Bluebird Tours

TRIPS FOR THE "OVER 55" - Prince William Area

WINTER - SPRING











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BLUEBIRD

POLICY INFORMATION

The current Bluebird Policy manual is online at www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours. It is your responsibility to make yourself aware of important information concerning your Bluebird experience.

Payment Policy

A reservation must be confirmed immediately with a check, money order, or credit card. in the amount of \$5 for a one-day tour and \$10 for an overnight tour to hold your space. Balance will be charged for one-day trips two weeks prior to the trip and for over night trips, 30 days prior to trip. When making a payment, request a receipt by providing an active email address. Quality Tours requires deposits for certain trips at the time of booking and is noted in that trip's description. The deposit would be refundable if the trip does not run.

Refunds and Cancellations

There is a "No Refund" policy in place unless and If, when you cancel there is a standby list and from it, we can find a replacement. If you need to cancel your reservation, please call Quality Tours and speak to one of our agents handling the Bluebird Tour Program. All cancellations are subject to an administration fee of \$5.00 for one-day trips and \$10.00 for overnight trips. A refund will only be given if there is someone on the "standby list" to take your space. Trip cancellation insurance is available only for overnight tours and it is highly suggested.

Schedule and Trip Information

All tours may take place on a Quality Tour Transport motor coach. Schedules for the Bluebird trips can be printed from the web page located at: www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours. You will be added to the maintained address book. For trip information, please send an email to BB4information@aol.com and you will be added to the email address book, maintained by the Advisory Board. You may contact Quality Tours at dcreek@dctrails.com for immediate information.

NOTE: 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 \$3-\$4 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.

Trip Insurance

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON OVERNIGHT TOURS AND IS NOT INCLUDED in the price of the overnight trips. Insurance is available to everyone through Travelguard.com 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 fees. Contact Dee Creek at (703) 339-0333 for further information, or go online to travelguard.com

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 Richmond 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.

Return Times

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

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

Alcohol

No consumption of alcohol is permitted on the bus

Note

Trip escort is permitted to make changes as deemed necessary to trip itineraries while on the road.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations commence immediately on the date the new schedule is up on the following internet sites: https://www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours

printed copies of the program distributed to the two senior centers as well as at the McCoart Building or your local libraries. Beginning then, reservations are accepted by telephone only at (703) 339-0333 beginning at 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Reservations can be made for up to four persons for multiple tours per phone call. One-day tours will require twenty-five participants if the trip is within our local area and thirty participants if the trip is outside our local area. Overnight trips will require thirty participants. Note: At the time of reservation any special accommodations, including but not limited to seating and dietary restrictions, should be mentioned.

Note: Two weeks after the new brochure has been distributed any remaining space will be opened to residents over 18 years of age and individuals or groups from Prince William County or surrounding counties. Installment payments may be arranged for any tour with the reservationist at time of booking. For single or multiple tour reservations, an individual check or money order is required for each trip and made payable to Quality Tour Transport, Inc. and mailed to:

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

Credit cards will be run and trip monies in the form of checks or money orders will be deposited as soon as the minimum number to operate any tour has been met and you will be advised of the date of deposit. Please refer to the Bluebird Tour Program Policy Manual for full details of the policies governing the Bluebird Program.

BLUEBIRD NAME TAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$12.50. CONTACT CHESTER SMITH AT 703-282-4043

If anyone is interested in having a group presentation about The Bluebird Trips for your church, social organization, etc. please contact:

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or also at:

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BLUEBIRD OPEN MEETING

Friday, March 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers of the McCoart Building.



BLUEBIRD SOCIAL

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 12:00 noon at the United Buffet 2942 Prince William Parkway. Woodbridge, VA Cost: \$13.90

includes drink, tax and gratuity A COURTESY BUS will be PROVIDED DEPARTING Walmart Manassas 9401 Liberia Ave, Manassas at 11:30 a.m. from behind Wawa. Return time is 3:00

Tuesday-Wednesday December 31-January 1 CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE 2025 Philadelphia, PA Cost: \$734 Single/\$590 Twin per person

It is your last chance to witness the dynamic and exciting production of Daniel at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. This is a wonderful way to end the year viewing this spectacular biblical story! Following the production, we will make a fast-food stop on our own as we continue to Philadelphia where we will check in the Holiday Inn **Express Penn's Landing** in the downtown waterfront area. We are scheduled for the early departure aboard the Spirit of Philadelphia. This cruise will include their signature dinner buffet with coffee, tea, or iced tea plus a DJ for music and dancing. There will be an "early count down" to 2025 with props, for photos, beads, hats, noisemakers, and masquerade-themed handouts. We will return to our hotel. Returning to our hotel, you can claim one of 60 available seats (based on a first come" basis), in the hotel lobby with its ceiling-to-floor glass window overlooking the waterfront. This would be for the midnight fireworks display. For an even better view, you can walk a short distance to the Delaware River waterfront. A breathtaking New Year's Eve celebration awaits on the water!

