

**TRIPS FOR THE "OVER 55" - Prince William Area** 



FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:

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# BLUEBIRD POLICY INFORMATION

The current **Bluebird Policy Manual** is on line at <u>https://www.pwcva.gov/department/areaagency-aging/bluebird-tours</u>. It is your responsibility to make yourself aware of important information concerning your Bluebird experience.

### Payment Policy

Payments for trips **are due within two weeks of making the reservation.** Check, exact cash, money order or credit card is accepted. If you do not make your payment within those two weeks your name can be dropped from the reservation list without notice. Receipts for payments can be emailed. When making your payment, request a receipt by providing an active email address. If you don't have email, request a confirmation be mailed.

### **Refunds and Cancellations**

If you need to cancel your reservation, please call Quality Tour Transportation and speak with one of the agents handling the Bluebird Tour program. All cancellations are subject to an administrative fee of \$5.00 for day trips and \$10.00 for overnight trips. <u>A refund will only be</u> given if there is someone on the "standby list" to take your space Trip cancellation insurance is available only for the overnight tours and it is highly suggested.

### Schedule and Trip Information

Schedules for the Bluebird trips can be printed from the web page: www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agencyaging/bluebird-tours. If you would like to receive trip information from the Bluebird Advisory committee, please send an email to BB4information@aol.com and you will be added to the address book maintained by the Advisory Board. You may also contact Quality Tours at dcreek@dctrails.com for more information. Call 703-792-7433 (RIDE) to check if a current trip is operating as scheduled.

### Guidelines for Tipping

The suggested gratuity for a driver is \$2-\$3 per day. The gratuity for sightseeing guides is included in cost of tour. A docent is usually not tipped for their service. If a meal is included in a tour, all taxes and gratuities have already been included in the tour cost (excluding alcoholic beverages). Tour Escorts do not expect tips but do appreciate them.

### <u>Trip Insurance</u>

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON OVERNIGHT TOURS AND IS NOT INCLUDED in the price of the overnight trips. However, insurance is available through **Our Travel Guard Chartism** and is available for everyone. Rates are based on the cost of the tour and your age. The insurance provides trip cancellation coverage, trip interruption coverage, baggage up to \$500, emergency accident/sickness medical expenses up to \$2,500, and emergency evacuation repatriation of remains up to \$25,000. The insurance must be paid for with your first deposit or payment on the trip. The cost will be provided on request.

### Seating Policy for One Day Trips

Passengers boarding in Manassas sit on the Driver's side of the bus. Passengers boarding in Woodbridge sit on the Door side of the bus.

### **Departure** Points

Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure time.

### One Day Tours

**Manassas at Wal-Mart** located at 9401 Liberia Avenue. We load in the parking lot on your right close to Wawa. No parking overnight.

### Woodbridge at Featherstone Shopping Center

located at 14527 Jefferson Davis Highway. We load in the rear of McDonald's. No parking overnight.

### **Overnight Tours**

**Manassas** at the public parking lot next door to the Manassas Sr. Center located at 9320 Mosby Street, Manassas, VA 20110.

**Woodbridge** at the A. J. Ferlazzo Building located at 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191. For this pickup point you will receive a parking permit in with your baggage tags and itinerary.

### <u>Return Times</u>

The bus driver and/or escort will make the decision as to which location will be dropped off first. The decision will be based on the factors that affect driving.

Note: All return times are approximate. The driver will provide a more exact time on the return day of the trip.

### <u>Alcohol</u>

No consumption of alcohol is permitted on the bus.

All tours may take place on a Quality Tour Transport motor coach.

### **RESERVATIONS**

Reservations commence on the date listed under each tour destination in this schedule. On that date, reservations are accepted by telephone only at (703) 339-0333 beginning at 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. On reservation day, reservations can be made for up to four persons per phone call. One-day tours must have a minimum of twenty persons to run and an overnight tour must have a minimum of thirty persons to run.

At the time of reservation any special accommodations, including but not limited to seating and dietary restrictions, should be mentioned.

Three (3) days after the initial reservation date, remaining space will be opened to residents over 18 years of age as well as groups from Prince William County and neighboring counties. Installment payments may be arranged for any tour with the reservationist at time of booking.

Checks are to be made payable to Quality Tour Transport, Inc. and mailed to:

### Quality Tour Transport, Inc. P.O. Box 1520 Lorton, VA 22199

We ask that you issue a check for each tour booked and indicate the date of the tour on each check. If you pay by cash, you must present the exact amount. Payment can also be made by credit card. Trip money will be accepted as soon as the reservation has been confirmed. Please refer to the Bluebird Tour Program Policy Manual for full details of the policies governing the Bluebird Program.

NOTE: The trip escort is permitted to make changes as necessary to trip itineraries while on the road

BLUEBIRD NAME TAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$12.50. CONTACT CHESTER SMITH AT 703-368-9552

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### **BLUEBIRD MEETING**

Friday, November 18, 2022, 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers of the McCoart Building.



### **BLUEBIRD SOCIAL**

September 12, 2022, at the United Buffet 2942 Prince William Parkway, Woodbridge at 12:00 p.m. Cost: \$15.43 includes drink and gratuity. (Site of the old "Old Country Buffet")

A COURTESY BUS will be PROVIDED DEPARTING Walmart Manassas at 11:15 a.m. on September 12, 2022. Call Quality Tours for reservations

# AUGUST

# Wednesday, August 10 SUICIDE BRIDGE CRAB FEAST CRUISE Hurlock, MD Cost: \$135 pp Reservations Already Opened

Spend an exciting three hours on a cruise aboard the Choptank Riverboat Company's reproductions of an authentic 80-foot turn-of-the-century paddle wheeler. The menu includes all-you-can-eat crabs, MD crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn on the cob, coleslaw, non-alcoholic beverages, and assorted cheesecakes. (Alcoholic beverages are offered for sale). We will depart Manassas at 8:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m.

# Friday, August 19 BELLE GROVE PLANTATION Middletown, VA Cost: \$138 pp Reservations Already Opened

What a lovely day we have for you as we visit the southern end of the Shenandoah Valley. We begin our visit **at Belle Grove Plantation** where we will have a docent tour of the manor house and visit the grounds. This will be followed by a buffet **lunch** at the **Wayside Inn** built in 1797. Following lunch, we will proceed to the **Museum of the Shenandoah Valley** where we will tour both the museum and the gardens. We will then continue to **Winchester** where a **step on guide** will give us a riding tour of this historic area. Time will also be allowed for **shopping** in **Old Town Winchester** before departing for home. We will depart Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m. and Manassas at 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:15 p.m. **NOTE: Must have 40 to operate**.

# Tuesday, August 23 SCHAEFERS CANAL HOUSE Chesapeake City, Maryland Cost: \$124 pp Reservations Already Opened

Welcome to Schaefer's Canal House in Chesapeake City, Maryland. Tucked away in one of the most eye-catching regions of the Upper Chesapeake Bay, along the historic C & D Canal, here you will enjoy a fantastic luncheon. With your reservations provide your choice of a seafood combo platter with shrimp oysters and a crab cake and served with potato wedges and coleslaw or a 14 oz. angus rib eye steak (choice of medium or well-done). Please provide your choice with your reservation. Everyone will enjoy the chef's dessert and choice of iced tea, soda and coffee. Relax and enjoy the restaurants panoramic views overlooking the C & D Canal as you gaze at the ships and yachts passing through. Lunch will be followed by an-hour cruise that takes you along the C&D Canal and onto the Oak and Elk River. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m. NOTE: This tour is limited to 38 passengers.

# SEPTEMBER LOOK AT ME FOR PRICE INCREASE

Friday, September 2 *TEA AT BELLE GROVE* King George, VA Cost: \$98 pp Reservations Already Opened

This historic plantation was established in 1670. The mansion was built in 1791 and is the birthplace of President James Madison and location of many other American Historic events. We are scheduled for tea at 1:00 p.m. This special **afternoon tea** and tour features two flavors of scones, tea sandwiches and three flavors of petite desserts. The Historic **Mansion Tour** covers the whole mansion and **one** of the **three** 1720 outbuildings (summer kitchen). This is a guided tour. You will hear about the families that called Belle Grove home, the history of the furniture and information on the architecture. We could not leave the area without a stop at **Ingleside Winery**. We will learn all about their wines as well as enjoy a **tasting**. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

LOOK AT ME, I'M NEW Sunday September 4 The Totem Pole Playhouse Presents LOVE, SEX & THE I.R.S.! Fayetteville, PA Cost: \$119 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Jon Trachtman and Leslie Arthur are out of work musicians who room together in New York City. To save money, Jon has been filing tax returns listing the pair as married. The day of reckoning comes when the Internal Revenue Service informs the "couple" they're going to be investigated. Leslie masquerades as a housewife, aided by Jon's fiancée, Kate. Complicating matters further, Leslie and Kate are having an affair behind Jon's back, Jon's mother drops in unexpectedly to meet her son's fiancée, and Leslie's ex-girlfriend shows up demanding to know why Leslie has changed and won't see her anymore. Like a cross between *I Love Lucy* and *Some Like it Hot*. Before the show enjoy a delicious buffet **lunch** in Waynesboro, PA at the Keystone Family Restaurant. We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. The return time is approximately 6:30 a.m.

### LOOK AT ME FOR ITINERARY CHANGES Tuesday-Friday, September 6-9 COUNTRY INN & SEASIDE RESORT Cost: \$1105 Single & \$835 Twin pp Reservations Open: Already Opened

This New England tour provides for one night at the **Publick House Historic Inn** in Sturbridge, MA and two nights at the **1620 Seaside Resort** in Plymouth, MA. Also included are three full breakfasts, three complete dinners, and two Cracker Barrel luncheons. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m. **Note: Must have 38 to operate** 

#### The Itinerary

**Day One:** Lunch stop is included at Cracker Barrel with ae \$18 gift card. Arrive at the Historic **Publick House Inn**, Sturbridge, MA – The warmth and charm of this 1771 New England Inn captures your senses with crackling fireplaces and New England country. Nestled in the village amongst acres of beautiful countryside, the Inn has hosted both George Washington and Benjamin Franklin [With reservation provide choice of pot roast, butter crumb scrod or roast turkey]. Your Public House dinner serves hearty New England fare coupled with warm Yankee hospitality complete with homemade apple pie with ice cream.

#### Day Two: Full Breakfast

**Plymouth Harbor Cruise** – Experience Plymouth's stunning shoreline from the water with views of the "Rock", jetties and the estate-dotted coastline. You'll set sail aboard the Pilgrim Belle and sail the waters of our Forefathers 400 years after their arrival.

**Hull Lifesaving Museum** – Schooners and nor'easters, shipwrecks, and rescues! The maritime history of Boston Harbor abounds at the historic 1889 Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station with engaging exhibits and spectacular views of Boston Light from the observation cupola.

**Plymouth Waterfront** – Spend time in "America's Hometown", Plymouth on the waterfront. See the Plymouth Rock, the Pilgrim's landing site and views of the Mayflower. Time to explore and have lunch on your own.

Arrive at the **1620 Seaside Resort** in Plymouth. Take-in a seaside retreat and bask in the panoramic views of the Atlantic and Boston Harbor Bay. **Buffet Dinner** is at the Resort.

