the brink of Horseshoe Falls! Next, we visit Niagara's newest attraction, Niagara's Fury. This 4D motion theater brings the history and creation of the Falls to life in a multi-sensory presentation. This afternoon, we ride the thrilling Niagara SkyWheel. Climate controlled gondolas soar 175 feet above Niagara for memorable views of the Horseshoe and American Falls, the Niagara River, and other landmarks. After lunch on our own, we get an exciting, close-up view of this great natural wonder of thundering, churning waters as we take a boat ride on the Hornblower,

Canada's most iconic experience. Tonight, we have included dinner at the Queen Victoria Restaurant. What a view! What memories! Overnight same hotel.

Day 3 - American Falls – Luna Island – Goat Island – Cave of the Winds – Power Vista Museum – Butterfly Conservatory – Greg Frewin Dinner Theater - After an included breakfast, we depart with a local guide on a day excursion that takes us back to Niagara Falls, New York for a visit to the American Falls. We will see Luna Island, Cave of the Winds, and Goat Island, which offer spectacular views from the edges of the falls. We will also visit the Power Vista Museum. This is an interactive museum featuring the history of electrical power generation at Niagara Falls. After lunch on our own, we travel back to the Canadian side of the falls where we will be amazed at the Butterfly Conservatory. This magical attraction features over 2,000 colorful tropical butterflies floating freely among lush, exotic blooms and greenery. Tonight, we have included the popular Greg Frewin Dinner Show. Greg Frewin has appeared on the world's top stages, such as the Flamingo Hilton, Caesar's Palace, and the Tropicana in Las Vegas, and has been featured in over 35 television shows worldwide. Overnight same hotel.

Day 4 - Welland Canal Museum – Chocolate FX – Niagara-on-the-Lake – Winery Tour – Floral Clock - After an included breakfast, we stop at Welland Canal, for a look at this great engineering feat. The canal is a series of seven

lift locks and one regulating lock and is a man-made waterway system to compensate for the 326.5 ft. drop between Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. The locks can lift huge ships as if they were toys. Next, we visit Chocolate FX, Niagara's largest chocolate factory. We'll learn about the candy marking process and have the chance to purchase delicious chocolates to take home. This afternoon, we stop for lunch on our own and shopping at Niagara-on-the-Lake. This historic town captures attention with its Georgian and Victorian styled buildings. It was once the

capitol of Ontario and a military standpost of the British. Afterwards, we have scheduled a winery tour and tasting – a great introduction to winemaking excellence. We make a photo stop at the Floral Clock before returning to our hotel. Overnight same hotel.

Day 5 - Home - Breakfast is included before departing Canada with its vibrant, flowering gardens and famous waterfall. We cross the border back into our own great country, making our way back home. **Meals: 4B, 2D, Shows: 1**



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Colonial Williamsburg, Jamestown, & Yorktown

June 9–13

Tour #2024603

5 Days

Double: \$1,096

Triple: \$1,007

Single: \$1,450

Deposit: \$300



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Day 1 - Charlottesville, Virginia - Today we drive through the Blue Ridge Mountains, over the Virginia line and into the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Crimson barns, lush orchards, and quaint towns dot Shenandoah, a patchwork of greens and golds. Our hotel accommodations will be in Charlottesville.

Day 2 - Jamestown Settlement – Yorktown – American Revolution Museum - This morning we depart our hotel and travel to Jamestown, Virginia, the first permanent English-speaking colony in North America. We'll experience life as it was in the old days of the colony and have a chance to board the ships in which the colonists braved the open seas – the “Susan Constant,” “Godspeed,” and “Discovery.” Next, we visit the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, which celebrates the American victory over the British that ended the Revolutionary War. This museum depicts the history of the war from the Boston Tea Party to the British surrender at Yorktown. After our tour, we check into our hotel for the next two nights in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Day 3 - Colonial Williamsburg - After an included breakfast, we will tour Colonial Williamsburg. The historic area includes 88 original buildings, shops, and homes, which have been meticulously preserved and restored. Your admission to Colonial Williamsburg includes shuttle transportation which will allow you to take your time and get on and off the shuttle bus at will. You will be able to tour the homes, church, and capital, and browse through the stores in Merchants Square. Overnight same hotel.

Day 4 - Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello – Charlottesville, Virginia - After an included breakfast, we travel to Charlottesville. This afternoon, we visit Monticello, Thomas Jefferson’s home from 1770 until his death. The tour includes the principal rooms of the house, which contain the statesman’s furniture and personal effects. We overnight in Charlottesville.

Day 5 - Home - After an included breakfast, we make our way homeward, remembering the things we have seen on our trip that truly make our country great. **Meals: 4B, 1D**

Lighthouses of Michigan

June 10-15

Tour #2024604

6 Days

Double: \$1,554

Triple: \$1,400

Single: \$2,126

Deposit: \$350



Day 1 - Holland, Michigan - Our coach heads north into the “Great Lakes State” of Michigan to overnight in Holland.

Day 2 - Frederick Meijer Gardens – Windmill Island - After an included breakfast, we visit Frederick Meijer Gardens, a five-story glass enclosure housing exotic plants from around the world. Also featured are over 70 bronze sculptures by international artists, including Leonardo da Vinci’s 24-foot horse. This afternoon, we visit Windmill Island, which features canals, a drawbridge, and a miniature Dutch village. Extensive tulip gardens surround the park’s main feature, De Zwaan, a 1780’s operating windmill from the Netherlands. Overnight same hotel.

Day 3 - White River Light Station – Silver Lake Dune Buggy – Traverse City, Michigan - After an included breakfast, we travel the shores of Lake Michigan and see the historic White River Light Station. Built in 1875, the lighthouse has been converted into a museum containing artifacts of Great Lakes nautical history. We continue to Silver Lake, where we will take a thrilling dune buggy ride across the Sahara desert-like sand dunes created by the Ice Age that formed the Great Lakes. We overnight in Traverse City.

Day 4 - Charlevoix Mushroom Houses – Michigan Lighthouse Cruise - After an included breakfast, we depart for a scenic drive to Charlevoix in Northern Michigan. We meet our local step-on guide for a tour that takes us through the city of Charlevoix past the famous

Mushroom Houses built by architect Earl Young. These fairytale-like “Hobbit houses” are known world-wide and can only be seen in the town of Charlevoix. After lunch on our own, we’ll take a captivating Lighthouse Cruise. We’ll be treated to awe-inspiring views of five Lake Michigan lighthouses, while taking in the stunning coastline views. Our expert guide will share with us history and maritime lore of shipwrecks, navigation methods, and fascinating historical accounts of these guardians of the Great Lakes. We overnight in Mackinaw City, Michigan.