• Day 2:

Sleep in and begin your day with a hot buffet breakfast. We will depart the hotel for the Civic Center and the fantastic Mummer's Fancy Brigade Finale. This is an elaborately produced and tightly choreographed storybased on theatrical extravaganzas. The Fancy Division (or Fancies) impresses with painted faces, glamorous sequined outfits, feathery plumage and colorful parasols. The String Bands gleefully play banjos, saxophones, glockenspiels, accordions, violins and percussion instruments, performing original music and traditional tunes including "Oh, Dem Golden Slippers," the unofficial Mummers anthem. You will never forget this performance and an

absolute fantastic way to begin the New Year. We will stop for lunch at the **Cracker Barrel [\$18 gift card]** We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 PM

JANUARY

Saturday, January 4
KENNEDY CENTER presents:
& JULIET
Washington, DC
Cost: \$160 pp

This hilarious new musical flips the script on the greatest love story ever told. & Juliet asks: what would happen next if Juliet didn't end it all over Romeo? Get whisked away on a fabulous journey as she ditches her famous ending for a fresh beginning and a second chance at life and love—her way. A stop for lunch on your own will be made at the Pentagon Mall Food Court departing there at 12:45 p.m. for the Kennedy Center for the 2:00 p.m. matinee. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 18
HERSHEY THEATRE presents:
PRETTY WOMAN
Hershey, PA
Cost: \$180 pp

On arrival in Hershey, we will immediately proceed to the Hershey Chocolate World for a 30-minute riding tour of the plant to see how all that lucious chocolate candy and other products come into existence. You will have free time to visit the shopping area to load up for the holidays. From here we will proceed on a short trip to Harrisburg, PA for lunch at the Cracker Barrel (\$18 gift card). Leave a tip on the table. Following lunch, we will proceed to the Hershey Theatre for the performance of *Pretty Woman*. When Edward Lewis, a wealthy corporate businessman is dumped by his girlfriend, he later finds himself in Hollywood's red-light

district. Driving down Hollywood Boulevard, he encounters Vivian Ward - and the pair immediately hit it off. Revealing their personal lives to one another, Edward invites Vivian to accompany him to social and business functions for the next week, but as they grow closer together, can they overcome all odds and let go of their past lives? We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:15 p.m. with a fast-food break to bring aboard the bus.

Wednesday, January 22 THE MUSEUM OF ILLUSION Washington DC Cost: \$78 pp

This museum currently has 50 fully experiential exhibits, including multiple interactive rooms such as The Vortex Tunnel, the Color Room, and the Ames room. Guests usually take 45 minutes to explore the museum fully. Our rooms and prints are named after the scientists that developed them and we have life-size dilemma games as part of our exhibits that adults like to huddle and solve together. There are also dozens more in the interactive gift shop which allows guests to sit around an island and solve for an endless period of time. This will be a great adventure for those who love to solve puzzles. We will depart Manassas at 8:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. A stop for lunch on your own will follow at the Pentagon City Mall Food Court. Return time is approximately 3:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 26 NATIONAL THEATRE presents: THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL Washington, DC Cost: \$182 pp

From humble beginnings in Nutbush, TN to her transformation into the global Queen of Rock 'n' Roll, Tina Turner didn't just break the rules, she rewrote them. This new stage musical reveals the untold story of a woman who dared to defy the bounds of her age, gender and race. One of the world's best-selling artists of

all time, Tina Turner has won 12 Grammy Awards and her live shows have been seen by millions, with more concert tickets sold than any other solo performer in music history. The play features her much loved songs. Come along down memory lane to her first hit with the single "A Fool in Love" in July 1960. We will be stopping at the Pentagon City Mall for lunch on your own at the food court and then onto the National and TINA. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 30 National Air & Space Museum Washington DC Cost 865 pp