### Day Three: Full Breakfast

Boston Harbor Cruise with fantastic views of the city of Boston from the water.

**Boston City Tour** – Board your **trolley** for a riding guided tour seeing the sites that make Boston famous – Beacon Hill, The Boston Common, Bunker Hill, Boston Public Garden, Olde State House and more.

#### USS Constitution and Museum visit

Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market – Take time to explore and have lunch on your own at this historic center filled with shops, eateries and carts of hand-crafted gifts.

Resort Time – Buffet dinner.

<u>Day Four</u>: Full Breakfast. Lunch stop is included at Cracker Barrel with choice of menu (\$18 gift card).

NOTE: Because Spirit of Boston decided to cancel the luncheon cruise due to lack of bookings, changes were made to enhance the itinerary without canceling the tour.

### LOOK AT ME FOR LUNCHEON LOCATION CHANGE Sunday, September 11 THE ALTRIA THEATRE PRESENTS: WICKED Richmond, VA Cost: \$205 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

One of the hottest musicals that ever hit is being presented at the Altria. *Wicked* delves into the past of Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, and the Wicked Witch of the West, who had a history together long before Dorothy blew into Oz. See how one beautiful, popular girl and her smart but misunderstood green-skinned friend grew into the classic *Wizard of Oz.* Needless to say, the musical lyrics are outstanding! **Brunch/lunch** is prior to the performance at the **Cracker Barrel (\$18 Gift Card) in Ashland and a guided tour of Ginter Gardens follows the performance.** We will depart Manassas at 8:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. The return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

# Wednesday, September 14 GHOST Riverside Dinner Theatre Fredericksburg, VA Cost: \$130 pp Reservations Already Opened

*Ghost the Musical* is a timeless fantasy about the power of love. Longtime couple Sam and Molly are happily in love and living together in Brooklyn. Walking back to their apartment one night, they are mugged at gunpoint, leaving Sam murdered on a dark street. Sam is trapped between this world and the next as a ghost and unable to leave Molly--- who he quickly learns is in grave danger. With the help of a storefront psychic named Oda Mae Brown, Sam tries to communicate with Molly in the hope of protecting her. Featuring such popular songs as "With You" and the Righteous Brothers' classic "Unchained Melody," this powerful love story is sure to become a favorite! We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. The return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

# Saturday, September 17 SIGHT & SOUND presents: DAVID Lancaster, Pennsylvania Cost: \$166 pp Reservations Already Opened

On arrival we will visit Kitchen Kettle for homemade Pennsylvania Dutch **jelly** and **jam** plus check out 42 other **shops**. Then we are off to enjoy **lunch** at **Miller's Smorgasbord** with time to walk around and visit their shops. We are scheduled for the 3:00 p.m. matinee performance of *David*. We will depart Manassas at 7:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m. The return time is approximately 9:15 p.m. A fast food stop will be made on the return home

# LOOK AT ME, I'M NEW! Monday, September 19 FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT PRESENTS FALLIN GWATER Mill Run, PA Cost: \$109 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Enjoy fall in the Pennsylvania countryside as we journey to see the architectural phenomenon called **Fallingwater**. Fallingwater was designed in 1935 by renowned American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Today, the public can tour this iconic symbol of people living in harmony with nature. Prior to our arrival, we will stop in Farmington, PA to **enjoy lunch** at the **Historic Stone House Restaurant [With your reservation, provide your choice of Lemon pepper chicken breast or 5-Layer Lasagna].** From here, it is only a short distance to **Mill Run** and our-**guided tour of the home** built over a waterfall as well as free time to explore the surrounding gardens or visit the gift shop. On the return trip, we will make a fast-food rest stop. We will depart Manassas at 6:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:00 p.m.

### LOOK AT ME FOR REVISIONS DUE TO COVID-VIRUS & ECONOMY! September 22-October 3 THE HOME WHERE THE BUFFALO ROAM FEATURING MOUNT RUSHMORE, CUSTER STATE PARK & BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK Cost: \$2950 Single & \$2150 Twin pp Reservations: Already Opened

Join us on this journey for a taste of the old west with iconic parks preserving the glory of our God given one-of-a-kind nation. You will understand the words to America the Beautiful.as we travel to just one of our western heritage states where once the buffalo roamed by the millions and the Cheyenne & Dakota Sioux lived free to roam. The tour includes 11 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 9 dinners. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. Note: When you see (Gift Card) it means you have \$18 to order what you wish paying out of pocket for anything over budget. <u>Special Note: With reservation provide your birthdate</u> required on 9/24 trip aboard the S/S Badger

# The Itinerary

#### DAY 1: MAUMEE, OHIO

Hop aboard your deluxe motor coach equipped with Wi-Fi, restroom, reclining seats, and large panoramic windows. Today we begin our journey west where the wolves still run wild, and buffalo roam the landscape to view the beauty of iconic landmarks of the old west... the ones you remember from all those TV westerns you watched growing up. It would not be complete without the history of the Native American Indians and the likes of Custer and Crazy Horse. Meal and rest stops will be made enroute to our first night's destination in **Maumee, Ohio** at the **Hampton Inn**. Dinner is included prior to check-in at our hotel at the nearby **Cracker Barrel**.

#### DAY 2: GRAND RAPIDS & LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN

Breakfast then we proceed to Grand Rapids, Michigan to tour Frederick Meijer Gardens and enjoy **lunch on your own** in the **Taste of the Gardens Café**. A tram tour of the gardens will be followed by a visit to the Conservatory. We will then meet our **step-on guide for a tour** of the highlights of Grand Rapids to include a visit to the **museum honoring our former President Ford**. We will continue to Ludington, Michigan for overnight at the **BEST WESTERN LAKEWINDS**. **Dinner** is at **HAMLIN'S** (choice of meat loaf, roast chicken or lake perch).

#### DAY 3: MANITOWOC & WISCONSIN DELLS, WISCONSIN

Early departure to board the **S/S Badger** ferry that departs for a cruising adventure across Lake Michigan to Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Once aboard, breakfast is included and lunch will be on your own during your four-hour crossing. Depart the ferry and proceed to the **Wisconsin Dells** to check-in to the **Wyndham Wisconsin Dells**. Prepare for an evening of dining and entertainment at the **Wisconsin Opry** inclusive of downhome cooking and a hayride through acres of beautiful nature and farmland. The show features a variety of classic and modern country music, bluegrass, gospel, banjo pickin', fiddle playing, and a few laughs thrown in for good measure.

#### DAY 4: UPPER DELLS, WISCONSIN & MITCHELL, SD

Enjoy a continental breakfast included at the hotel this morning after which we will depart on a delightful **boat tour of the Upper Dells** to see the beautiful rock formations that made the Dells famous as we float by towering sandstone cliffs cut by glaciers ages ago. Next board the coach, sit back and relax as our travel west continues with our destination being Mitchell, South Dakota. Rest and lunch stop to be made enroute. We arrive at our hotel for a one-night stay at the **Quality Inn**. Prior to arrival, we will enjoy a **dinner** at **The Ranch Restaurant (With reservation provide choice of grilled chicken, country fried steak or meatloaf).** 

# DAY 5: WALLS, BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK, RAPID CITY

Wake up to a continental breakfast included at the hotel. Following breakfast, we will stop by the Corn Palace to view the murals which adorn the facility and are crafted by placing various colored kernels of corn to create their masterpiece murals. We will then board our bus and depart for the famous Wall Drug Store with some souvenir shopping and lunch on your own. Wall Drug had its beginnings in 1931 and became a tourist stop all with the promise of free ice water. It has become a must-stop on your westward bucket list of stops. We will meet a Park Ranger at the headquarters to the entrance of Badlands National Park. Use the facilities and get a brochure to follow along on a riding tour featuring dramatic landscapes with spans of lavered-rock formations, steep canvons and towering spires. Be on the lookout for bison, big horn sheep and prairie dogs which inhabit the sprawling grasslands. After our ride we will proceed to our host hotel for the next three nights - the La Quinta by Wyndham. Dinner is at the Colonial House (Choice of ribs & chicken combo or top sirloin or Canadian walleye)

#### DAY 6: DEADWOOD, CUSTER STATE PARK

A hearty breakfast buffet will be included at the hotel this morning prior to departing for a narrated tour of **Deadwood** featuring an entertaining mix of humorous facts, history and adventure. Deadwood is an old-west town started with the Gold Rush of 1876, and our tour will travel the same pathways walked by legends such as Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane, Poker Alice and Potato Creek Johnny. After lunch on your own, enjoy a visit to **"Tatanka: Story of the Bison"** commissioned by Kevin Costner, with an interpretive center and 17 larger-than-life bronze sculptures, including three Indian hunters on

horseback chasing 14 rampaging bison off a cliff. It is said that thirty to sixty million bison once roamed the great plains of North America. By the close of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was estimated that less than 1,000 bison survived. We will then proceed to **Custer State Park Game Lodge** where we will break up into several groups to board our jeeps to go out and into the bison herd so you can get up close and real. We will also enjoy **dinner** at the **State Lodge** following our tour [Advise choice of Buffalo <u>sirloin, seared Walleye, roasted chicken breast, pork loin</u> <u>chop, or creamy pasta primavera</u>]. On our way back to our hotel, we will stop for time to browse and buy at the **Prairie Edge & Sioux Trading Post Shop.** Here you will find Native American inspired items including jewelry, blankets and quilts, fine art, books and music, headdresses, drums, robes and much more.

#### DAY 7: THE BLACK HILLS

This morning we will depart for the Fort Hays Headquarters to enjoy the all-you-can-eat **cowboy breakfast** at the chuckwagon followed by the following events. **Board the coach outside of the Headquarters Building for your all-day tour that includes:** 

**Mount Rushmore National Monument:** We spend at least an hour visiting Mount Rushmore. There is plenty of time to see all the park has to offer including the sculptors' studio and the Lincoln Borglum Museum.

Iron Mountain Road: We wind over the Peter Norbeck National Scenic Byway as it takes you over Iron Mountain Road through scenic pigtail bridges. Bring your camera for potential Kodak moments here!

Custer State Park: Keep your camera ready and your eyes on the lookout for wildlife like buffalo, burros, antelope, elk, and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep. We stop when it's safe.

**State Game Lodge:** Our lunch stop is at the presidential summer white house to former president Calvin Coolidge and Dwight D. Eisenhower. Your buffet lunch is included and the buffalo stew is highly recommended.

**Needles Highway:** We continue through Custer State Park to Needles Highway passing through scenic tunnels and by scenic overlooks. Check your camera; there are great pictures here!!

Sylvan Lake: Stop for pictures and a restroom break at the spectacular man-made lake located at the bottom of Black Elk Peak (formerly Harney Peak). This picturesque lake is a local favorite for campers, rock climbers, and hikers.

**Crazy Horse Memorial:** Staying for at least one hour, we visit the largest mountain carving in the world. You can visit the memorial, museums and learn so much about the sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski in his home studio museum. Returning to Fort Hays Chuckwagon we will enjoy a great **cowboy chuck wagon dinner** followed by a **variety show**! You are sure to have a foot-stompin', belly shakin' good time!! Bring your camera and take some pictures. We wrap everything up in time for us to travel to **Mount Rushmore for the lighting ceremony.** We will be returned to our hotel.