Day 5 - Presque Isle Light Station – Frankenmuth, Michigan - After an included breakfast, we drive along Michigan’s eastern border to view Presque Isle Light Station. The 1840 Lighthouse is one of the oldest on the Great Lakes and 1870 Lighthouse is the tallest light on the Great Lakes that the public may climb. The Keeper’s House has been restored as a visitors’ center, gift shop, and museum. We continue to Frankenmuth, to overnight. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 6 - Home - After an included breakfast, we journey back home with memories of Northern Michigan’s natural beauty and historic lighthouses. **Meals: 5B, 1D**

Majestic Colorado Rockies

June 14–25

Tour #2024601

12 Days

Double: \$3,266

Triple: \$2,933

Single: \$4,507

Deposit: \$400



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Day 1 - Independence, Missouri - Anticipating the splendor of the Colorado Rockies, we board our motorcoach and travel through Indiana and Illinois into the “Show Me State” of Missouri. Our overnight accommodations will be in Independence.

Day 2 - Truman Library – Eisenhower Center – Salina, Kansas - After an included breakfast, we continue our journey westward. First, we tour the Harry S. Truman Library & Museum, which houses the president’s personal and office papers. After lunch on our own, we visit the Dwight D. Eisenhower Center in Abilene, Kansas. We will visit his boyhood home, museum, and the Meditation Chapel, where he is buried. We overnight in Salina.

Day 3 - Denver, Colorado - After an included breakfast, we cross the great plains of Kansas into Colorado, where we leave the flat terrain behind us and head for the “Mile High City” of Denver. We overnight in the Denver area.

Day 4 - Denver City Tour – Air Force Academy – Garden of the Gods – Colorado Springs, Colorado - After an included breakfast, a local guide will step aboard our motorcoach and provide a narrative history of the cosmopolitan city of Denver. In the afternoon, we travel to Colorado Springs, where we visit the Air Force Academy. Next, we drive through the colorful Garden of the Gods. This natural park is located at the base of Pike’s Peak, where the Great Plains meet the Rockies. We will see massive, towering formations of red sandstone. We overnight two nights in Colorado Springs.

Day 5 - Pike’s Peak Cog Railway - After an included breakfast, a thrilling day is ahead as we take the Cog Railway to the summit of Pike’s Peak for a spectacular view of the Colorado Rockies. From Pike’s Peak, it is possible on a clear day to see both Denver and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Southern Colorado and New Mexico. Overnight same hotel.

Day 6 - Royal Gorge – Black Canyon of the Gunnison - After an included breakfast, we travel south to the Royal Gorge, where we begin the adventure of a lifetime. We take a breathtaking trek across its famous bridge that spans 1,053 feet above the Arkansas River. Next, we travel beyond the majestic Colorado Rockies as we visit the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument. This lovely area is famed for its narrowness, its depth, and its gorge formations. The name Black Canyon comes from the dark-colored rocks in the area. We overnight in Montrose, Colorado.

Day 7 - Ouray – Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad - Breakfast is included at our hotel. Today we head deep into the mountains and national forests of the Colorado Rockies. We begin with a stop in Ouray, known as the “Switzerland of America.” We continue to Silverton, an old silver mining town rich in history and legend. After lunch on our own, we board the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad and journey through the ruggedly beautiful mountains of the San Juan National Forest on our way to Durango, Colorado, where we overnight.

Day 8 - Mesa Verde National Park – Pagosa

Springs, Colorado - After an included breakfast, we travel a short distance to Mesa Verde National Park, which contains the Southwest’s best-preserved cliff-dweller Native American ruins. Next, we make our way to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, where we overnight.

Day 9 - Santa Fe, New Mexico - After an included breakfast, we skirt the edges of the Rio Grande National Forest and cross into New Mexico. Our destination today is Santa Fe, the oldest capital city in the U.S. We’ll enjoy lunch on our own and shopping in Santa Fe Plaza. You will see numerous landmarks from colonial Spanish times. Overnight in Santa Fe.

Day 10 - Cadillac Ranch – Weatherford, Oklahoma - After an included breakfast, we

head east across the Texas panhandle. This afternoon, we will stop at the Cadillac Ranch, a most unusual art exhibit located along historic Route 66. The ten graffiti-covered cars are half-buried, facing west “at the same angle as the Cheops Pyramid.” We overnight in Weatherford.

Day 11 - National Cowboy Hall of Fame Museum – Springfield, Missouri - After an included breakfast, we stop at the National Cowboy Hall Of Fame in Oklahoma City. While there, be sure to see the famous “End of the Trail” statue. Next, we travel northeast to Springfield, Missouri, where we overnight.

Day 12 - Home - After an included breakfast, we board our coach and head toward home, remembering the breathtaking beauty of the Colorado Rockies. **Meals: 11B, 1D**



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Yellowstone, Dakotas, and Badlands

Featuring Glacier National Park

July 6-18

Tour #2024701

13 Days

Double: \$3,429

Triple: \$3,045

Single: \$4,847

Deposit: \$400



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Spectacular sights await you on this incredible trip to the Northwest. Multi-colored wastelands uniquely formed gullies, eroded pinnacles of sandstone, towering waterfalls, and majestic snow-capped mountains will astound you with their unbelievable beauty. Marvel at the resort towns, cowboy legends, rodeos, and buffalo burgers. The customs and history of this beautiful area of our country will intrigue you as you see, feel, hear, and taste it on this fantastic tour.

Day 1 - Coralville, Iowa - We board our deluxe coach and travel through Indiana, Illinois, and on to Coralville, Iowa, for our first night.

Day 2 - John Wayne Birthplace Museum – Chamberlain, South Dakota - After an included breakfast, we tour John Wayne’s birthplace, located in the small central Iowa town of Winterset. The actor was born Marion Robert Morrison on May 26, 1907, in this modest four-room home. The museum houses the world’s largest collection of John Wayne memorabilia. We overnight in Chamberlain.

Day 3 - Badlands National Park – Wall Drug Store – Mt. Rushmore National Memorial – Spearfish, South Dakota - After an included breakfast, we visit Badlands National Park, so called because of the eroded multi-colored wastelands with eerie gullies, canyons, ridges, and spires. We will take a driving tour through the park with picture stops along with way. This afternoon, we visit the famous Wall Drug Store. Reported to be the world’s largest drug store, it is a fascinating place in which to both eat and

shop. Don’t forget to get a glass of free ice water and maybe a buffalo burger for lunch. Next, we visit Mount Rushmore National Memorial. This shrine of democracy, located in the heart of the Black Hills, is one of our country’s most beloved monuments. The 6,000-foot mountain displays the faces of four presidents whose accomplishments best exhibit the zeal and spirit of Americans – George Washington, Theodore Roosevelt, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln. Overnight in Spearfish.

Day 4 - Black Hills – Big Horn Mountains – Cody, Wyoming - Today we continue our travels through the Black Hills and the Big Horn Mountains. The thick covering of pine trees give the hills a black appearance. We cross the high elevations of the Big Horn Mountains, and then pass through Shell Canyon, a scenic gorge on our way to Cody, named for “Buffalo Bill” William Cody.