After being closed for several years and a complete renovation, inside and out, the National Air & Space Museum on the National Mall has reopened half of its building to the public again. See some of the most popular exhibits in this freshly remodeled museum. Considered one of the most popular museums in the world, see some of the actual artifacts that have helped build our Air & Space program over the years. So popular we have timed entry tickets for the museum. Be sure to have a good breakfast before you go and maybe bring a snack to eat on the bus for the ride home. No food stop will be made. Depart Manassas at 9:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:00 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 1
The People's House
"A WHITE HOUSE
EXPERIENCE"

Cost \$75 pp

Come with us to see the newest museum in town. Just opened September 2024! The new "White House Experience" takes us on a technology-rich immersive experience where you actually go into spaces and due to the miracles of modern tech, those spaces will

become White House rooms around you. You will also enter a full-scale replica of the Oval Office and so much more. A stop for lunch on your own will follow at the Pentagon City Mall Food Court. Departure from Manassas will be at 8:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m. A donation to the Museum is included in the cost.

Saturday, February 8 McCarter Theatre Center presents: HERE THERE ARE BLUEBERRIES Princeton, NJ Cost: \$149 pp

Hailed as the "best theatre of the year" this celebrated new production from Tonynominated director Moisés Kaufman comes to Princeton with an unmissable, two-week-only engagement. In 2007, a mysterious album featuring Nazi-era photographs arrived at the desk of a U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum archivist. As curators unraveled the shocking truth behind the images, the album soon made headlines and ignited a debate that reverberated far beyond the museum walls. Based on real events. Here There Are Blueberries tells the story of these historical photographs—what they reveal about the perpetrators of the Holocaust, and our own humanity. Prior to the performance, we will enjoy lunch at the Cracker Barrel in Hamilton Township NJ [\$20 Gift Card]. We will depart Manassas at 6:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:45 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, February 14-15
VALENTINE DAY WITH THE KING
JOHN ENGEMAN THEATRE
presents
HEARTBREAK HOTEL
Northport, Long Island, NY
Cost: \$586 Single & \$455 Twin pp

Ladies and gentlemen, what better way to celebrate **Valentine's Day** then to step back in time to the 60's where until his untimely death, a Southern hillbilly who was so

successful, he was to be called The King of Rock & Roll burst on the scene. His name Elvis, still evokes immediate adoration from people all over the world. The John Englemann Theatre is hosting HEARTBREAK **HOTEL** that takes a closer look at the musical icon whose impact shaped the history of rock and roll as well as popular culture following Elvis from his early days to his rise to become "The King of Rock and Roll." Heartbreak Hotel features over 40 Elvis hits and iconic songs including, "That's All Right," "All Shook Up," "Heartbreak Hotel," "Burning Love," "Good Rockin' Tonight," "Hound Dog," "Love Me Tender," "Don't Be Cruel," "Jail- house Rock," "Are You Lonesome," and "Blue Suede Shoes." Lodging will be at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Huntington Long Island. This afternoon, we are taking those of you who would like to shop at the Walt Whitman **Shops** for a bit of shopping. This evening, we will enjoy dinner at OHK Bar & Restaurant before we proceed to the John Engeman Theatre in Northport for this exciting production of Heartbreak Hotel.

Day 2:

Sleep in and enjoy **breakfast** at the Hampton Inn. From here, it is a short distance to the Vanderbilt Mansion in Centerport known as Eagle's Nest. This is the former summer estate and private museum of William K. Vanderbilt II. Known as Long Island's Gold Coast, Eagle's Nest welcomes visitors from around the world to explore the history of this area. In addition to our quided tour, we are also going to enjoy a private luncheon featuring a variety of wrapped sandwiches, choice of 3 salads and Italian cookies for dessert with a choice of tea, coffee, soda or water. Following our tour, we board our bus for home. A rest stop will be made where you can also purchase a beverage and a snack. We will depart Manassas at 7:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m. There is no luggage service on this trip

Saturday, February 22 MURDER AT MOUNT HOPE ESTATE Manheim, PA Coet: \$140 pp

It's 1930 at the **Kentucky Derby** and tensions are high. Rival families face off at this final race to determine who will take home the crown and usher in a new era of horse racing. It's all anyone can talk about...until the murder! Don your hats, place your bets and make sure your Juleps are strong, we've got a mystery to solve. Featured is a 4-course lunch and an entertainment experience our group will love. On arrival, you will first construct your **Derby hat** in our exclusive workshop. *Murder at Mount Hope* has quests helping solve the mystery at hand as you try to determine "who done it!" Join us for great fun and fellowship. We will depart Manassas at 7:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m. Return time is 7:15 p.m.