#### DAY 8: RAPID CITY, SIOUX FALLS

Enjoy breakfast. Place your bag inside the door before going to the lobby. From here it's eastward with our final destination of the day being **Sioux Falls**, **SD**. Rest and lunch stops will be made enroute. Upon arrival we will meet our private step-on guide for a tour of the city and a photo-op at the falls that named the city. We will then check-in the **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Sioux Falls. Dinner** tonight will be at the **Cracker Barrel \$18 Gift Card**.

DAY 9: WINTERSET, DAVENPORT

A continental breakfast is included at our hotel this morning. Then we continue our travels east (with lunch on our own along the way. A stop is made in **Winterset**, **Iowa** to tour the **John Wayne Birthplace & Museum**. Born Marion Robert Morrison on May 26, 1907, we go back to the small town where the legend was born to explore his life. Take a self-guided walk through the modest four-room home that has been restored to reflect its appearance back in 1907, as well as the museum adjacent to the home that features the largest exhibit of John Wayne artifacts. Afterwards, we will depart for Davenport, Iowa where upon arrival we will check-in the La Quinta by Wyndham for a one-night stay. Prior to our arrival, we will stop at **North Park Mall** where you can secure **dinner on your own** plus enjoy shopping time.

#### DAY 10: MOLINE, IOWA & ANGOLA, IND

Breakfast will be included at our hotel this morning prior to check-out and travel to the **John Deere Welcome Center** and Pavilion **in Moline**, **Iowa**. They say nothing runs like a Deere, and here is the opportunity to hop inside different equipment, operate the simulators, learn how they are built, their history and the impact that they have on our world. Next, we will depart for Angola Indiana and overnight at the **Ramada Inn. Dinner is** at **Bob Evans on your own**.

# DAY 11: INDEPENDENCE, CUYAHOGA NATIONAL PARK & CANTON

Enjoy breakfast included at the hotel this morning prior to check-out and departure. By late afternoon we will arrive in **Akron, Ohio** where we will board the **Cuyahoga fall foliage train** ride thru the beautiful **Cuyahoga Valley National Park**. The scenery is breathtaking, and the historic cars have comfortable seating, wide windows and ample leg room. Overnight will be at the **Quality Inn** in **Canton, Ohio**. **Dinner** is at the **Golden Corral (Gift Card \$18)**.

#### DAY 12: HOME

Breakfast included at the hotel prior to check out. This morning we will visit the **Pro Football Hall of Fame**. In addition to the exhibits, there will be two movies approximately 30 minutes each in duration that you might want to see. A lunch and dinner stop on your own will be made as well as a rest stop enroute. Expected arrival time back in the area is 8:00 p.m.

# LOOK AT ME, I'M NEW! Saturday, September 24 THE POTOMAC EAGLE Romney, WV Cost: \$284 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

The historic Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad is one of America's most beautiful train rides. For eight hours enjoy a narrated excursion through a tranguil and pristine mountain valley. View historic farms and lush mountain greenery. Around every curve you are rewarded with the splendor of native wildflowers, evergreens, and mixed hardwoods in an unspoiled Experience the "All Day countryside environment. Petersburg" trip in the superior dome car. Here, at your table you will enjoy being served a light breakfast and lunch as well as a prime rib dinner on the return trip. See the South Branch of the Potomac River, where the water is so clear that you can see fish as they lie resting in the shade or see eagles soaring in the sky or rousting in the trees. You'll also have a two-hour layover in Petersburg to explore the town and enjoy the unique shops offered there [With reservation indicate

your choice of the following during your layover in Petersburg: tour of the trout hatchery or tour of historic Fort Mulligan, an earthen fort built during the War Between the States. This is an eight-hour journey from beginning to end and you might see an eagle or two. You will be served a fourcourse dinner that includes shrimp cocktail, Caesar salad and cheesecake. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:45 a.m. and Manassas at 7:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. Restrooms are available at the train depot and on board the train.

# OCTOBER

# LOOK AT MY DATE CHANGE!

# Wednesday, October 5 SUICIDE BRIDGE CRAB FEAST CRUISE Hurlock, MD Cost: \$135 pp Reservations Already Opened

Spend an exciting three hours on a cruise aboard the

Choptank Riverboat Company's reproduction of an authentic 80-foot turn-of-the-century paddle wheeler. The menu includes all-you-can-eat crabs, MD crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn on the cob, coleslaw, non-alcoholic beverages, and assorted cheesecakes. (Alcoholic beverages are offered for sale). We will depart Manassas at 8:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m.

# Saturday, October 8 THE NATIONAL THEATRE PRESENTS *TVINA* Washington, DC Cost: \$218 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Her voice is undeniable, her fire is unstoppable, and her triumph is unlike any other! This new musical reveals a comeback story like no other, of a woman who dared to defy the bounds of racism, sexism and ageism to become the global Queen of Rock n' Roll! *The Tina Turner Musical* is a celebration of resilience and an inspiration of triumph over adversity, and we have orchestra seats to **the matinee performance**. Prior to the show we will enjoy **lunch** at the **Ivy City Smokehouse [With reservation advise choice of 12 jumbo shrimp, a half rack of Smokehouse BBQ ribs, or grilled chicken breast]. We will depart Manassas at 8:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:15 p.m.** 

## Sunday, October 9 THE WWII MEMORIAL & WILD WEST CELEBRATION Gettysburg, PA Cost: \$125 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

We will first visit the new World War II American Experience which seeks to educate visitors about the American sacrifices made during the world's largest conflict of the 20th century. We will have a docent tour. Our next stop will be for lunch at the Cracker Barrel in New Freedom, PA[ \$18 Gift Card] to enjoy a meal of your choice. Our feature stop is next as we are off to be transported to the Wild West in this event celebrating cowboy and cowgirl culture! We will ride along with our No. 17 locomotive with "the most reckless class of outlaws in the wild country," and prepare for an experience straight out of the most beloved cowboy films- compete with train robberies, shootouts, live performances, and more! This celebration of cowboy culture immerses visitors in the most unique movement of the 1800s. The Wild West movies from the 1950s to today romanticize the life of the cowboy and cowgirl and make us all want to be participants in the cowboy life. Cowboys were referred to as "the most reckless class of outlaws in the wild country." Our locomotive, the No.17, is exactly like those that ran at the time of expansion west and it creates a unique stage for cowboy robberies and learning about the cowboy lifestyles. This family-friendly event includes:

Live train robberies aboard the No. 17, Authentic cowboy camp at Summit Grove. Performances by musicians, magicians, and brawlers Cowboy shootouts with the good guys and the bad guys', Food, games, and family fun

We will depart Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m.

## Thursday-Saturday, October 13-15 FALL FOLIAGE ADVENTURE Pittsburgh, Altoona & Johnstown, PA & Cumberland, MD Cost: \$706 Single & \$565 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Fall colors in the beautiful Allegheny and Appalachian Mountains of Pennsylvania and Maryland are the most natural breathtaking aspect of this tour. Both mountain ranges are featured on two historic and distinct railroads – Amtrak's "the Pennsylvania" and the Western Scenic Railroad. Though built around two railroads, you will see below the additional sightsee including the Flight 93 Memorial plus great local food. Don't miss this one for the scenery alone! **The Tour includes 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners.** We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:15 p.m. **Note: This tour is limited to 40 passengers**.

#### The Itinerary

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13:

A fast-food rest stop will be made at the driver's discretion as we proceed to Cumberland, MD. Here, we will board the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad for a one-way fall foliage journey to Frostburg, MD. Next is a very special stop as we visit Flight 93 National Memorial in Stoystown, PA (Shanksville area) where you'll learn about the flight which crashed on Sept. 11, 2001, as passengers fought to retake control of the hijacked plane. See the crash site from the Memorial Plaza and from the Visitors Center offering views from above. From here, we continue to Pittsburg, PA at the confluence of the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio Rivers. We will check in the lovely Embassy Suites Hotel for the night. This evening we have scheduled for your entertainment the best way to see Pittsburgh. We will set off on a grand riverboat where you will enjoy their worldfamous BBQ as we actually pass through a Lock & Dam. The Captain narrates the sights to make your visit to Pittsburgh's Three Rivers complete! There is a full-service bar featuring various brands of liguor, beer, wine, and soda and are located on both the first and second decks of all vessels. If you are ready to get up and dance, a first-class Entertainment DJ plays a great variety of songs from today and the past for your dancing and listening enjoyment! This will be an evening you will long remember! On arrival back in port your coach awaits to transport you back to the hotel for a relaxing night of rest.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Enjoy a hot breakfast in the dining area we board our coach to proceed to Johnstown, PA for a full day of touring with our step-on guide. During the day we will visit the Heritage Discovery Centre including the Iron & Steel Gallery. The "HDC" is located in the neighborhood called "Cambria City" which, back in the years before and after the 1889 flood, was packed with immigrants. We will travel along a street which still shows that kind of density, and our guide will point out the large number of churches -- every ethnicity wanted its own church, its own elementary school, cemetery, social club, etc. The Johnstown Flood Museum is across the bridge and we will walk across the bridge to the museum. The film concerning the flood was the winner of the Academy Award for best documentary and is 25 minutes long after which our guide will take guestions. There is also time to browse the exhibits for the remainder of our visit. Our time at Grandview Cemetery is near the top of the Inclined Plane, but the construction has the observation deck off limits now. More than 750 unidentified flood victims are buried in the Plot of the Unknown. There is a restaurant at the top of the Incline that has an observation deck where we can and get a kind of "aerial" view of Johnstown from there. During the day, we will also walk in a 3-4 block area around Central Park, where about a half a dozen or more buildings that survived the 1889 flood will be pointed out. There are eateries around Central Park where you can also have lunch on your own. We will then proceed to Windber. PA for dinner at Rizzo's Restaurant, a local landmark for generations. Group will be treated to an Italian feast served family-style including fried zucchini, eggplant parmigiana. sausage and peppers, lasagna, rigatoni, meatballs, Italian breaded chicken, bread and butter, spumoni ice cream, plus coffee, hot or iced tea. (Please note restrooms for this site

are on the lower level accessible by stairs.) Following dinner, we will proceed to our overnight at the **Hampton Inn** in Johnstown, PA

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15:

After our extended continental breakfast, we will proceed to the Johnstown train station to board Amtrak's "The Pennsylvania" traveling on famed Horseshoe Curve, between Johnstown and Altoona. Designated an engineering marvel, World Famous Horseshoe Curve is a national historic landmark. Getting a train through the great Allegheny Mountains before the early 1850s was unthinkable. Yet, that changed with ingenious engineering and the steadfast labor of Irish immigrants carving away earth and rock to create a 2,375-foot horseshoe-shaped passage through the hills. After opening for business in 1854, the Curve easily became a must-see tourism destination. Today, visitors from around the globe trek to the World-Famous Horseshoe Curve to reflect on its incredible past and compelling scenery. On arrival in Altoona, our bus will be there to take us to the outlet store of Benzel's Pretzel Bakery, home of the world famous "Pennysticks". We will enjoy lunch at the Eat 'n Park (Mile High Meatloaf) followed by a visit to the Altoona's Railroader's Museum. This museum is dedicated to revealing, interpreting, commemorating and celebrating the significant contributions of Railroaders and their families to American life and industry. in Altoona, PA. the site that includes a small museum, orientation films, observation areas, and gift shop. Ride the funicular (if operating) or walk 194 beautiful landscaped steps to the tracks to view the trains navigating the Horseshoe Curve. Our last stop will be a visit to the Bover Candy Company's outlet store for browsing among a variety of sweets including the company's signature Mallo Cup. Samples are available to try. On our way home, we will stop for dinner in Hagerstown at the Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift certificate) Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 19 UDVAR-HAZY SPACE CENTER Chantilly, VA Cost: \$68 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

It feels like a kid in a candy store as you walk into the Boeing Aviation Hangar at the National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center. No matter which location you're visiting, it's hard not to be amazed. The Center's vast exhibition space displays the iconic giants of aviation and space exploration, including Space Shuttle Discovery, a Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird, an Air France Concorde, and the B-29 Superfortress Enola Gay, and spans from 18th Century early ballooning to the record-setting high-altitude free-fall jumps of recent years. The Museum is also a working restoration and conservation center, and visitors can see the projects underway in the Mary Baker Engen Restoration Hangar. The Center's Airbus IMAX Theater has the largest screen in northern Virginia. It shows short films that are connected to the

Museum's connection during public hours. We will be here for three hours before we depart for the **Cracker Barrel** in Sterling for **lunch of choice** with your \$18 gift card. We will depart Woodbridge at 8:30 a.m. and Manassas at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:45 p.m.