Day 5 - Yellowstone National Park – Jackson, Wyoming - Spectacular Yellowstone National Park awaits us today! There will be many opportunities for taking pictures as we walk the paths to thundering waterfalls, thermal steam vents, bubbling mud pots, and steaming pools. Old Faithful Geyser flings its steamy plume against the blue sky – on a consistent schedule. Next, we travel to Jackson Hole, a resort town surrounded by the Grand Teton Mountains and the Snake River. We overnight two nights in Jackson.

Day 6 - Leisure Day in Jackson - Today is at your leisure in Jackson Hole. There are many shops that offer unique gifts, and several famous

restaurants that offer “local” cuisine. Not far away, there is a chair lift to the top of one of the local ski slopes. The view of Jackson Hole and the Teton Range is awesome from there! Overnight same hotel.

Day 7 - Idaho – Missoula, Montana - Today, we travel through Idaho. As we drive through the state, we see huge fields of potatoes growing in the rich, volcanic soil. Overnight in Missoula.

Day 8 - Glacier National Park – Going-to-the-Sun Road – Shelby, Montana - After an included breakfast, we visit one of the most beautiful spots in the world, Glacier National Park! We’ll make a stop at McDonald Lodge where we will board our red “jammer” vehicles for a ride over Glacier’s spectacular Going-To-The-Sun-Road, winding through the heart of the park, up and over the Continental Divide. We overnight in Shelby.

Day 9 - Minot, North Dakota - After an included breakfast, we make our way through the rugged state of North Dakota on our way to Minot, where we overnight.

Day 10 - Bloomington, Minnesota - After an included breakfast, we travel through Minnesota to our overnight accommodations in Bloomington.

Day 11 - Mall of America – Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin - After an included breakfast, we stop at the Mall of America for shopping and lunch on our own. This huge mall is the nation’s largest entertainment and retail complex with over 520 shops and eateries. This afternoon, we travel to Wisconsin Dells, where we overnight two nights.

Day 12 - The House on the Rock – Upper Dells Boat Ride - After an included breakfast, we tour the magnificent House on the Rock. This unique masterpiece was built as a winter retreat by the architectural genius, Alex Jordan, but it became a showpiece as the curious came to see. This extraordinary home stands atop a chimney-like rock, 450 feet above the valley floor. You will have time to enjoy the views, unique furnishings, and unbelievable collections of this architectural wonder. After lunch on our own, we have scheduled an exciting cruise through the magnificent channel cut by the Wisconsin River, known as the Wisconsin Dells. We overnight in Wisconsin Dells.

Day 13 - Home - After an included breakfast, our trip comes to an end as we make our way back home with memories of our wonderful trip to share with family and friends. **Meals: 8B**



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Mackinac Island

August 2-7

Tour #2024801

6 Days

Double: \$1,715

Triple: \$1,543

Single: \$2,350

Deposit: \$300



Come to beautiful Mackinac Island, the “Bermuda of the North.” Take a step back “somewhere in time,” to an island where no motorized vehicles are allowed, only horse drawn carriages and bicycles. Savor the aroma of world famous Mackinac Island fudge, enjoy a carriage tour of the island, and view this intriguing place steeped in history and memories.

Day 1 - Dearborn, Michigan - Our coach heads north into the “Great Lakes State” of Michigan for our first overnight in Dearborn.

Day 2 - Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village – Frankenmuth, Michigan - After an included breakfast, we visit the Henry Ford Museum. Here, we will discover the history of America through its appliances, furniture, transportation, agriculture, and just about anything else you can imagine. In Greenfield Village, we will see a collection of buildings spanning more than 300 years of American history. From Thomas Edison’s laboratory to the courthouse where Abraham Lincoln practiced law, you will find it here in this unbelievable history museum. We overnight in Frankenmuth. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 3 - Mackinac Island – Lunch at Grand Hotel - After an included breakfast, we drive to St. Ignace, Michigan, where we board the ferry that takes us to Mackinac Island. This afternoon, we stop at the Grand Hotel, where the hotel’s 700-foot veranda leads us into an enormous lobby decorated with priceless works of art. We have included their delicious luncheon

buffet spread over ten tables of mouthwatering delights. After lunch, we will transfer to our hotel accommodations for the next two nights on Mackinac Island. The remainder of the day is at leisure. The clip-clop of the horses’ hooves is a pleasant sound in this quiet relaxing place that has no motorized vehicles.

Day 4 - Carriage Ride - We begin our day with a horse-drawn carriage tour of Mackinac Island. The rest of the day will be free to roam through the downtown shops, or maybe rent a bicycle for a ride around the island. Overnight same hotel.

Day 5 - Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland - This morning, we have some leisure time to browse for that last souvenir before boarding the ferry that takes us back to the mainland. Our ferry takes us to St. Ignace in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, where we will have the pleasure of driving back across the famous Mighty Mac Bridge that connects Michigan’s Upper and Lower Peninsula. In Frankenmuth, Michigan, we’ll visit Bronner’s Christmas Wonderland before checking into our hotel. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 6 - Home - After an included breakfast, we begin our journey home with many memories of the natural beauty of Mackinac Island.

Meals: 3B, 1L, 2D

Summer in the Adirondacks

August 12-17

Tour #2024802

6 Days

Double: \$1,752

Triple: \$1,621

Single: \$2,257

Deposit: \$300



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Come to New York's Central Adirondacks, the largest wilderness area east of the Mississippi, to the rich history of these mountains with their countless stories about the rich and famous people who lived, worked, and played here.

Day 1 - Hagerstown, Maryland - A day of travel takes us through the beautiful mountains of West Virginia and the "Old Line State" of Maryland, where we overnight in Hagerstown.

Day 2 - Historic Queensbury Hotel – Glens Falls, New York - After an included breakfast, we continue our journey north to New York's Central Adirondacks. We check into the historic Victorian-style Queensbury Hotel, the centerpiece in downtown Glens Falls, New York, for a three-night stay. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.

Day 3 - Prospect Mountain – Barton Garnet Mine – Fort William Henry – Lake George Dinner Cruise - After an included breakfast, we will travel the five-mile memorial highway to the top of Prospect Mountain, with photo opportunities at its overlooks. The summit of the mountain has spectacular 100-mile views of the Adirondacks and Lake George. A boxed lunch is included. Next, we are off on a treasure hunt! Barton Garnet Mine, the oldest family owned and operated mine in the United States, has one of the world's largest garnet deposits. Their trained staff will take us into the garnet mine, and lecture on geology, mining history, and present-day operations. We will have time to collect garnet rocks for rock gardens, or garnet gems that can be faceted for fine jewelry. Later this afternoon, we will tour Fort William Henry, the 1755 British fort featured in "The Last of the Mohicans." Step back in time as we learn more about this exciting

time in Colonial America. This evening, we will enjoy an included dinner cruise on Lake George. After dinner, relax and enjoy scenic views of the crystal-clear waters and mountain wilderness areas of Lake George. Overnight same hotel.