<u>MARCH</u>

Monday, March 3

Philadelphia Flower Show Presents: GARDENS OF TOMORROW

Phíladelphía, PA

Cost: \$120

Experience the future of gardening with stunning visual displays, world-class plant competitions, family activities, artisanal crafts, renowned speakers, and curated shopping. Large-scale floral and landscape creations designed by the world's most talented florists and garden artists are judged by globally renowned horticultural gurus. Get up close with hundreds of spectacular, native butterflies at the Butterflies Live! exhibit, create your own unique floral keepsakes at Artisan Row, or sit down for an unforgettable Potting Party with Tu Bloom. Explore her curated shopping areas with plenty of opportunities to find the perfect gift, plant, or memento at this year's show. Shop the Marketplace for your favorite

vendors, visit the PHS Shop for 2025 Flower Show-branded merchandise, or swing by The **Makers Market** featuring local artisans and their one-of-a-kind wares. You may walk across the street at your leisure for lunch on your own at the **Reading Terminal Market** where you will find as many as 70 different food Vendors and other wares. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5

DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE

Presents: WAITRESS
Lancaster, PA

Cost: \$145

Featuring music and Lyrics by Grammy Award Winner Sara Bareilles. The stary of Jenna, a waitress and expert pie maker who dreams of a way out of her small town and rocky marriage. A tale of self-discovery, resilience and the pursuit of happiness. We will depart Manassas at 7:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE presents: JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR Fredericksburg, VA Cast: \$135

Jesus Christ Superstar has wowed audiences for over 50 years. A timeless work, the rock opera is set against the backdrop of an extraordinary and universally known series of events but seen, unusually, through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. Loosely based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Superstar follows the last week of Jesus Christ's life. The story, told entirely through song, explores the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers and the Roman Empire. The iconic 1970s rock score contains such well-known numbers as "Superstar," "I Don't Know How to Love Him"

and "Gethsemane." A true global phenomenon, *Superstar* continues to touch new generations of audiences and performers. 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, March 15
ALTRIA THEATRE presents:
MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL
Richmond, VA
Cost: \$135

Moulin Rouge! The Musical is the winner of 10 Tony Awards including Best Musical! Come along and enter a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur, and glory! A world where Bohemians and aristocrats rub elbows and revel in electrifying enchantment. Welcome to a musical smash-up extravaganza, a theatrical celebration of Truth, Beauty, Freedom, and — above all — love... Moulin Rouge! is more than a musical — it is a state of mind. We will stop for lunch [\$20 gift card] at the Ashland Cracker Barrel. We will depart Manassas at 9:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Revised date & Theater!!

THE KENNEDY CENTER

PRESENTS: The 30th Anniversary of

RIVERDANCE

Washington, DC

Cost: \$160 pp

Since Riverdance first emerged on the world stage, its fusion of Irish and international dance and music has captured the hearts of millions worldwide. The Grammy awardwinning music and the infectious energy of its mesmerizing choreography and breathtaking performances has left audiences in awe and established Riverdance as a global cultural sensation. To celebrate this incredible 30th year milestone, Riverdance will embark on a

special anniversary tour, bringing its magic to audiences around the world. This spectacular production rejuvenates the much-loved original show with new innovative choreography and costumes and state of the art lighting, projection and motion graphics. And for the first time Riverdance welcomes "The New Generation" of performers, all of whom were not born when the show began 30 years ago. Audiences will enjoy a unique and memorable performance which blends the traditional and the contemporary, showcasing the skill and passion of the world-class dancers, musicians and singers in the Riverdance ensemble. A stop for lunch on your own will be made at the **Pentagon Mall Food Court** departing there at 12:45 p.m. for the Kennedy Center for the 1:30 p.m. matinee. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19
SIGHT & SOUND presents:
NOAH
Lancaster, PA
Cost: \$189 pp

On arrival we will proceed directly to Sight & **Sound Theatre** for the return of **NOAH**. With a catastrophic storm on its way, Noah is given a monumental task: build a boat big enough to save his family from a flood that will cover the entire earth. As Noah endeavors to live faithfully in the midst of an increasingly chaotic world, can he trust that God's promises run deeper than the rising waters around him? Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary season! Then we are off to enjoy a late lunch following the performance at Plain & Fancy's Smorgasbord. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

There is a quick rest stop for a potty break and fast food stop to grab a cup of coffee and something to eat aboard the bus both going and returning,

Saturday, March 22
KENNEDY CENTER presents
EUREKA DAY
Washington, DC
Cost: \$160 pp