### Saturday, October 22 OLD DOMINION AUTUMN TRAIN BUCKINGHAM BRANCH RAILROAD Dillwyn, VA Cost: \$138 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Join us for a nostalgic journey! The Buckingham Branch Railroad collaborates with the Old Dominion Chapter of the National Railway Preservation Society to offer seasonal fall rail excursion train journeys from the picturesque Dillwyn Station in Central Virginia. A vintage diesel-powered train winds through the rolling hills and deep forests of an unspoiled landscape in the heart of Central Virginia. A round trip typically lasts 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours and travels from Buckingham County to New Canton, then circles back to the railroad station. The train travels through brilliantly changing trees in view of fields and forests and features a breathtaking view of the James River from the bridge at New Canton. Prior to our excursion we will enjoy the Dogwood Buffet at Charley's Waterfront Café in Farmville, VA. Featured will be shrimp & scallop alfredo London Broil & Chicken Marsala along with a salad bar. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

# (SOLD OUT!) Saturday, October 29 Hippodrome Theatre Presents HAMILTON Baltimore, MD Cost: \$244 pp Reservations Opened: Immediately

Lin-Manuel Miranda's Pulitzer prize-winning transformation of Ron Chernow's biography, Hamilton, into a hip-hop musical took the world by storm. At the center of this groundbreaking multi-award-winning new musical is the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton, whose ambition drove him from the position of Caribbean outsider and bastard child to American war hero and George Washington's right-hand man. In the process, Alexander Hamilton powerfully shaped America as we have come to know it - and gave us all a template for what it means to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and realize the American Dream. Lunch is included at Phillips Seafood Restaurant in the Inner Harbor. [Advise with reservation your choice of pan-seared chicken breast or fried seafood trio of crab cake, fresh catch and shrimp]. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

## Sunday-Monday, October 30-31 THE LONG ARM OF VIRGINIA An Eastern Shore Adventure Cost: \$445 Single & \$378 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Separated from the mainland with the Chesapeake Bay on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other is a beautiful area known as Assateague Island, home of the famous wild ponies of Chincoteague. This is a relaxing and beautiful overnight getaway during the fall season. Overnight lodging will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites-Chincoteague Water View. On arrival you will have a catered lunch at the Island Community House followed by a guided walking tour of the historic area. An opportunity to sit and rest while taking in the sites of the Island will be aboard Daisey's Island Cruises. This cruise features the wildlife on the island especially their treasure of the wild ponies along with waterfowl, including eagles and osprey. Returning to shore, our bus will take us to the Hampton Inn to check in, relax and catch your breath before departing for our catered dinner at the pavilion located at the Museum of Chincoteague. The next day, enjoy breakfast at the Hampton before we depart on our second cruise. This time we have an opportunity to enjoy the scenery including possible dolphins and the exciting views of Wallops Island where the rocket launching facilities are still hurling huge rockets into space as our nation continues to explore the "unknown". Returning to shore, you will have free time in the shops along Main Street and an opportunity for a light lunch on your own before we depart for home. The last thing you want to do when you get home is to cook, so a dinner stop will be made enroute at a Cracker Barrel with a \$20 gift card to utilize for your own choice of menu or some shopping items. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

# NOVEMBER

# Thursday, November 3 EXECUTIVE MANSION & CHURCH HILL FOOD TOUR Richmond, VA Cost: \$129 pp

#### **Reservations Open: Immediately**

On arrival in Richmond, we will enjoy an expert docent that will teach us about the history of the **Executive Mansion**. We will then meet our guide for our **Church Hill Food Tour**. This is a **2-hour walking tour** so wear your most comfortable walking shoes! You will not notice the distance as we will have the opportunity to sample food items from up to **5 different** restaurants, bakeries, and wine shops - plenty to leave you full (or even more). You'll also hear from your guides about **Church Hill's history**, architecture, and important characters from its past, and since it's

**Richmond's oldest neighborhood**, there are plenty of interesting stories to share. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday, November 5 BIRD-IN-HAND STAGE PRESENTS THE CHRISTMAS TREE SHIP Bird-In-Hand, PA Cost: \$123 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

A ship. A storm. And a Christmas tale of heroic proportions. This heart-warming inspirational musical is based on the true story of Herman Schuenemann, known as Captain Santa, who goes down with his ship on a storm in Lake Michigan - leaving his widow to raise their daughters, run the family shipping business and continue her husband's mission of giving away thousands of Christmas trees to the less fortunate of Chicago. Can she take on the doubters and naysayers, or will she break under the pressures of widowhood, judgmental people and the restrictive customs of the day? What Barbara Schuenemann and her daughter Elsie do to resurrect Captain Santa's legacy is nothing short of a holiday miracle! Presented in partnership with Blue Gate Musicals, this dramatic musical is brought to life by a talented cast of professionals. Don't miss this epic tale that will remind us of the importance of tradition, kindness and the joy of Christmas. Prior to the performance, we will enjoy a fantastic Dutch smorgasbord luncheon. We will depart Manassas at 6:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:30 a.m. The return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, November 9 CHRISTMAS AT MOUNT HOPE MANSION & WINERY Manheim, PA Cost: \$111 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Come one, come all to be a part of the Holidays at Mount Hope Estate & Winery in Lancaster County coupled with a visit to the Kitchen Kettle where the locals cook up homemade Pennsylvania Dutch sweets like jellies, jams, and preserves, fresh baked goods like pies and cookies, and cakes plus delicious canned goods like relish, salsas and pickles. They do it all right before your eyes! Stock up for the Holidays. From here we continue to Menheim, PA, the location of historic Mount Hope Mansion. It has been transformed into a Holiday wonderland featuring seasonal decorations that echo the classic elegance and colorful sophistication of the Victorian era. Gigantic Victorian displays adorn the mantles, while alowing candles twinkle in the windows and throughout the grounds surrounding the mansion. Upon arrival, you are greeted by a cast of characters that mix and mingle with you while you are enjoying a delightful four-course lunch. Enjoy the sounds of holiday caroling accompanying your meal and afterwards you will be led by the characters to the chapel, for a holiday-themed performance. We will depart Manassas at 7:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m. with a fast-food rest stop enroute.

# Friday, November 11 HISTORIC MONTPELIER Orange, VA Cost: \$148 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Uncover the rich history of James Madison's Montpelier on a one-hour guided tour after which you can explore the histories and legacies of James and Dolley Madison, the Enslaved Community, and the Constitution as you journey through Madison's Home inside and out. There is also a gift shop for a unique Christmas gift that might catch your eve. We will have a two hour visit to allow you to explore on your own and enjoy various exhibits after your docent lead tour. We will then head for lunch at the Cracker Barrel (\$18 gift card) in Fredericksburg. Following lunch, we will have a guided tour of the James Madison Museum located on the site of the James Monroe Law Office that was used by the future President from 1786 to 1789. Next, we have a unique trolley tour of Fredericksburg, the city that was established in 1728. Enjoy an entertaining and informative trip aboard the trolley and, learn about the many famous and interesting people who have been a part of its history as well as those who called Fredericksburg home. Hear about events that have taken place since its founding. In his formative years, George Washington lived just across the Rappahannock River, a "stone's throw" from the city where he attended school and church. Time will also be allowed to visit the shops in the historic area. We will depart Manassas at 6:30 a.m. a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

# Saturday, November 19 HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTS The 92<sup>ND</sup> Annual Oyster & Ham Dinner Accokeek, MD

### Cost: Price Currently Unavailable Reservations Open: Immediately

NOTE: This tour cannot be priced until early October and the cost of the oysters is established. Book your place on the bus and you will receive a call as soon as the cost is available. You will be able to confirm or cancel at that point. If you love fried oysters and real baked ham served family-style and all you can eat, then this is the tour of your dreams. Held at the church where George Washington often worshipped, you will also find a bake sale, handmade butter candy, and a twice new sale going on. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 2:45 p.m. Sunday, November 20 CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR Riverside Dinner Theatre Fredericksburg, VA Cost: \$130 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Experience the excitement, memories, and joy of Christmas as a spectacular cast of singers and dancers present the very heart and essence of the holiday season. Escape the cold, the hustle, and the stress by warming your Christmas spirit at Riverside Center with this glittering celebration of everything that makes this "the most wonderful time of the year!" We will depart Manassas at 11:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 12 Noon. The matinee begins at 3:00 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:15 p.m.

## THANKSGIVING DAY! Thursday, November 24 TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Columbia. MD Cost: \$124 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Fans of the Frank Capra classic can rejoice in this musical adaptation of the perennial holiday favorite. Weaving a special magic as it traces the lives of George Bailey and the many residents of Bedford Falls, it continually shows the kindness and devotion to those around him throughout his life. George sacrifices his own dreams of excitement and world travels. On one fateful Christmas, following a mishap at the Building and Loan that he runs, George contemplates desperate measures. It is up to his guardian angel named Clarence to show George just how much he means to everyone he has known. This American classic is filled with all the heart and humor audiences has come to know and love. You won't want to miss this joyful tribute to the importance of an ordinary life. We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

## Saturday-Sunday, November 26-27 VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT THE CAPE Cape May, NJ Cost: \$573 Single & \$368 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

On arrival in Cape May, our first stop is at the Lobster House where lunch awaits. [With reservation provide choice of broiled flounder, broiled scallops or chicken Françoise]. Following lunch, we will depart on the All That Glitters Trolley tour combined with the Physick Family Christmas and Carroll Gallery. Free time to shop is available before we check into the Le Mar Beachfront Hotel. Pack an overnight tote you will handle in and out of the hotel. This evening we will enjoy dinner at Anglesea Pub. [With reservation provide your choice of slow roasted prime rib, broiled crab cake or stuffed chicken.]. Following breakfast on <u>Day 2</u>, we will depart for Philadelphia where will transfer to a trolley for a guided tour of the city pointing out their holiday decorations. We will then board the *Spirit of Philadelphia* for a delightful **luncheon cruise** seeing the City of Brotherly Love from the Delaware River. Our little pre-Christmas holiday comes to an end as we board our coach for the return trip home. Tour includes 1 breakfast, 2 lunches and 1 dinner. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m. <u>NOTE: This tour is limited</u> to 34 passengers.