Day 4 - Gilded Age Tour – Adirondack Experience Museum – Great Camp Sagamore – W.W. Durant Dinner Cruise - After an included breakfast, prepare yourself for the Gilded Age Tour! During the late 19th century before income tax, wealthy entrepreneurs such as Vanderbilt, Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, and Collis P. Huntington built fabulous wilderness estates in the heart of the Adirondacks to rival the beach resorts of Newport. First, we'll explore the exhibits at the Adirondack Experience Museum and learn how people in this area worked and played. Next, we board our coach and travel west to Great Camp Sagamore in Raquette Lake. We'll learn the way the Vanderbilts went camping at this 1897 National Historic Landmark. Their style was luxurious, a mere illusion of "roughing it" utilizing 27 buildings, including a formal dining hall, bowling alley, and an extensive workers' complex occupied even through the harsh Adirondack winters. Tonight, we will enjoy an exciting dinner cruise aboard the W.W. Durant on Raquette Lake. During our cruise, we'll sail by more Great Camps than anywhere else in the Adirondacks. Overnight same hotel.

Day 5 - Hagerstown, Maryland - After an included breakfast, we travel to our overnight accommodations in Hagerstown.

Day 6 - Home - Our exciting tour comes to an end today as we arrive back in Kentucky.

Meals: 5B, 1L, 3D

New England Fall Foliage

September 25-October 5

Tour #2024901

11 Days

Double: \$2,661

Triple: \$2,369

Single: \$3,777

Deposit: \$350



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Day 1 - Hagerstown, Maryland - We travel through West Virginia into the “Old Line” State of Maryland, where we overnight in Hagerstown.

Day 2 - West Haven, Connecticut - After an included breakfast, we continue through the “Empire State” of New York, continuing to our hotel in West Haven.

Day 3 - Mystic Seaport Museum – Newport, Rhode Island - After an included breakfast, we visit Mystic Seaport Museum, our nation’s largest maritime museum. In this recreated seaport village, we will be able to walk through actual homes in which seafaring New Englanders once lived 200 years ago. Be sure to visit the *Charles W. Morgan*, the only surviving wooden whaling ship in the world. Later, we will drive through legendary Newport, Rhode Island, the “City by the Sea,” whose historic mansions best illustrate the Gilded Age. America’s wealthiest families built their summer homes here in the yachting capital of world during the late 19th century before income tax. We overnight in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Day 4 - Hyannis – Plymouth Rock – Mayflower II – Plimoth Patuxet – Boston - This morning, we visit the John F. Kennedy Memorial, which overlooks the beautiful harbor of Hyannis. A short drive will bring us to the town of Plymouth, to view Plymouth Rock, the famous rock on which the Pilgrims stepped out onto the “New World.” Next, we visit Mayflower II, a full-scale replica of the ship that brought the Pilgrims to America. The ship was recently renovated for the 400th anniversary of the voyage. After

lunch on our own, we explore our country’s beginnings as we visit Plimoth Patuxet, a living history museum that recreates the original 1627 Plymouth Colony. Later today, we travel to the Boston area, where we will spend the next two nights.

Day 5 - City Tour of Boston, Lexington, and Concord – Faneuil Hall & Quincy Market – Old North Church - After an included breakfast, we begin touring with a local guide in Boston. We will see the downtown area, the Boston Common, the oldest public park in the country, and the many historical sights of the city. On our way to visit the site of the first conflict of the Revolutionary War, in Lexington, Massachusetts, we will pass Harvard University in Cambridge. Continuing to Concord, we will see the homes of literary greats Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Louisa Mae Alcott. In Concord, at the Old North Bridge, the Minuteman Statue stands on the site where the “shot heard around the world” was fired. Our tour concludes back in Boston at famous Faneuil Hall Marketplace, opened in 1742, and Quincy Market, its neighbor since 1825. This place was the scene of many stirring gatherings during the Revolutionary movement. Here visitors and locals alike shop, mingle, and enjoy a tremendous variety of food. After lunch on our own, we will visit the Old North Church, which has the windows from which Paul Revere’s signal lanterns flashed. Overnight same hotel.

Day 6 - Acadia National Park – Bar Harbor, Maine - After an included breakfast, we travel to

the lovely seaside village of Bar Harbor, Maine. The beauty of the sea, mountains, lake, and forest has made this area world-famous as a summer resort. Here we visit Acadia National Park, which has the most breathtaking combination of ocean and mountain scenery north of Rio de Janeiro. Hotel accommodations for the next two nights will be in Bar Harbor, Maine.

Day 7 - Leisure Day in Bar Harbor - After an included breakfast, today will be at your leisure to do whatever most appeals to you in Bar Harbor. Overnight same hotel.

Day 8 - New Hampshire's White Mountains - After an included breakfast, today we continue into New Hampshire, through White Mountain National Forest, known for its spectacular fall foliage. Experience a visual masterpiece as you witness the white birch trees putting on a display of dazzling golden hues intermingled with the

green New England spruce. Dinner is included at our hotel in Lincoln, New Hampshire.

Day 9 - Hildene Mansion – Albany, New York- After an included breakfast, we depart our hotel and cross into Vermont. In Manchester, we take a tour of Hildene Mansion, the beautiful home of Robert Todd Lincoln. Our overnight accommodations will be in Albany, New York.

Day 10 - Hagerstown, Maryland - After an included breakfast, we drive through Pennsylvania, skirting along the edges of the Pocono Mountains on our way to Hagerstown to overnight.

Day 11 - Home - After an included breakfast, we board our coach to return home today. While our time in New England has come to an end, we bring with us wonderful fall foliage memories and newfound pride in our forefathers that we can share with friends and family. **Meals: 9B, 1D**



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Pioneer Woman Mercantile & Magnolia Market at the Silos

October 2-7

Tour #20241002

6 Days

Double: \$1,621

Triple: \$1,490

Single: \$2,122

Deposit: \$300



Day 1 - Joplin, Missouri - Our journey to visit two of the most popular shopping destinations in the nation begins as we step aboard our deluxe motorcoach. Our first day's journey takes us through the fertile farmlands of Indiana and Illinois to Joplin, Missouri, where we overnight.