Following its triumphant run at London's Old Vic, where it garnered critical acclaim for its incisive wit and topical relevance, Eureka Day has been hailed as "a cutting-edge comedy that dissects contemporary dilemmas with humor and heart." Eureka Day is a prestigious, progressive elementary school nestled in the idyllic surroundings of Berkeley, California. It's a haven of inclusivity, where every opinion is valued. But when a sudden outbreak of mumps sends shockwaves through the community, the school's idyllic veneer is shattered. The Board of Directors, who have always prided themselves on a policy of consensus and mutual respect, are thrust into a storm of conflicting viewpoints and rising tensions. As the number of mumps cases climbs, the school faces a critical dilemma: to stick to their liberal stance on vaccination, or impose mandates that could divide the community. Sound familiar? Come see how these folks handle it! A stop for lunch on your own will be made at the Pentagon Mall Food Court departing there at 12:45 p.m. for the Kennedy Center for the 2:00 p.m. matinee. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6 p.m.

Saturday, March 29
HISTORIC HANOVER
TAVERN PRESENTS
DIAL M FOR MURDER
Hanover, VA
Cost: \$115 pp

Adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher Hitchcock's classic murder mystery is re-envisioned in

Jeffrey Hatcher's suspenseful, lot twisting adaptation. Former writer Tony Wendice concocts a plan to murder his wealthy wife, Margot. When the deadly scheme goes awry, Margot, with the help of a sharp-witted detective, fights to clear her name and reveal the truth about her husband's lethal intentions. With its exploration of greed, power, and manipulation, this clever. fast-paced reimagining adds additional layers to the iconic tale, making the question of "Will he get away with it?" Even more thrilling. Prior to the performance, we will enjoy lunch at the historic tavern With reservation provide one of the following choices: Buttermilk fried chicken, Beef Brisket or Golden battered Cod, all served with mac and cheese and Caesar's Salad, for dessert you will enjoy a delicious Ghirardelli Chocolate Brownie served with vanilla ice cream. We will depart Manassas at 9:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

APRIL

Tuesday, Apríl 1 **The Wonders of Gettysburg**Gettysburg, PA *Cost: \$138 pp*

Enjoy a full 360-degree experience at the Gettysburg battlefield. On our visit to the Gettysburg Visitor Center, you will be taken thru the full timeline surrounding the famous battle as well as being able to view some of the time period artillery used and memorabilia of the Confederacy. Discover key landmarks with a Big and Little Roundtop, Devil's Den, the Peach orchard and more. In the hands of a trained quide, the exciting battlefield tour itself will be the real highlight of the trip. A break for lunch occurs at the Dobbin's House. This is a historical experience that is certainly not to be missed. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:45 a.m. and Manassas at 7:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5 p.m.

Sunday April 6

TOBY'S Dinner Theater Presents *THE MUSIC MAN*

Columbía, MD

Cost: \$140

Music Man is a musical based on a plot that concerns a con man named Harold Hill, who poses as a boys' band organizer and leader and sells band instruments and uniforms to naïve Midwestern townsfolk, promising to train the members of the new band. Harold is no musician, however, and plans to skip town without giving any music lessons. Prim librarian and piano teacher Marian sees through him, but when Harold helps her younger brother overcome his lisp and social awkwardness, Marian begins to fall in love with him. He risks being caught to win her heart. We are not going to provide what happens. Come and see! 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, April 9 RIVER CRUISE WITH LUNCH Features Outstanding Views of the Cherry Blossoms

Washington, DC Cost: 8123 pp

Cruising down the Potomac River with spring breezes teasing our hair, we can sit back and relax and let the Captain take us on a delightful luncheon cruise on the calm waters of the Potomac River. We have our fingers crossed that the cherry blossoms will be in full bloom. But each year they seem to do their own thing. It will still be a wonderful way to welcome Spring. If there are blooms the coach will make a circle tour around the Jefferson Memorial for an up-close view. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:30 p.m.

(QUALITY TOURS CANNOT GUARANTEE THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS WILL BE IN BLOOM ON ANY PARTICULAR DAY!)