Tuesday, November 29 CHRISTMAS SHOW TIME RADIO CITY ROCKETTES New York City, NY Cost: \$221 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

For those short on time, we are offering this one-day trip to New York City to attend **Radio City Music Hall** for the fabulous **Christmas Spectacular** featuring the renowned **Rockettes. Time is allowed for lunch on your own prior to the 2 PM matinee.** A short fast food rest stop will be made going and returning to New York City. We will depart Manassas at 5:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

# DECEMBER

# Saturday, December 3 US Army Band Christmas Concert Washington, D.C. Cost: \$50 pp Reservations Open: September 9

It has become a Washington, DC, tradition to attend the United States Army Christmas celebration concert followed by a drive-by the National Christmas Tree and other illuminations within the city. Our tickets are not for reserved seating but on a first-come basis at the DAR Constitution Hall. We have allowed extra time to arrive early to ensure good seats and to see the illumination. We will depart Manassas at 12:45 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:30 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. **No food is included.** 

### Wednesday-Friday, December 7-9 A NORMAN ROCKWELL NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS Stockbridge, MA Cost: \$1079 Single, \$840 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Pamper yourself with this early Christmas present at a five-star lodging that has been in existence since 1773. It was here in Stockbridge, MA that the famous American artist, Norman Rockwell made his home. The historic Red Lion Inn has hosted such celebrity guests as President Calvin Coolidge, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Thornton Wilder, Bob Dylan and John Wayne and now YOU! The tour includes 2 full breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Tour Trip cancellation insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation.

#### The Itinerary

Day 1: Today you depart on your deluxe motorcoach for a scenic drive through the New England countryside to Stockbridge, Massachusetts. Here, in the quaint town where famed artist, Norman Rockwell lived, you have two nights of accommodations at the Red Lion Inn. Built in 1773, this beautiful landmark is world famous for its extensive collection of colonial antiques, including teapots, rare chine, paintings, rugs and period furnishings. Full breakfast is included each morning in the grand dining room with its gilded mirrors, fine china, colorful floral arrangements and cut-glass chandeliers. Lavish holiday decorations complete the magnificent display with Victorian garlands on every staircase and festive Christmas trees throughout the inn. Enjoy! A lunch stop on your own will be made along the way. Before check-in at your hotel, you are treated to a private tour of "Arrowhead," the home where writer Herman Melville penned his classic American novel, "Moby Dick." On display are Melville's writing desk and sea chest, Chippendale furniture and the study overlooking Mount Greylock where Melville spent hours discussing his writings with author Nathaniel Hawthorne. Cozy Victorian Christmas decorations are featured in every room. Tonight, back at your hotel, dinner is on your own, Then, why not relax in front of the roaring fire in the lobby fireplace just the way Norman Rockwell did on many a cold winter night. Sweet dreams!

**Day 2:** This morning, after a full breakfast in your hotel dining room, you have admission included in the nearby **Norman Rockwell Museum**. Here, you learn all about the life of this celebrated American artist as well as the background history of the many local residents of Stockbridge he used in his works. You won't believe how large the original paintings used for Rockwell's "Saturday Evening Post" covers really were! Among the canvases on display are Rockwell's "Four Freedoms" as well as his "Christmas on Main Street in Stockbridge" which showcases the Red Lion Inn! Next, you have time on your own on Stockbridge's Main Street with its lovely holiday decor and quaint shops for lunch. You end your touring day with a private tour of "**The Mount**," the 60-acre estate of beloved author **Edith Wharton**. Here, in the 40-room mansion of the woman who wrote such classic

novels at "Ethan Frome" and "The Age of Innocence," you delight in a seasonal display of elegant holiday decorations and authentic period furnishings from 1902, when Edith Wharton moved into this beautiful home. Now, you enjoy dinner at Michael's, a local favorite restaurant. Please provide your meal choice with your reservation: the choices are baked stuffed chicken, roast beef or whitefish. Later, enjoy a show at Pittsfield's Colonial Theatre, built in 1901 and featuring perfect acoustics and rich interior. It is said that more famous actors have appeared here than in any other theatre in the nation. Some of them are Sarah Bernhardt, Maude Adams, Will Rogers, George M. Cohan, John Barrymore and Helen Hayes. Day 3: After a full breakfast in your hotel dining room, we

depart for New York City to enjoy lunch at the Dallas BBQ followed by the exciting and beautiful Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall featuring the fabulous Rockettes. After the show, we are on the road headed for home. A fast food dinner stop will be made at one of the service plazas for dinner on your own. The return time is approximately 10:00 p.m.

# Sunday, December 11 US Air Force Band Christmas Concert Washington D.C. Cost: \$50 pp

**Reservations Open:** September 9

Join the United States Air Force Band for their annual holiday concert featuring the Airmen of Note and Singing Sergeants jazz-inspired holiday music. We will depart Manassas at 12:45 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:30 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. On the return we will drive past the National Christmas Tree. **No food stop is included.** 

# Tuesday, December 13 CHRISTMAS AT NEMOURS ESTATE & HAGLEY MUSEUM Wilmington, DL Cost: \$111 pp Reservations Open: September 9

Today we are off to celebrate Christmas in DuPont Country as we enjoy the Holidays at Nemours Estate. Beautiful throughout the year, Nemours Estate is even more so during the holiday season. Your visit here is self-quided at your own pace. The 77-room mansion, modeled after Marie Antoinette's Le Petit Trianon, is dressed to the nines. Nemours is aglow with elaborate table settings, spectacular floral displays, and an array of beautiful Christmas trees, garlands, and wreaths. Many of the family's original ornaments and decorations are evident including a German crèche complete with soft ceramic, unglazed, and handcolored figures dating to the late 19th century. Christmas trees. garlands. sprays, paper filigree "quilling," handprinted ornaments, miniature churches, original holiday cards, a manger scene, and original toys from the DuPont estate all add to the old-fashioned holiday atmosphere. Yuletide at **Nemours Mansion** will delight you with the grand traditions of the past and visions of holidays of old. We will then proceed to our luncheon reservations during our visit at the near-by Hagley Museum. With your reservation provide your choice of one of the following sandwiches: Panchetta Club or Roasted Turkey & Swiss Cheese or Mediterranean Tuna or Roast Beef and gorgonzola, or Tavern Ham & Swiss. Included will be a garden salad, a cookie and beverage. Located on 235 acres along the banks of the Brandywine in Wilmington. Delaware, Hagley is the site of the gunpowder works founded by E.I. duPont in 1802. This example of early American industry includes restored mills, a workers' community, and the ancestral home and gardens of the DuPont family. Hagley's Library furthers the study of business and technology in America. The collections include individuals' papers and companies' records ranging from eighteenth-century merchants to modern telecommunications and illustrate the impact of the business system on society. Enjoy Hagley Blast! The surprising effect of a burning dish gunpowder demonstration before departing for home. A combo rest stop and snack stop will be made. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Approximate return time is 7:00 p.m.

# Thursday, December 15 CHRISTMAS AT HILLWOOD Washington, DC Cost: \$105 pp Reservations Open: September 9

The <u>Mansion</u> and <u>Gardens</u> provide a magical escape from the bustle of the holidays. Enjoy the seasonal decorations, find fantastic deals in the <u>Museum Shop</u>, and take the final opportunity to catch the special exhibits. Of special interest is the exhibit featuring **Grace of Monaco: Princess in Dior** located in the Adirondack Building. On view in North America for the first time this special exhibition includes the clothing, accessories, photos, and more, on loan from the Palace of Monaco. It offers insights into the life of an icon, whose image reflected Hollywood's wish for glamour and the desire

for elegance in her stately duties. We will also have a docent tour of the mansion. From the captivating life of Marjorie Post to the exquisitely maintained Mansion, the experience of Hillwood outshines even the Fabergé Eggs. We will enjoy a full **luncheon on site** [With reservation indicate your choice of pan-seared salmon, marinated chicken or Quiche]. Following the luncheon, free time is allowed to visit the gift shop or explore exhibits or visit the Greenhouse. We will depart Manassas at 8:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9::00 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

# Saturday, December 17 US Navy Band Christmas Concert Washington, D.C. Cost: \$50 pp Reservations Open: September 9

It has become a Washington, DC, tradition to attend the United States Navy Christmas celebration concert followed by a drive-by the National Christmas Tree and other illuminations within the city. Our tickets are not for reserved seating but on a first-come basis at the DAR Constitution Hall. We have allowed extra time to arrive early to ensure good seats and to see the illumination. We will depart Manassas at 12:45 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:30 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. **No food stop is included.** 

# Wednesday, December 21 AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE PRESENTS *HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS* Lancaster, PA Cost: \$130 pp Reservations Open: September 9

Come celebrate the wonder, warmth and magic of the season at the new American Music Theatre's production of Home for the Holidays. Inspired by the warm, cherished memories of family Christmases spent together with loved ones, the show opens on the joyous gathering of family and friends who celebrate with a rich tapestry of song, dance, and holiday traditions. Next, we take you to Santa's Candy Factory where you'll be transported to a dream world of bright colors and Candy Elves! Finally, you'll join us at a "midnight" candlelight service for some songs of worship, traditional carols, and the powerful, harmony-filled rendition of "O Holy Night." Outside, you'll be greeted with cheery adornments of candy cane wraps, green-lit garland swags, and natural wreaths tied with bright red bows. Inside, the festive decor continues, including the largerthan-life Christmas lobby featuring three Christmas trees exquisitely designed for AMT. Home for the Holidays is an unforgettable experience that's bound to leave you in the Christmas spirit. Following the show, we will enjoy a buffet lunch at Miller's and time at Kitchen Kettle Village with 40 unique shops to visit and perhaps find that special present for a friend or family. We will depart Manassas at 6:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:45 a.m. A quick rest stop will be made enroute. Return time is approximately 8:15 p.m.