Day 2 - Woolaroc Museum & Wildlife Preserve - Pioneer Woman Mercantile - After an included breakfast, we visit the Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Preserve, known as the "Smithsonian of the West." This working ranch is home to more than 30 species of wildlife including buffalo, elk, deer, longhorn cattle, and wild horses. The museum contains one of the world's finest collections of Western art and artifacts. Next, we visit Pawhuska, Oklahoma, the home of Food Network TV star Ree Drummond, known to her fans as the Pioneer Woman. This afternoon will be free for lunch on our own and shopping at the Pioneer Woman Mercantile. Ree Drummond and her family spent years renovating the historic Osage Mercantile Building into a destination bakery, deli, and general store welcoming visitors from near and far. Tonight, we have included dinner at the Mercantile, featuring the Pioneer Woman's recipes. We overnight in the Tulsa area.

Day 3 - Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza - Southfork Ranch - After an included breakfast, we continue to south to Dallas, Texas. After lunch on our own, we visit the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza. This permanent historical exhibit is located inside the former School Book Depository building from which Oswald shot

Kennedy. This museum offers a compelling and dramatic look into the events of the JFK assassination and its aftermath. Tonight, we visit the world's most famous ranch, Southfork Ranch, the setting of the popular "Dallas" TV show. We will enjoy an included dinner and a guided tour of the Ewing mansion. We see such memorabilia as the gun that shot J.R., Lucy's wedding dress, and the "Dallas" Family Tree. We overnight two nights in the Dallas, Texas area.

Day 4 - Fixer Upper Tour - Magnolia Market at the Silos - Waco, Texas - After an included breakfast, we travel to Waco, the hometown of HGTV "Fixer Upper" stars Chip and Joanna Gaines. We will take a "Fixer Upper" City Tour of Waco with a local step on guide. You will see many of the homes, shops (like Harp Design), and familiar spots seen on the "Fixer Upper" TV show, as well as make stops for photo opportunities along the way. After our tour, we visit Magnolia Market at the Silos for lunch on our own and shopping. This shopping center with its famous silos spans two city blocks in Waco and has a little something for everyone. Shop to your heart's content at stores including the Magnolia Market Shop, Silos Bakery, Seed + Supply, and the Garden, then enjoy lunch on your own at one of the numerous food trucks. Overnight same hotel.

Day 5 - Beale Street - Memphis, Tennessee - After an included breakfast, we depart for the Memphis, Tennessee area. Tonight, we visit Beale Street, where we will have time for shopping, exploring, and enjoying some of the blues music.

Day 6 - Graceland – Home - After an included breakfast, we tour Graceland, the beautiful mansion of Elvis Presley. Here, we will see his home, the Auto Museum featuring his motorcycles and legendary Pink Cadillac, his

airplanes, and memorabilia spanning his entire career. We arrive home this evening, bringing with us all our gifts and packages from our great shopping experience at the Pioneer Woman Mercantile and Magnolia Market. **Meals: 5B, 2D**



A Mystery Weekend

October 4-6

Tour #20241003

3 Days

Double: \$840

Triple: \$791

Single: \$1,027

Deposit: \$200

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Polish up your sleuthing skills and pack your bags for a three-day adventure. Will our coach head North, South, East, or West? We'll never give a clue until we get there. It will be a mystery until we arrive at our destination. This year we have chosen a variety of attractions and fun along with delicious food for you to enjoy. Are you daring enough to join us? **Meals: 2B, 2D**

Branson and the Great Passion Play

October 7-11

Tour #20241001

5 Days

Double: \$1,267

Triple: \$1,199

Single: \$1,520

Deposit: \$300

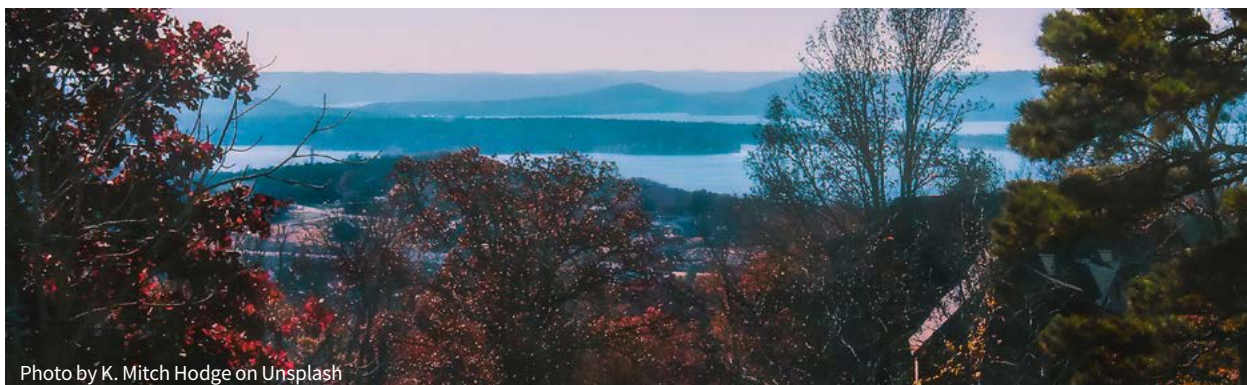


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Day 1 - Lambert's Café – Branson, Missouri -

Today, we head west through Indiana and Illinois into the "Show Me State" of Missouri. This evening, we have included a delicious dinner at Lambert's Café, famous for their "throwed rolls." We continue to Branson, where we overnight.

Day 2 - Holy Land Tour – Christ of the Ozarks Statue – The Great Passion Play -

After an included breakfast, we drive through the Ozark countryside and make our way to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. There will be free time for shopping and lunch on your own in the downtown area. Next, we will tour the archeologically researched and accurately reconstructed replica of the Holy Land. Be transported back in time as you explore the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, Bethlehem Inn, the Nativity, the Garden Tomb, and many other exhibits. We have included a visit to the Christ of the Ozarks Statue. Dinner is included this evening before we attend a performance of The Great Passion Play. This play presents the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. The beauty of the outdoors, along with the live animals, and special light and sound effects, make you feel as if you were in "Old Jerusalem." Overnight in Eureka Springs.

Day 3 - Old Downtown Branson – The Dutton Family – The Grand Jubilee -

After an included breakfast, we depart our hotel and make our way back to Branson. We will visit Historic Downtown Branson for lunch on own and shopping. There are over 50 shops offering crafts, souvenirs, clothing, and more, plus Dick's Old Time Five and Dime Store. Next, we will be

entertained by The Dutton Family, one super talented family of incredible entertainers. You will hear a unique blend of country, bluegrass, classical, gospel, blues, jazz, and dance for your guaranteed listening pleasure. After an included dinner, we will be entertained with a performance of "The Grand Jubilee," a classic variety show. We will be entertained with old and new country favorites and hilarious comedy. We spend the next two nights in Branson.