Saturday, Apríl 19 ALTRIA THEATRE presents A Beautiful Noise - Neil Diamond Story Ríchmond, VA

Cost: \$183 pp

A BEAUTIFUL NOISE is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chartbusting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 140 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "America," "Forever in Blue Jeans." and "Sweet Caroline." an induction into the Songwriters and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world that made him bigger than Elvis. Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway, where the biggest stars tell their story. It is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hitmaker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career. We will make a breakfast stop at the Ashland Cracker Barrel [\$22 gift card] then continue to the Altria Theatre for their 1:00 p.m. matinee. We will depart Manassas at 8:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Apríl 23 DUTCH APPLE DINNER THEATRE presents: FIDDLER ON THE ROOF Lancaster, PA Cost: \$142

Our first stop will be Peddler's Village, a very picturesque Village filled with colorful and quaint shops of all descriptions, including craft shops, as well as some fine restaurants. We will then proceed to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for lunch and a wonderful musical, *Fiddler On The Roof.* Following the show, we will board our bus for home. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time if approximately 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 27 NORFOLK HARBOR CRUISE & THE HIGH-SPIRITED MILITARY TATOO Norfolk, VA Cost: \$226 pp

We have a jam-packed first-class tour! Our first stop is the beautiful Norfolk Gardens by The Sea adorned in the incredible beauty of hundreds of azaleas and rhododendrons in full bloom. It is a virtual sea of color. Your entrance entitles you to their tram tours leaving on the hour and half hour for a thirty-minute ride thru the gardens to take it all in. When we depart the gardens, we are headed for Chesapeake, VA and lunch at the Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card). Following lunch, we are off to the Scope where the matinee performance of the International Tattoo takes place. You may wander about and perhaps purchase a gift for someone before taking your reserved seats. The performance begins at 2:30 p.m. Following the show, we will board our bus for the return homeward making a combo rest stop and fast-food stop before the journey back home. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is 8:30 p.m.

MAY

Thursday, May 1

Celebrate MAY DAY with Roses and Victorian Tea

Hershey & Middletown, PA

Cost: 8134

There is no finer time to see the fabulous rose gardens of Hershey than late spring. Every color and size from bush to cascading climbers dominates the landscape. We will have an experienced guide to take us through the gardens answering any questions you might have. We will then continue to Middletown where we are scheduled for a **Victorian lunch**. Our destination is **Alfred's** located in a beautiful restored Victorian mansion with exquisite furnishings to delight the eye. Our hope is that this will be a day fondly remembered as you take a step back in time. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is

approximately 4:30 p.m. Remember to wear comfortable shoes for walking in the gardens.

Saturday, May 3 SHENANDOAH VALLEY APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Winchester, VA

Cost: \$84 pp

The Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival is a series of more than thirty events, but the biggest and most extravagant is the Grand Parade and this year's Master of Ceremonies is vet to be announced. Also, as a part of the parade is the presentation of Queen Shenandoah and her Court. The Festival is held in Winchester, Virginia in the beautiful and historic Northern Shenandoah Valley. In addition to the parade with our reserved seats. we will attend Weekend in The Park with hundreds of crafts folks and vendors for lunch on own. Arrival back is approximately 6:45 p.m. No food is included on this tour and walking on uneven terrain is involved. The tour includes reserved seats to the parade and admission to the park. A fast-food stop will be made on the return trip. We will depart Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. and Manassas at 8:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10

THE ALTRIA presents: CHICAGO TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY Richmond, VA

Cost: \$160

CHICAGO is still the one musical with everything that makes Broadway shimmy-shake: a universal tale of fame, fortune, and all that jazz, with one showstopping song after another and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. In the whirlwind of Chicago's Jazz Age, two of the Cook County Jail's most notorious murderesses—vaudeville star Velma Kelly and chorus girl Roxie Hart—become fierce rivals as they compete for headlines amidst a media frenzy. Broadway's longest-running musical

has been dazzling audiences for 27 years, and after more than 10,000 performances, 6 Tony Awards and a Grammy, we're just getting started. Come and help keep this great production alive and well in Virginia. Also included is lunch at the Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card) We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Arrival back is approximately 7:00 p.m.

Friday, May 16 BEAUTY AND ELEGANCE FEATURING NEMOURS MANSION & GARDENS & LONGWOOD GARDENS Wilmington, DE Cost: \$108 pp

Celebrate spring with the breathtaking beauty and historic elegance that prevail as you tour these magnificent sites. Our day begins with a visit to Nemours Mansion & Gardens in Wilmington, DE, the home of Alfred I. and Alicia DuPont. Enjoy a guided tour of this splendid 3,000-acre estate. A delight for the senses is the Garden with its corridor of vibrant spring colors, fragrance of fresh flowers and the gentle sounds of the fountain in the Reflecting From Nemours we will proceed to Kennett Square, PA to enjoy lunch at the Longwood Family Restaurant. Next is our visit just across the street to Longwood Gardens. Here you will experience dazzling displays that elevate the art of horticulture, a place to watch majestic fountains spring to life, and a place to relax and reconnect with nature. Explore one of the great gardens of the world, from the 4acre Conservatory to the splendor of the outdoor gardens spanning 1,077 acres. On arrival we will proceed to the Conservatory to stroll through to the East Conservatory Plaza entrance. Here you will find restrooms and benches should you not want to proceed with the one-hour guided tour of the gardens. Following the tour, you may want to stroll through the Conservatory or visit the gift shop. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. We will arrive back at approximately 7:00 p.m.