### Friday, December 23 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS AT LONGWOOD & WINTERTHUR Kennett Square, PA & Winterthur, DL Cost: \$160 pp Reservations Open: September 9

Look forward to Yuletide at Winterthur as we tour Henry Francis DuPont's ancestral home in its holiday splendor. Featured rooms are decorated to reflect various seasonal vignettes, including the perennial favorite, Winterthur's magnificent dried-flower tree. The tour will display the elegance of historical holiday celebrations of the past. Prior to our arrival, we will be stopping for lunch at Buckley's Tavern in Wilmington, DL [With reservation, provide choice of meat loaf, chicken pot pie or chicken and penna pasta]. You will have a docent tour and weather permitting, we will enjoy a tram ride thru the gardens. We will then continue to Kennett Square, PA to visit Longwood Gardens where Christmas is spectacularly celebrated with carillon concerts, a sea of poinsettias of every color and size, beautifully decorated trees and thousands of outside lights turned on as we leave for home. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. Wear good walking shoes.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 27 FOREVER YOUNG COUNTRY CHRISTMAS SHOW Gettysburg, PA Cost: \$105 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

We will be proceeding direct to Hickory Bridge Farm where first we will enjoy a family-style allyou-can-eat luncheon featuring oven-fried chicken and baked ham. This will be followed by the *Forever Young Country Christmas Show* featuring Dale Young on bass and vocals and Kip Calahan Young on vocals and guitar. The two-hour show will take you down memory lane. We will depart Manassas at 8:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. The return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

# Thursday-Sunday December 29, 2022-January 1, 2023 HOLLY DOLLY NEW YEAR Gatlinburg & Pigeon Forge, TN Cost: \$1459 Single & \$1009 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

When there's snow on the mountains there's holiday music in Pigeon Forge. Bring your group and enjoy the gift of a

Christmas in the Smokies; it's a perfect way to celebrate the season. Bring in the New Year celebration at the home of country music and entertainment. Decked out for the season your eyes will feast on Christmas lights and decorations that amaze folks year after year with its dazzling displays. What a wonderful way to get away and safely bring in the New Year. Don't miss out! We will depart Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Manassas at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m. The Itinerary

Day 1 Thursday, December 29 Arrive in Pigeon Forge and check in at the Country Cascades Hotel.

### **Dolly Parton's Stampede Dinner & Christmas Show**

Dinner this evening is a four-course feast at Dolly Parton's Stampede Christmas Dinner Attraction. The holiday festivities get playful as Elves from the North Pole and South Pole will compete in a friendly rivalry while serving up a festive dinner. Snow falls softly as the breathtaking scenes fill you with tidings of good cheer. The **Stampede arena** is magically transformed into a true fantasy land complete with twinkling lights, evergreens, poinsettias, old-fashioned holiday costumes and familiar holiday music. You will also love the live nativity; it is both dramatic and spectacular. The true meaning of Christmas comes alive right before your very eyes as three kings ride atop camels on their way to Bethlehem. The stunning beauty of angels ascending from above will amaze you as the songs inspire audience members of all ages.

### Christmas Lights Drive Thru

Experience a Winter Wonderland of Christmas light displays at Shadrack's Christmas Wonderland light tour.

### Day 2 Friday, December 30

Hotel Breakfast Begin your day with the hotel's delicious Deluxe Mountain Breakfast served in Grandma's Kitchen (on-site)

#### **Guided Tour of the Great Smoky Mountains**

After breakfast depart your hotel for Gatlinburg and your **Smoky Mountain Tour**. Today you'll enjoy a guided tour of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. America's most visited national park.

### Gatlinburg

This is followed by free time for shopping in downtown Gatlinburg After your tour spend your afternoon strolling the sidewalks and shops of Historic Downtown Gatlinburg. Explore & unwind with some free time while indulging your taste buds by enjoying **lunch on your own** this afternoon at any one of the many delightful local restaurants.

#### Dollywood Smoky Mountain Christmas

Spend the afternoon at the Dollywood Theme Park. While in the park enjoy, "Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas Festival", which is the eight-time award winner of America's Best Christmas Event. You'll find this park features four million holiday lights more than 20 rides and attractions with elaborate Christmas decorations, twinkling lights and holiday-themed menus. Once in the park there are many spectacular holiday performances you won't want to miss. One is, "Christmas in the Smokies", a 12-member cast performing hometown holiday favorites that celebrate the joy of the season. Also, be sure to experience the, "Parade of Many Colors". Dollywood Theme Park is known for its worldclass entertainment, amazing thrill rides, and family friendly adventure all are sure to treasure. All admissions are covered by your ticket. **Dinner is on your own**.

#### Day 3 Saturday, December 31

Hotel Breakfast Begin your day with the hotel's delicious Deluxe Mountain Breakfast served in Grandma's Kitchen (on-site)

### **Titanic Museum Tour**

Enjoy a fascinating self-guided tour this morning at the Titanic Museum. This attraction opens the door to the past in its one-of-a-kind way letting "passengers" experience what it was like to walk the hallways, parlors, cabins and Grand Staircase of the Titanic while surrounded by more than 400 artifacts directly from the ship and its passengers. As visitors touch a real iceberg, walk the Grand Staircase and third class hallways, reach their hands into 28-degree water, and try to stand on the sloping decks, they learn what it was like on the RMS Titanic by experiencing it first-hand. Each guest entering the ship will receive a boarding pass of an actual Titanic passenger or crew member. Feel their spirit presence in the galleries where over 400 personal and private artifacts are on display. Many are on display for the first time in the world. Discover your passenger or crew member's fate at the end of your tour in the Titanic Memorial Room where 2.208 names line this historic wall.

#### Free Time at The Island

Enjoy free time, shopping and lunch on your own this afternoon at The Island. The Island boasts 23 acres of entertainment in an inviting setting perfect for groups trying to escape the everyday. With over 80 shops, restaurants and attractions, this location combines all things fun, in a safe environment where you can eat, shop and play. The Island's diverse selection of activities makes it a one-stop-shop of fun for all ages. The Island Show Fountains are programmed to music and lights year-round and you can purchase a ticket to ride "The Wheel" which is 200 feet tall. There truly is something for everyone to enjoy at The Island. Dinner at Applewood Farmhouse Tonight enjoy dinner at the delicious Applewood Farmhouse. At Applewood all meals are served with their signature Applewood Julep, Apple Fritters and Homemade Apple Butter. Dinner includes Homemade Vegetable Soup, Salad, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, and Apple Cobbler. [With your reservation choose one of the following entrees: Southern Fried Chicken, Sugar Cured Ham, Homemade Meatloaf, Grilled Chicken or Chicken & Dumplings].

### Country Tonite New Year's Eve Celebration

Ring in the new year with fun festivities at **Country Tonite** which offers guests one last chance to watch their incredible **Christmas show**. The first half of the performance includes highlights from throughout the year, and the second half of the show celebrates the Christmas season. Not only will you see the amazing Christmas show, guests get to participate in exciting festivities and start the New Year off with a bang. Each guest will receive fun party favors that make the celebration even more amazing. Enjoy a glass of sparkling cider to toast to the new year. At the stroke of midnight, colorful balloons drop, filling the theater as the band plays "Auld Lang Syne."

#### Day 4 Sunday, January 1

Enjoy your Deluxe Mountain Breakfast served in Grandma's Kitchen before boarding our bus for the return journey **home.** 



# **NEW FOR 2023**

# JANUARY

# Thursday, January 5 THE KENNEDY CENTER PRESENTS A SOLDIER'S PLAY Washington, DC Cost: \$122 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

The Pulitzer Prize-winning thriller has rocketed back into the spotlight thanks to this 2020 Tony-winning Best Revival. In 1944, on a Louisiana Army base, two shots ring out. A Black sergeant is murdered, triggering a gripping barrage of questions about sacrifice, service, and identity in America. Broadway's leading man Norm Lewis stars in the show *Variety* calls "a knock-yoursocks-off-drama." A stop for **lunch on your own** will be made at the ground floor of **the Fashion Center Pentagon City**. We will depart Manassas at 10:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 11:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

# Sunday, January 29 THE NATIONAL THEATRE PRESENTS *CATS* Washington, DC Cost: \$190 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

**Cats,** the record-breaking musical spectacular by Andrew Lloyd Webber that has captivated audiences in over 30 countries and 15 languages, is coming to the National. Audiences and critics alike are rediscovering this beloved musical with breathtaking music, including one of the most treasured songs in musical theater—"**Memory**". Winner of 7 Tony Awards® including Best Musical, **Cats** tells the story of one magical night when an extraordinary tribe of cats gathers for its annual ball to rejoice and decide which cat will be reborn. But first, we will stop at a Fashion Center, Mall for a bite on your own before our 2:00 pm matinee. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

# FEBRUARY

# Saturday, February 4 THE KENNEDY CENTER PRESENTS SUNSET BOULEVARD Washington, DC Cost: \$183 Reservations Open: Immediately

Alone in her Hollywood mansion with little more than celluloid memories, former silent-screen goddess Norma Desmond remains what she has always been: the greatest star of all. Based on the 1950 film, Andrew Lloyd Webber's masterpiece weaves a compelling tale of romance, obsession, and faded glory. A stop for **lunch on your own** will be made at the ground floor of **the Fashion Center Pentagon City**. We will depart Manassas at 10:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 11:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

# **COMING SOON!**

Monday, February 20 HISTORIC ROSEMONT MANOR *PRESIDENT'S TEA* Berryville, VA Cost \$118 pp Reservations Open: October 13

Looking for a unique escape from the winter doldrums? Join us as we attend a "Manor House Tea" at **Rosemont Manor**. You'll relax in a beautiful environment to enjoy a one-of-akind experience and the perfect way to spend an afternoon. The teas served are blended especially for Historic Rosemont Manor by Marsha G. Richards of *Tea for All Reasons* in Winchester, Virginia. We will depart Woodbridge at 10:00 a.m. and Manassas at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:15 p.m. <u>Note: Tour limit is 38 passengers.</u>

# MARCH

Wednesday, March 1 TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS SOMETHING ROTTEN Columbia. MD Cost: \$124 pp Reservations Open: October 3

**Something Rotten** takes place in 1595 London, England. The Bottom brothers, Nick and Nigel are trying to find success by writing plays, but are outshined by the rock-star playwright of the Renaissance, William Shakespeare. Desperate to find success Nick gets help from a soothsayer for the next big hit. Then Nostradamus, Nick and Nigel set out to write the next big hit: *Omelette: The Musical* and then the fun begins. .We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

# Wednesday, March 15 *RAGTIME* Riverside Dinner Theatre Fredericksburg, VA Cost: \$130 pp Reservations Open: October 13

An extraordinary tapestry, **Ragtime** captures the spirit of America in the era between the turn of the century and the First World War. The story opens in 1906 in New Rochelle, New York, at the home of an affluent American family. A kaleidoscope of tales begins when a white family find a black baby in their yard and takes on the mother as a maid. Then, a black pianist named Coalhouse Walker Jr., returns for his woman and child after finding success in a Harlem jazz band. Firefighters, dismayed to see a black man own a Model-T Ford, deface it, and Walker demands retribution. The white family then becomes involved in the maid's trial. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 22 DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE *PRESENTS: SISTER ACT* Lancaster, PA Cost: \$130 pp Reservations Open: October 13

Based on the 1992 film of the same name, *Sister Act* tells the story of aspiring disco diva Deloris Van Cartier. Trying to work her way to the top in 1970s Philadelphia, Deloris falls in love with a very tough—and very married—gangster boyfriend named Curtis, and when Deloris witnesses him commit a murder she ends up in hiding on police orders in a convent whose parish has fallen on hard times. Though the sequin-free lifestyle doesn't agree with her, Deloris finds her calling working with the choir, and breathes new life into the dusty convent while discovering a sisterhood she's never had before. We will depart Manassas at 7:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 29 SIGHT & SOUND PRESENTS: *MOSES* Lancaster, Pennsylvania Cost: \$161 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