Day 4 - Clay Cooper's Country Express – Showboat Branson Belle – Presleys' Country Jubilee -

After an included breakfast, we will be entertained by Branson's King of Country, Clay Cooper. Clay Cooper features an incredible cast of 24 entertainers (including one very funny comedian – Matt Gumm) great visual effects, and a variety of music – both old and new country, gospel, and patriotic. Tonight, we set sail for a dinner cruise aboard the Showboat Branson Belle. We'll enjoy an included dinner and an exciting variety showing featuring music from the 60's to today. Next, we're off for an evening of great music and comedy at Presleys' Country Jubilee. Presley's Theater was the original music theater built in Branson over 50 years ago and it is truly a Branson landmark. We'll hear new country favorites, old country classics, hilarious comedy, and soulful Southern gospel hits for your guaranteed listening pleasure. Overnight same hotel.

Day 5 - Home - After an early breakfast, we reluctantly depart from this lovely Ozark Mountain area and begin our journey back to the Bluegrass State. **Meals: 4B, 4D, Shows: 6**

Indiana Amish

November 2

Tour #20241101

1 Day

Cost: \$139



Note: Full payment must be received within 10 days of making your reservation. You will receive an itinerary reconfirming your departure and return times approximately two weeks prior to departure.

Our destination for today is the Amish Country of Central Indiana. We make our way through the rolling countryside and over sparkling spring-fed streams as we travel back to a time when life was simpler and at a slower pace. Our motorcoach shares the scenic country roads with buggies of the Amish as a local step-on guide takes us on

a guided tour of the countryside, stopping at an Amish home for a home-cooked lunch. We spend the rest of the day browsing through the shops and looking at the handiwork of the Amish, such as homemade quilts, crafts, and wholesome baked goods. **Meals: 1L**

Branson Christmas Special

November 11-15

Tour #20241104

5 Days

Double: \$1,183

Triple: \$1,109

Single: \$1,445

Deposit: \$300



Celebrate the Christmas season in the Ozark Mountain town of Branson. This unique town celebrates Christmas with an explosion of lights, music, and pageantry. We have personally selected Christmas shows that are the best of the best, and we want you to see them all!

Day 1 - Lambert's Café – Branson, Missouri
- Today, we head west through Indiana and

Illinois into the "Show Me State" of Missouri. This evening, we have included a delicious dinner at Lambert's Café, famous for their "thrown rolls." We continue to Branson, where we spend the next four nights.

Day 2 - College of the Ozarks – Daniel O'Donnell – The Haygoods Christmas Show -
After an included breakfast, we meet our guide

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for a tour of the College of the Ozarks, making a stop at the Keeter Center. This afternoon, we will be entertained by Daniel O'Donnell. A household name in Britain and Ireland, Daniel sings a delightful blend of country and Irish music. After an included dinner, we will be entertained by the Haygoods. These five brothers and one sister combine incredible harmony, tap, gymnastics, and instruments to present this high energy show. Overnight same hotel.

Day 3 - Gingerbread Village – Historic Downtown Branson – The Dutton Family – Christmas Wonderland - After an included breakfast, we stop at Chateau on the Lake to view their elaborate Gingerbread Village display. The gingerbread houses are crafted by the Chateau's culinary team, with the tallest building standing over three feet tall. Next, we visit Historic Downtown Branson for lunch on our own and shopping. There are over 50 shops offering crafts, souvenirs, clothing, and more, plus Dick's Old Time Five & Dime Store. This afternoon, we will be entertained by The Dutton Family. This talented family spanning three generations will win your heart this Christmas

season as they play all your holiday favorites, as well as original compositions. After an included dinner, we attend the Christmas Wonderland Show. Take a magical sleigh ride to a winter wonderland of holiday fun and festive cheer with all your favorite classic holiday songs and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole! Overnight same hotel.

Day 4 - The Grand Village Shops – Yakov Smirnoff – Pierce Arrow Quartet - After an included breakfast, we visit The Grand Village Shops. Discover over 20 unique shops lining cobblestone streets and enjoy lunch on your own. Next, we will be entertained by Yakov Smirnoff. Yakov is a famous Russian comedian whose show is a high energy production filled with tons of laughter. Tonight, after an included dinner, we will be entertained by the Pierce Arrow Quartet. Enjoy all-new hits, comedy, and fun. Hear a variety of Christmas music while laughing along to 2017 Comedian of the Year, SNL comedy writer James Sibley. Overnight same hotel.

Day 5 - Home - After an early breakfast, we reluctantly depart from this lovely Ozark Mountain area and begin our journey back to the Bluegrass State. **Meals: 4B, 4D, Shows: 6**

Ferdinand Christkindlmarkt

November 16

Tour #20241102

1 Day

Cost: \$169



Note: Full payment must be received within 10 days of making your reservation. You will receive an itinerary reconfirming your departure and return times approximately two weeks prior to departure.

The beauty of an old-fashioned Christmas celebration awaits in the charming Bavarian town of Ferdinand, Indiana. During the Christmas season in Germany, artisans would set up

booths in front of the local church in a festival style setting, where browsers would make their selections. This custom began in the 14th century and continues today in Ferdinand. Enjoy

live Glockenspiel, Christmas caroling, samples of delectable foods, plus over 200 booths to shop and browse. Here you will find everything from arts and antiques to handmade treasures – Santas, wood carvings, clothing, quilts,

candles, jewelry, jams, baked goods, schnitzel, chocolates, and much more. Dinner is included at the landmark Schnitzelbank Restaurant in Jasper, Indiana. Enjoy German food at its finest in an Old-World atmosphere. **Meals: 1D**

Biltmore Candlelight Christmas

November 21–23

Tour #20241103

3 Days

Double: \$841

Triple: \$801

Single: \$1,013

Deposit: \$250



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A candlelight Christmas celebrated in the palatial mansion of George Vanderbilt is an occasion to be treasured. Over 100 years ago, the first guests were welcomed into the Biltmore House, and we receive the same warm feeling of welcome today. This is a perfect little getaway, so come along with us as we journey to the magnificent Biltmore House.

Day 1 - Biltmore House Candlelight Tour – Victorian Holiday Dinner - Today, we travel to Asheville, North Carolina and check directly into our hotel for some rest before we board our coach and make our way to the grounds of the Biltmore House. This lovely mansion was formally opened on Christmas Eve 1895. We will be able to see the Biltmore House on this tour just as the Vanderbilts knew it. Before our candlelight tour of the house, we've included a Victorian holiday dinner at the Stable Café. As day turns to night, a short drive takes us to the main entrance of Biltmore House, where dozens of flickering

luminaries light the main roadway. Inside, crackling fireplaces and hundreds of candles cast a warm glow as we catch the smell of pine and potpourri drifting throughout the house.

Day 2 - Asheville Trolley Tour – Antler Hill Village & Winery - After an included breakfast, we take a narrated trolley tour of Asheville. Our informative tour highlights the history and must-see points of interest in this city of surprises. Next, we return to Biltmore Estate to explore the gardens and Antler Hill Village. We'll have time for shopping, exploring, and viewing the historical exhibits. You may choose an optional visit to the Biltmore Winery while we are here. Dinner is included this evening. Overnight same hotel.