There are a variety of surfaces and levels in the gardens and grounds. The tour also

involves climbing several staircases so visitors are asked to take their physical condition into account when making reservations.

Wednesday-Saturday. MAY 21-24

MOHAWK RIVER VALLEY PLUS

Skaneateles Lake

Cost: \$1153 Single & \$883 Twin pp

The Mohawk Valley Region is a fascinating mosaic of history, nature, and culture. Central New York's Mohawk Valley Region covers seven counties with nearly 200 communities and upwards of one million residents. All share and celebrate a distinguished history. The Mohawk River corridor through the center of the region is the easiest, most direct route between the Atlantic seaboard and heartland America. This key geographic passage was hotly-contested territory and a huge factor in shaping the history of our American nation from earliest times. It is also the ancestral homeland of the Native American Iroquois Confederacy. The legendary Erie Canal, a technological wonder of its era, was built here taking advantage of the convenient path nature carved through the eastern mountain range to construct a more modern transportation waterway. This reinforced national ambitions, expansion of America's western frontier, and the westward spread of eager settlers. We will depart Manassas at 7:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:15 a.m. Return time is approximately at 6:00 p.m.

Itinerary

DAY ONE:

Today you depart on your deluxe motor coach for a scenic drive to Syracuse, New York where we will make a **lunch** stop at a Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card) and then continue to our lodging for three nights at the Hampton Inn. Dinner tonight is at the **Longhorn Steak House**, with a **choice of** ribeye steak, parmesan crusted chicken or salmon.

DAY TWO:

After a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, you travel to nearby Herkimer, New York in the heart of the Mohawk River Valley, named for

the Native Americans that inhabited the area when the first European settlers arrived. The picture-perfect town of Herkimer was originally settled in the 1700s by Palatine families from the Rhineland in Germany. This morning you are treated to a private tour of the Herkimer **Home** built in 1764 for Nicholas Herkimer, son of the founding father of the town. The colorful formal gardens in this lovely brick mansion are beautiful in the Spring! No visit to this area would be complete of course, without a stop at Gems Along the Mohawk, a 5000 square foot gift shop filled with food and gifts from vendors all over New York state. Enjoy! Now it's on to the Herkimer Diamond Mines Complex, where you have lunch on your own in the cafe here. Herkimer "Diamonds" are actually quartz crystal gems that are naturally double faceted which makes them extremely rare and valuable. Estimated to be over 400 million years old, these world-famous gems were first discovered by local Native Americans in the 1700s and have continued to be mined for nearly two centuries. Yes, they are known by scientists to be the clearest, most perfect quartz in existence! Today, your tour here includes a lesson on panning for Herkimer Diamonds with a free five by seveninch bag filled with sand and gems for each member of your tour group. After the lesson, the gems are yours to take home! There will be plenty of time for visiting the wonderful museum and gift shop here before enjoying a delicious 2-meat dinner buffet at the Mineral Tavern. Have fun!

DAY THREE:

After a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, you take a 29-mile drive to Auburn, New York, where you have a fascinating tour of the William H. Seward Home, dedicated to President Abraham Lincoln's secretary of state. Seward passed away here in 1872. On display are the original family furnishings as well as Seward's private collection of rare gifts he received from all over the world. Included are a Russian tea samovar, shining armor from the crusades and even 1800s board games in their original boxes - all in mint condition! Now, you take a 5-mile drive to the sparkling waters of Skaneateles Lake where you enjoy a private one-hour cruise. Your narrated tour will include the history of the lake

(which means "Long Lake" in Native American language) and a description of the homes of noted people you will pass, including the Roosevelt family estate. Now, after having time for lunch and shopping on your own in the charming dockside town of **Skaneateles**, you end your touring day at the gorgeous vineyards of the **Anyela Winery**, where you have wine-tasting and a talk on the rich history of the area. Now, a private sumptuous **buffet dinner** awaits you at the beautiful, historic **Springside Inn** built in 1851. What a wonderful way to end your tour!