On arrival we will proceed directly to **Sight & Sound** for the exciting production of **Moses**. He's an unlikely hero, exiled and insecure - until God calls him to free the Israelites! Experience the epic story of MOSES in jaw-dropping scale, brought to life on stage with massive set and spectacular

special effects! An unforgettable, uplifting production that takes you right into the center of the Red Sea. Then we are off to enjoy a late lunch following the performance at Miller's Smorgasbord with time to walk around and visit their shops. We will depart Manassas at 6:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:45 p.m. There is a quick stop for a combined rest stop and fast food stop to eat aboard the bus both going and on the return

# APRIL

# Wednesday, April 5 SIGHT & SOUND PRESENTS: *MOSES* Lancaster, Pennsylvania Cost: \$161 pp Reservations Open: Immediately

On arrival we will proceed directly to **Sight & Sound** for the exciting production of **Moses**. He's an unlikely hero, exiled and insecure - until God calls him to free the Israelites! Experience the epic story of MOSES in jaw-dropping scale, brought to life on stage with massive set and spectacular special effects! An unforgettable, uplifting production that takes you right into the center of the Red Sea. Then we are off to enjoy a late **lunch** following the performance at **Miller's Smorgasbord** with time to walk around and visit their shops. We will depart Manassas at 6:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:45 p.m. There is a quick stop for a combined rest stop and mid-morning fast food breakfast stop to eat aboard the bus going and on the return

# HAPPY EASTER

# Monday-Thursday, April 10-13 SMOKY MOUNTAIN REDNECK TOUR Pigeon Forge, TN Cost: \$1276 Single & \$996 Twin pp Reservations Open: October 4

This tour is pure fun! Come enjoy all the flavors of the Smokies. Whether its sippin' moonshine, down home comedy, or just enjoying the mountain views, this trip is a hoot! Featuring **five live shows** and the NEW **Redneck Bus Tour**. Be ready to laugh and kickback on this one-of-a-kind tour. Also included are **3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners and 5 live shows**. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Manassas at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

# <u>Itinerary</u>

### Day 1 – Monday April 10

Arrive today in **Pigeon Forge**, TN for three nights of deluxe lodging at the **Country Cascades Resort**. **Dinner** is included this evening at the **Five Oaks Farm Kitchen**. When supper time rolls around Five Oaks Farm Kitchen has just what you are looking for with fresh greens, hearty soups, fried chicken, prime

rib and more! Following dinner, enjoy a performance at **Paula Dean's Lumberjack Feud**. This high-energy experience features Axe Throwing, Chopping, Sawing, Speed Climbing, Log Rolling and other competitive events. View all from a covered grandstand with padded seating. **(D)** 

#### Day 2 - Tuesday April 11

Start your morning with the hotel's delicious Deluxe Mountain breakfast served in Grandma's Kitchen. With a full belly, we are off on the NEW Redneck Bus Tour of Pigeon Forge. This ain't your average bus tour! Ever wonder if you qualify to be a hillbilly or a redneck? Do you know the difference between Mountain Dew, White Lightning and Moonshine? If you're ready to hoot n' holler and bust-a-gut, then you'll be happier than a tornado in a trailer park on this 2-hour fun-filled ride. Next is free time at The Island for lunch on own and shopping. The Island boasts 23 acres of entertainment with over 80 shops, restaurants and attractions. The Island Show Fountains are programmed to music and lights the year round and you can purchase a ticket to ride "The Wheel" which is 200 feet tall. There truly is something for everyone to enjoy at The Island. Our afternoon features a tour & tasting at Ole Smoky Moonshine Museum & Distillery. As you approach the entrance, you can detect the distinct smell of their grains cooking and fermenting. You'll see authentic working moonshine stills and experience the process from beginning to end. Their distillers will take the time to visit with you and answer any questions about the history and lore of moonshining in East Tennessee. Then you get to enjoy a sample. Tonight, enjoy the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Feud. Become part of the longest running feud in history and help the Hatfields and McCoys try to settle their differences mountain-style. Whether you're city-folk or country cuzins, you'll love the singing and dancing, mighty feats of strength, iaw dropping stunts and sidesplitting comedy. Their all you can eat dinner includes Feudin' Fried Chick'n, Open Pit Pulled-to-Pieces Pork Barbeque and Granny's Famous Dessert. End the day at the Comedy Barn. America's funniest Family Variety Show, features clean comedians, magicians, jugglers, and unique characters. Good clean fun for all ages. (B,D)

#### Day 3 - Wednesday April 12

After breakfast, your fun filled day kicks off with the Smith Morning Variety Show. This show is filled with Southern music and culture. You'll enjoy their unique brand of music and comedy in this intimate, familial style show. Their talented blend of classic country, bluegrass, gospel, oldies rock-n-roll, and clean family comedy pleases all. Next is our guided Peaceful Side of the Smokies tour with fascinating tips and stories of the history of Wears Valley and Townend TN Also during the trip our guide will take us on the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. We will enjoy lunch at Apple Valley Café where you will enjoy the finest comfort food the Smokies has to offer in smoked bar-bque, homemade chicken salad or real fried apple pies. Travel back in time with a guided interactive tour to learn about Cherokee culture at the Great Smoky Mountains Heritage Center. This evening we will enjoy dinner at the Applewood Farmhouse where you will be served their signature Applewood Julep, Apple fritters and homemade Apple butter. Dinner includes homemade vegetable soup, salad, mashed potatoes, green beams, rollis and Apple cobbler together with Southern fried chicken and sugar cured ham -- All served familystyle. Following dinner we end our day at the Comedy Barn Theater with its award winning family comedy variety show

featuring magicians, fire-eaters, jugglers, ventriloquists, clean family comedians, live country and gospel music as well as fun barn yard animals.

### Day 4 – Thursday April 13

After breakfast at the hotel, depart for home. Lunch is included at the Cracker Barrel (\$18 gift card).

# <u>COMING SOON!</u> Sunday, April 16 THE KENNEDY CENTER PRESENTS *LES MISERABLE* Washington, DC Cost: \$190 pp Reservations Open: January 3

Set against the backdrop of 19th century France, Les Misérables tells an enthralling story of broken dreams and unrequited love, passion, sacrifice, and redemption-a timeless testament to the survival of the human spirit. This epic and uplifting story has become one of the most celebrated musicals in theatrical history. In December 1986, the Kennedy Center hosted the pre-Broadway run of what has become, undisputedly, one of the world's most popular musicals. And now we are bringing her home. This Tony Award-winning musical phenomenon has been seen by over 130 million people worldwide in 53 countries and 22 languages with a magnificent musical score that includes the songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Bring Him Home," "One Day More," "Master of the House" and many more. But first, we will make a stop for lunch on your own at the ground floor of the Fashion Center Pentagon City. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

# Wednesday — Friday, April 19-21 NORFOLK-BY THE SEA Norfolk & Portsmouth, VA Cost: \$741 Single & \$599 Twin pp Reservations Open: October 4

We have an exciting, educational and "must see" tour of one of the largest and most important areas to our nation's security located here in our home state. Tour includes three dinners and two breakfasts. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. The return time is approximately 7:45 p.m.

#### Day 1: Wednesday, April 19

We will begin our tour in Richmond at the **State Capitol** for a guided tour. From here, it is on to Norfolk and our visit at the **McArthur Memorial** honoring one of the greatest generals of the WWII era. We will then proceed to our overnight lodging at the **Home2 Suites by Hilton**. This evening we will enjoy our **dinner cruise** aboard the **Spirit of Norfolk** along the **Elizabeth River**. The cruise gives you the chance to dine and catch spectacular views of Hampton Roads.

#### Day 2: Thursday, April 20

After an early breakfast, we board our bus with a private guide for a historic tour of Norfolk before departing aboard **The Rover** for an up-close view of the mighty war ships that call Norfolk

their home. Following our cruise, you will have lunch on your own at the Waterside District before we enter Nauticus - The National Maritime Center. You will find a fun and exciting interactive science and technology center exploring the power of the sea. It features more than 150 exhibits including computer and video interactives, films on a mega screen, exotic aquaria, touch pools, shark petting, and the Hampton Roads Naval Museum. The Battleship USS Wisconsin is berthed alongside to visit. This evening dinner will be at Stripers. With reservation, provide your choice of Fish & Chips or Chicken Cordon Blue. Then we are off to SCOPE the site of the fabulous Virginia International Tattoo. Once you've experienced the pulse-pounding beat of the drums...the heartswelling spectacle of precision drill teams and marching bands...the call of the pipes, the swirl of the dancers, you'll understand why this a must-see list of the most exciting events in the world. With 850 international performers, following in the tradition of the Edinburgh and the Nova Scotia Tattoos, the Virginia International Tattoo is THE Tattoo in the United States bringing together the local military community, NATO dignitaries and international military and civilian performers.

#### Day 3: Friday, April 21

Breakfast at the hotel before departing for the beautiful **Norfolk-Gardens-by-the Sea**. We will enjoy a **tram tour** of the gardens to see their beautiful display of spring azaleas along paths filled with the colors of spring. You will have free time also for a leisurely walk or to visit their shop. There is also a café where you can purchase a snack. On our way home we will also make a **dinner** at the Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card). **Tour Trip** cancellation insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation

### Tuesday, April 25 TWO HOMES-TWO GARDENS PLUS MICHIE TAVERN Richmond & Charlottesville, VA Cost: \$131 pp Reservations Open: October 1

In Richmond, Maymont's magnificent gardens and landscapes-still very much as the Dooleys left themcannot be rivaled. No public garden today could dream of duplicating Maymont's magic, to say nothing of its costly architecture, grand trees or diversity of plants that all began in 1886, when Major and Mrs. James H. Dooley acquired a former dairy farm on the James River. Here, they created a showplace of the type in vogue among the American millionaires of the Gilded Age. In addition to the grounds, we will also have a tour of their opulent mansion completed in 1893. From Richmond we continue to Charlottesville where lunch awaits at historic Michie's Tavern that once entertained those patriots who fought for our freedom from Great Britain. We end our day at the home of Thomas Jefferson. Here at Monticello you will be thrilled at the displays of his brilliance. Besides the tour of the home, we will also visit his gardens. We will depart and Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. Manassas at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

# Saturday-Thursday, April 29-May 4 GRAND LADIES & GARDENS OF THE OLD SOUTH Savannah-Charleston-Wilmington Cost: \$1837 Single & \$1416 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

What a fabulous spring holiday tour this will be! Featuring some of the top destinations in the South along the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Couple this with fabulous southern cooking and beautiful gardens -- what more could you want to delight your senses! The scenery is breathtaking along with historical highlights, live theatre, coastal cruises and beaches to walk along enjoying the sounds of the surfing waves as they hit the beaches each night as you drift off to sleep. Sign up as soon as you can, as this one will fill up fast. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m. Tour Trip cancellation insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation.

#### The Itinerary

**Day 1, April 29**: A travel day arriving in Myrtle Beach in the late afternoon to check in the **Dayton House Resort** for the night. Walk from your accommodation to wide sandy beaches great for a fun filled or relaxing time to simply sit back and soak in the rays. This evening we will enjoy dinner at **Benjamins Original Calabash buffet – 72 feet of seafood, steak, pork and chicken with all the trimmings!** We will top the evening off with the fabulous production at the **Country Tonite Theatre**.