Day 3 - Home - After an included breakfast, we return home from our experience into an era of opulence and grandeur. Memories of our Victorian feast and the candlelight tour of this most impressive mansion will last forever.

Meals: 2B, 2D

Christmas Travel Show and Luncheon

Huber's Orchard & Winery

December 7

Tour #20241202

1 Day

Cost: \$84

Note: Full payment must be received within 10 days of making your reservation. You will receive an itinerary reconfirming your departure and return times approximately two weeks prior to departure.

Get your friends and family together to celebrate with Jefferson Tours and Charters at this special year-end celebration, which marks the end of the 2024 touring year and reveals the exciting things in store for 2025. We will enjoy a delicious buffet luncheon and live music by a special guest at our new luncheon location, Huber's Orchard & Winery. There will be door prizes and free tours given out, plus special discounts for tour reservations made at the luncheon. Free transportation provided from the Louisville, Clarksville, Frankfort, and Lexington areas. **Meals: 1L**

GENERAL INFORMATION & TOUR CONDITIONS

**Please read carefully before signing up for a tour.
Your reservation constitutes acceptance of our policies.**

TOUR COST INCLUDES: A trip with Jefferson Tours and Charters includes transportation, lodging, tours, local guides, entry and admission fees for all sightseeing, dining room tips for meals included in the itinerary, and the services of a professional Motorcoach Driver and Tour Director. **Prices are per person, based on double occupancy.** All tour prices are based on rates known at the time our catalog is printed and expected to be in effect at the time of departure. They are subject to increase if such rates change prior to departure.

NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR TOUR COST: Meals and tips other than those specified in the itinerary, maids, valet and laundry service, phone calls, room service, alcoholic beverages, and items of a personal nature. Gratuities for local step on guides and the Tour Director and Driver are not included. A recommended gratuity is \$6.00 per day, per passenger for the Tour Director and \$6.00 per day, per passenger for the Driver. Gratuities should be extended on an individual basis, not by passing a bag around as a group. Gratuities for international tours and cruises are not included. You will be given guidelines for recommended tipping in your final documents for all international tours and cruises.

RESERVATIONS: **How far in advance do I need to make a reservation?** We encourage you to make reservations as early as possible. A limited number of people can be accommodated on our motorcoaches. In addition, hotel reservations and ticketing are finalized 90, 60, or 30 days prior to the dates of service. Many people wait too long and are disappointed that the tour they want has been sold out.

DEPOSITS: Deposits are due within 10 days after making your reservation. Separate checks should be sent for each tour booked. Please **DO NOT** send cash in the mail. Balance is due within five (5) days of receipt of balance statement and itinerary.

LATE BOOKINGS: Our tour bookings are normally finalized 45 days prior to departure (with a few exceptions). There are some tours that we can still add on to after it has been finalized. We are happy to include you with the tour if there is availability. In these situations, we must receive full payment with your reservation, plus a late booking fee of \$25 per person. Unfortunately, late bookings can also bring about tour increases, which Jefferson Tours and Charters cannot control. Increases can occur in any tour component that is booked late, such as flights, hotels, cruises, and event ticketing. Should these prices increase, all information will be made available to the client and Jefferson Tours and Charters will receive client approval prior to payment.

CANCELLATION OF OUR TOURS: Please help us avoid canceling our tours prematurely. We have made reservations for hotels, attractions, and other suppliers that require contracts and deadlines for deposits and cancellation. Some of these are 90, 60, or 30 days prior to the date of service. If you are interested in a tour, please do not wait until the last minute to call us to see if it is going. If too many people wait, obviously we run the risk of having to cancel the tour due to lack of passengers booked to honor our contracts.

SAFETY MEASURES: At Jefferson Tours and Charters, the health and safety of our passengers and staff members is priority number one. We are implementing the strictest measures possible to create a hygienic, safe, and comfortable environment for our passengers. These measures include disinfecting and sanitizing areas of frequent contact such as handholds, restroom areas, armrests, entry areas, and surfaces in all vehicles during and after trips.

ROOMMATES: Each person making a reservation is responsible for finding their own roommate. When confirming your reservation for a tour, you should inform us if you have a roommate. Persons making a reservation without a designated roommate will be billed for the single rate. If either you or Jefferson Tours and Charters finds an acceptable person to share room costs, the cost of the tour will be reduced to the double rate and monies, if due, will be refunded to you. If a single room must be assigned because your roommate cancels (even at the last minute or while on tour), we must out of necessity, charge you the additional cost since the hotels make no allowances. If you prefer to have the privacy of your own room, you may do so for an additional charge as noted in our single price. The single rate does not include two seats on the motorcoach.

PICK UP LOCATIONS: In order to make your tour departure as convenient as possible, we pick up for our tours at the Jefferson Tours and Charters Office in Louisville; the Radisson Hotel in Clarksville, Indiana; the Wal-Mart in Frankfort; and the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. For groups of 20 or more, we will pick up at the location of your choice in any of our departure cities. For group pick-ups in locations other than our regular cities, there will be an additional cost per person. When making your reservation, it is important to give the correct departure location. No changes in pick up locations will be accepted after the itineraries are mailed, as departure timetables are established at that time.

LUGGAGE: How much luggage may I bring? For your convenience and to expedite movement, each tour participant is allowed one (1) large suitcase, not to exceed 22 x 10 x 30 inches in size and not to exceed 45 lbs. in weight. You must weigh and measure your bag after finishing your packing. In addition, each tour participant is allowed one (1) carry-on luggage (such as an overnight case or similar small bag) that you handle or carry-on yourself. This carry-on bag must remain in your possession while traveling. Please note that due to limited storage space, we are unable to accept luggage that exceeds that specified size or weight limitation. Although every precaution will be taken to protect your belongings, Jefferson Tours and Charters cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to baggage or belongings. We strongly recommend that you insure your baggage before leaving home. Please note that concealed weapons, or weapons of any kind are not allowed on the motorcoach or in the luggage compartments.

CLOTHING: How should I dress? We suggest that you travel as light as possible. Casual attire in wash and wear fabrics travel best. Slacks are very acceptable for ladies and sport shirts for gentlemen. Dress-up clothes are necessary only for specific occasions listed in the itinerary. Don't forget your umbrella or raincoat in case of showers. You should always take a sweater or jacket to use on the coach and comfortable walking shoes are a must for any tour.

GROUP COURTESIES: Please be mindful of your fellow passengers and our staff. Group travel is a wonderful alternative to individual travel. We seek to provide a safe, clean environment for all of our travelers. It takes everyone in the group to make for a good tour. We ask that everyone be kind and courteous and keep on schedule. Please listen carefully to the Tour Director and/or Local Guide for instructions. We ask that everyone be able to keep up with the group. We reserve the right to refuse or discharge anyone we feel would be disruptive to the trip or harmful to themselves or others.