Dav 2. April 30: Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will continue south to our destination of Savannah, GA. We will spend three nights at the Hampton Inn. Here we will meet our Guide at the Savannah Visitors Center motor coach parking area. From here, we will proceed on our Historic Savannah "Snapshot" Tour. Savannah, GA is steeped in nostalgic remembrance of days gone by and displays exquisite ironwork, eloquently ancient cobblestones, splendid homes, and historic churches nestled among gorgeous park-like squares. Highlights of your tour include the 2.2 square miles of the Historic District's rich history with its restored 18th and 19th century buildings and the picturesque waterfront where cotton warehouses are now restaurants, hotels, and shops. Enjoy this two-hour tour of Savannah from the comfort of your motor coach. Our Guide will then turn the tour toward a visit to The Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, an iconic symbol of Savannah, Georgia, gracing the skyline with its towering steeples. This church represents historically noteworthy architecture as well as over a century of faith and civic traditions in Savannah.

We'll also make a stop at *Forsyth Park*, (bathroom break if needed), and a photo op at the iconic Savannah Forsyth Park Fountain. Weather & time permitting, we can walk into a nearby square. We will drop our Guide off and then proceed to the Hampton Inn to check-in for the next three nights. This evening we will enjoy passage on the **Savannah Riverboat** for a delightful cruise coupled with a

genuine dining experience as we enjoy a **delicious buffet dinner** during this river cruise. Featured will be local cuisine such as Savannah Shrimp and Grits, tender Beef Carving Station, Fresh Catch of the Day, Lemon & Artichoke Chicken with Spinach, Roasted Potatoes, Squash Casserole, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Southern Side Salads, Fresh Garden Greens with Dressings and Toppings, Seasonal Fruits and all soft drinks. As a plus, you will also **enjoy live "southern" entertainment** on board, featuring everything from "Pop" to "Beach" and "Motown to "Rock & Roll!"! A dance floor is available or for those just wanting to feel the vibe of the city, you can venture onto our third deck and capture an amazing evening view of one of the most famous waterfronts in the USA.

#### <u>Day 3, May 1</u>

We will depart with our Guide for the day including the following experiences:

**Old Fort Jackson,:** Step back in time with a uniformed soldier from the Civil War and learn about this fort's remarkable history as one of America's most important coastal defenses. After your tour, the program is culminated with a dramatic and impressive 12-pounder *Field Cannon Firing* demonstration! Feel free to explore the Fort's casemate museum and theater, open for your enjoyment at a leisurely pace.

Atlantic Ocean Low Country Tour. View outlying areas that showcase river inlets, marshes and tidal creeks as we travel to Savannah's Beach at Tybee Island. Hear about the <u>Fort Pulaski National Monument & Park</u>, followed by a brief overview of the Island's unique Coastal living style. Enjoy a drive-by view of Georgia's oldest and tallest <u>Lighthouse</u> - guiding mariners from the Atlantic into the Savannah River for more than 270 years (tour of Light not included); and then stop & unload for a <u>Lighthouse photo op</u> and a beach walk to experience the Atlantic Ocean sand & water on your toes!

Lunch at *Paula Deen's Creek House Seafood & Grille* nestled under the palms of Turner's Creek. Paula Deen's Creek House offers a wide variety of Southern classics and seafood favorites with a coastal, Savannah flair. Guests can enjoy a stunning, waterfront view and warm Southern hospitality. <u>With your reservation indicate your choice</u> from the following:

#### STRAWBERRY CHICKEN SALAD , SHRIMP PO BOY,

CHICKEN TENDERS, FISH TACOS, GRILLED CHICKEN SANDWICH - All meals include beverage selection of coffee, iced tea or soft drink.

Following lunch, we are off to board the **Dolphin Discovery Cruise at Hogan's Marina.** This cruise highlights the local dolphins but is also filled with the scenery and wildlife found in the low country marshes. Cruising Turner's Creek, we will see the homes of Paula Deen and other Savannah notables. More than your "average" dolphin tour, they will not only share their knowledge of the local ecosystem but also the history and stories of the area. Following our cruise we are off for a visit at **Byrd Cookie Company's** new flagship store on Waters Avenue. Enjoy a cookie-tasting and browsing their marketplace for a huge selection of locally made gourmet foods, and unique gifts from Savannah. We return to our hotel before departing for **dinner** at the local **Cracker Barrel** (\$20 gift card). Following dinner, we will meet and board our **trolley** for the **Grave Encounters Tour** where we witness "bringing the dead to life!' As one of the Nations most haunted cities, there are plenty of tales of tortured spirits and ghostly sightings. Along the way you may be visited by some of Savannah's more notable ghosts. We will return to the hotel at the conclusion of the tour.

#### <u>Day 4, May 2</u>

Following breakfast., we will again meet our Guide to continue our tour. Today our first stop is:

Tour the *Harper Fowlkes Housel* located on Orleans Square in historic downtown Savannah. This 19<sup>th</sup> century Greek Revival mansion has fascinating architectural details, artwork and interiors to see. This home enables us to see the lifestyle of the mid 1800's and is maintained never to be sold. Period pieces abound, as well as the furnishings, including silver, china and crystal. The home features a traditional southern garden that you are welcome to roam and enjoy. The docents are friendly, informed, and ready to greet us and make you feel at home.

Tour the *Davenport House Museum that was* completed circa 1820 by Isaiah Davenport. This historic home marked the beginning of Savannah's historic preservation movement. Our Guide leaves us to enjoy the many restaurants & shops located at City Market, on Bay Street, or on River Street. Our Guide returns for an afternoon of touring that includes:

**Wormsloe Historic Site. Our** guided tour includes a private guided walking-tour led by a costumed interpreter of the ruins of Noble Jones' 1736 estate, a 13-minute film viewed as an introduction to the settling of Wormsloe and the city of Savannah, and an opportunity to explore the artifacts and exhibits in our small museum. A gift shop and restrooms are also available onsite. We will return to our hotel for a quick break. Our Guide will remain with us. From here we will proceed to

The Lady & Sons Restaurant located in the restored "White Hardware" historic building near City Market. In true Southern Tradition, a hearty down home meal served familystyle with Paula's famous sides. Just like your mama's house, you can ask for more! Dinner includes 3 entrée selections and 4 side dishes. Our menu will be announced later. We must remain seated until after beverage orders have been taken.

Following dinner we will continue to the Savannah Theatre, which opened its doors on December 4, 1818, and is the oldest historic theatre of its kind still operating on the original site in the U.S. Enjoy this evening's Broadwaystyle musical show. This two-hour musical comedy production will have you laughing, singing, and tapping your toes to the melodies of well-known songs from the past as well as current hits.

#### Day 5, May 3

Enjoy breakfast before we board our bus to proceed to Charleston, SC where a private guide awaits to take us on the highlight of this beautiful and historic city of the South followed by a harbor cruise. Box lunches will be provided for the cruise. [With reservations, provide choice of ham, roast beef, tuna, turkey or Italian cold cuts sub]. Following the cruise, we will board our coach and proceed to Wilmington, NC. Ask anyone where to get the best tasting Southern food and they'll answer, Casey's Buffet and guess what? That's exactly where we are going to enjoy dinner before we check in the Hampton Inn for overnight.

#### <u>Day 6, May 4</u>

Enjoy breakfast. This morning we are going to enjoy the beautiful 67 acres of **Arlie Gardens** with its formal gardens, wildlife, ten acres of lakes, more than 75,000 azaleas and the tall **Airlie Oak** which dates back to **1545**, along with a seasonal butterfly house, all located west of Wrightsville Beach. We have arranged for a tram tour plus time also allowed for wandering along the pathways. Before departing for home, we will enjoy a **buffet lunch** at the **Pirates House**. The estimated arrival back in our area is 7:30 pm with a fast food stop enroute.

# **TOUR NOTES**

AUGUST			
10	Suicide Bridge Crab Feast Cruise	\$135	
19	Belle Grove at Middletown and tour of Winchester	\$138	
23	Schaeffer's Canal House	\$124	
	SEPTEMBER		
2	Tea at King George's Belle Grove & Ingleside Winery	\$98	
4	Totem Pole presents Love, Sex & the I.R.S.	\$119	
6-9	Country Inn & Seaside Resort	\$1105/\$835	
11	Altria Theatre present Wicked	\$205	
14	Riverside Dinner Theatre presents: <b>Ghost</b>	\$130	
17	Sight & Sound presents: <i>David</i>	\$166	
19	Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater	\$109	
22-10/3	Home Where The Buffalo Roam on our South Dakota Adventure	\$2995/\$2150	
24	Potomac Eagle Fall Foliage All Day Dinners' Special	\$284	
	OCTOBER		
5	Suicide Bridge Crab Feast	\$135	
8	National Theatre presents <i>Tina</i>	\$218	
9	Gettysburg WWII Memorial & Wild West Celebration with Train Holdup	\$125	
13-15	Fall Foliage in Altoona and Johnstown& Pittsburgh	\$706/\$565	
19	Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Museum	\$68	
22	Old Dominion Railroad Excursion	\$138	
29	Hippodrome presents: Hamilton	\$244	
30-31	The Long Island of Virginia – An Eastern Shore Adventure	\$445/\$378	
	NOVEMBER		
3	Churchill Mansion & Food Tour	\$129	
5	Bird In Hand Stage presents The Christmas Tree Ship	\$123	
9	Christmas at Mount Hope	\$111	
11	Montpelier Plantation & Fredericksburg	\$148	
19	Historic Christ Church Oyster & Ham Dinner	\$not available	
20	Riverside Dinner Theatre's Christmas Spectacular	\$130	
24	Toby's Dinner Theatre presents It's A Wonderful Life	\$124	
26-27	Victorian Christmas at Cape May	\$573/\$368	
29	Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall	\$221	
	DECEMBER		
3	US Army Band Christmas Concert	\$50	
7-9	Norman Rockwell Christmas Tour	\$1079/\$840	
11	US Air Force Band Christmas Concert	\$50	
13	Christmas at Nemours & Hagley Museum 0	\$111	
15	Christmas at the Hillwood Estate	\$105	
17	US Navy Band Christmas Concert	\$50	
21	American Music Theatre presents <i>Home for the Holidays</i>	\$130	
23	Winterthur & Longwood Gardens	\$160	
27	Forever Young Country Christmas Show	\$105	
29-1/1	Holly Dolly New Year in the Smokies	\$1459/\$1009	
	NEW FOR 2023		
	JANUARY		
5	Kennedy Center presents A Soldier's Pay	\$122	
29	National presents Cats	\$190	
	FEBRUARY		
4	Kennedy Center presents Sunset Boulevard	\$183	
20	Tea & Tour at Rosemount Manor	\$118	
	MARCH		
1	Toby's Dinner Theatre presents Something Rotten	\$124	
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15	Riverside Dinner Theatre presents Ragtime	\$130
22	Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre presents Sister Act	\$130
29	Sight & Sound presents Moses	\$161
	APRIL	
5	Sight & Sound presents Moses	\$161
10-13	Smoky Mountain Red Neck Tour	\$1276/\$996
16	Kennedy Center presents Les Miserables	\$190
19-21	Norfolk Tattoo	\$741 / \$599
25	Two Gardens & Two Historic Homes	\$131
29-5/4	Grand Ladies & Gardens of the Old South	\$1837/\$1416