MEDICINES: If you are taking prescription medicines, be sure to take enough to last the duration of the tour. Sometimes it is very difficult to get a prescription refilled while in route. We highly recommend that you carry all medications in your purse, pocket, or in your carry-on, not in your large suitcase. It would be wise to have in your possession a list of all medications you are currently taking in case of an emergency. The coaches are not equipped to store medications that need refrigeration.

PHYSICAL DISABILITIES: Any disability requiring special attention or treatment, or hotel accommodations should be reported to Jefferson Tours and Charters when the reservation is made. We will request but cannot guarantee a handicapped room. Foldable wheelchairs and walkers are allowed on the tour, but must be stored in the luggage bays underneath the motorcoach. Wheelchairs and walkers are not provided by Jefferson Tours and Charters. Passengers intending to bring a foldable wheelchair or walker should notify Jefferson Tours and Charters at least 24 hours prior to departure. Unfortunately, the driver is unable to provide individual assistance to guests for walking, wheelchairs, or other personal needs. Travelers needing assistance must be accompanied by an able companion who can assist them. Some of our tours include attractions at high elevations; please consult your physician about possible health effects.

DELUXE MOTORCOACHES: Jefferson Tours and Charters uses only the most modern deluxe motorcoaches available. They are climate-controlled, have comfortable reclining seats, footrests, overhead storage racks, restrooms, public address systems, and large viewing windows. All of our motorcoaches have video systems for your added touring pleasure. We always try to take the most popular and scenic routes so that travel itself becomes an enjoyable part of your vacation. There is never any overnight traveling. All passengers are insured while traveling aboard Jefferson Tours' motorcoaches.

SEAT ROTATION: In order that everyone can enjoy a variety of views and have exposure to meeting other people on the tours, we rotate seats daily in a clockwise direction on all multiple day trips. One of the front seats is reserved for the Tour Director and will not rotate. In order not to show partiality among passengers, there can be no exceptions to our seating plan.

COMPREHENSIVE ITINERARIES: Jefferson Tours and Charters researches and plans each itinerary to include the "must see" sights of a given area as well as the little known, off the beaten path places that become the most memorable part of your experience. We try to ensure that you have an exciting, fun, educational, and the most enjoyable travel experience you have ever had. Jefferson Tours and Charters reserves the right to change or modify the itinerary to provide a smooth operation and ensure a successful tour. **Should an attraction become unavailable during the year, we will substitute one of equal or better value.**

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Occasionally an attraction will be changed for the sole purpose of improving the tour.

PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP:

- **Photo I.D.** – (such as a driver’s license) is a necessity on any trip.
- **Passports** – A valid passport is required to enter Canada. A driver’s license is no longer acceptable. Grandparents traveling into Canada with children must bring notarized written documentation of permission from custodial parent.
- **Real I.D.** – Beginning May 7, 2025, every air traveler 18 years of age and older will need a REAL I.D. compliant driver’s license or identification card, state-issued enhanced driver’s license, or another TSA-acceptable form of identification at airport security checkpoints for domestic air travel. A REAL I.D. can be obtained at your local DMV.

WAITING LISTS: We take waiting lists on all tours, since we do have frequent cancellations. If the tour you request is filled, then we recommend that you sign up on our waiting list. As soon as a vacancy occurs, you will be notified that you are confirmed on the tour. All vacancies will be filled from the waiting list in the order in which they were received.

QUALITY ACCOMMODATIONS: Hotels are selected and continually monitored for their location, comfort, hospitality, and style. Careful planning, research, and experience are woven into the choice of each hotel. We maintain tight quality control on all our lodging accommodations so that your overnight stays will be an enjoyable part of your tour. **Please note that most hotels have implemented a 100% non-smoking environment and charge a cleaning fee for smoking in a non-smoking room. We will send in your special requests on our rooming list to the hotel, for example, adjacent rooms, low floors, etc. However, due to hotel availability, we cannot guarantee the hotel will honor these requests.**

CANCELLATION POLICY: We at Jefferson Tours and Charters understand that at times, due to uncontrollable circumstances, it may become necessary to cancel a tour. In the event that cancellation does become necessary, the following policies will apply:

No exceptions will be made regarding our refund policy. For this reason, we recommend travel protection.

- 1) Jefferson Tours and Charters will have to charge any non-recoverable expenditures made on behalf of the participant at the time of cancellation. These costs would be for tickets, meals, hotels, etc. Hotels require a rooming list and full payment 60 to 45 days prior to arrival and show tickets are often purchased 60 days in advance. Many times, these monies are entirely non-refundable. In addition to any non-recoverable expenditures, there will be a \$10 per person handling fee to cover the cost of postage, processing fees, faxes, and long-distance telephone expenses. Cancellations made less than ten (10) business days prior to departure will be subject to the entire cost of the tour if a replacement cannot be found. Once the tour departs, no refunds will be made. Refunds are not given for any meals or attractions, etc, in which the travelers does not participate while on tour.
- 2) **Please note that we are unable to transfer funds to another tour if non-recoverable expenses have been made on your behalf on the tour you originally reserved.**

- 3) Refund checks will be processed at the end of each month. Please allow sufficient time after the tour returns to audit all hotel and attraction charges. At that time, we will make every effort to return any monies possible. If you have not received your refund 30 days from the return date of the tour, please call our office.
- 4) Refunds of monies paid on airline, cruise, or train tours will be made in accordance with the policy of the specific conveyance.
- 5) No refunds will be made for cancellations or other service interruptions due to the weather or other factors beyond Jefferson Tours and Charters' control.
- 6) In certain instances Jefferson Tours and Charters may cancel a tour. When this occurs, our travelers have the choice to either transfer their deposit to another tour or receive a full refund. Please note tour deposits are paid directly to hotels. Jefferson's process for these refunds is 30 days.

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TRAVEL INSURANCE: We at Jefferson Tours and Charters recognize the need to protect your health, property, and trip investment. But what if something prevents you from continuing your tour and you are miles away from home? While it doesn't happen frequently, travel insurance protects you from the dreadful experience of paying for return home transportation, hotel accommodations, food, and medical costs, should you need it, out of your own pocket.

Protect yourself so you won't have to pay for things you didn't plan. Travel insurance, like the policies from Arch RoamRight, can provide peace of mind during your away time. There are a variety of plans available:

- Pro Plan
- Pro Plus Plan
- Cancel Flex Plan
- On Trip Plus Plan

Jefferson Tours and Charters recommends that you purchase insurance before traveling on any vacation. We have more information available on the levels and costs, so please ask how to purchase it.

However, if you choose not to purchase travel insurance, please understand that Jefferson Tours and Charters will not be held liable for your expenses and will not compensate you if you are detained from traveling at any point of your trip, including the start, or at any point in between. You should also be aware that your personal insurance may not be accepted in some parts of the country, or in foreign countries like Canada where we occasionally travel.



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