DAY FOUR:

This morning, after a full **buffet breakfast** at your hotel, you depart with wonderful memories. We will be including lunch at a Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card)

Wednesday-Thursday, May 28-29
GLORIOUS SPRING IN CAPE MAY
Cape May, New Jersey
Cost: 8404 Single / 8 390 Twin per person

Don't we all have days or even weeks when nothing seems to fall in place and we are constantly trying to push forward? Sometimes, it is good to loosen up and get out of town. We are running a two-day special to help you unwind and relax at will. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m.

We will arrive Cape May, NJ in time for lunch at the South Bar & Grille where you can choose from the following: Classic Chicken Caesar Salad, Classic Burger, Chicken & Avocado Sandwich or Chicken Sandwich with a choice of NY Style Cheesecake or Chocolate Peanut Butter Pie and choice of coffee, tea or soda. We will then go to the Physick Estate House to take a trolley tour of this beautiful location by the sea. Our driver will have all the low-down on the area to share with us. On our return, we will visit the Physick House & the Carroll Gallery Exhibit. We then turn you loose on for shopping at the Washington Street Mall. This will be followed by dinner at the Anglesea Pub where you have a dinner choice of: Roast Turkey Platter, Meatloaf Platter, Fried Shrimp Platter or Traditional Irish Guinness Braised Beef Stew served with a choice of coffee, tea or soda and a Seasonal Dessert. We will check into The Grand Hotel in Cape May, NJ for the night

<u>Day 2:</u> Good morning to a beautiful day at the shore. Bring your swim suit and enjoy the ocean or the pool. You will find lots of vendors near the beach for a treat or to take to someone at home. We have to be back in Cape May for our **exciting Whale watching cruise** departing at 1:00 p.m. Following our cruise, we will depart for the journey homeward with a combo rest stop and fast food stop will be made. We should arrive back in the area at 8:00 p.m.

JUNE

Sunday, June 8

Altria Theater Presents Some Like It Hot

Ríchmond, VA Cost: 8152 pp

Set in Chicago when Prohibition has everyone thirsty for a little excitement, Some Like It Hot is the glorious, big, high-kicking story of two musicians forced to flee the Windy City after witnessing a mob hit. With gangsters hot on their heels, they catch a cross-country train for the life-chasing, life-changing trip of a lifetime! And what a trip it is! With its irresistible combination of heart and laughs, song and dance, Some Like It Hot has won more theater awards than any show this season. We will have an early lunch at the Ashland Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card) We will be attending the 1:00 p.m. matinee performance. We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Friday, June 9-13
THE CAPE & THE VINEYARD
Hyannis, MA
Cost: \$1590 Single / \$1260Twin pp

Join us on this five-day adventure to the "Arm of Massachusetts" better known as Cape Cod. Enjoy 4 full breakfasts at hotels, 1 Lunch. 4 full dinners, Sand Dune Tour in Provincetown, touring of Hyannisport with JFK Memorial and Martha's Vineyard for a full day of touring, one-way excursion on board the Island Queen Ferry to Orient Point, Long Island, wine tasting at the Pindar Winery, performance of "Half Time" at Theatre Three in Port Jefferson, NY, tour and buffet luncheon at the Vanderbilt Mansion in Centerport, NY, admission to Old Westbury Gardens, plus: all admissions, baggage handling, taxes and restaurant gratuities. Following is a daily breakdown for each day. We will depart Manassas at 6:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

The Itinerary

DAY ONE:

Today we depart on your deluxe motorcoach for a scenic drive through New England to Cape Cod, crossing the widest man-made canal in the world. For the next 3 nights, you have accommodations at the lovely and restful **Best Western. Buffet dinner** is included at the **Victorian mansion** of statesman Dan'l Webster in the Marshfield area. Enjoy!

DAY TWO:

This morning, after a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, you meet your step-on guide and travel to Provincetown, the very tip of Cape Cod, passing quaint Cape Cod homes and white-spired churches. A stop at the Cape Cod Natural History Museum will be included, where you have a chance to see rare scrimshaw work and Victorian-era whaling harpoons. Now, you embark on a one-hour dune buggy tour over the sand dunes in Provincetown, passing the remains of the famous "writer shacks" that inspired such authors as Eugene O'Neil and Henry David Thoreau. Later, you enjoy lunch and shopping on your own here before returning to Hyannis where you enjoy a one-hour harbor cruise with views of the Kennedy Compound and Squaw Island. Dinner this evening is boiled lobster or prime rib (With your reservation indicate your choice).

DAY THREE:

This morning after a **full buffet breakfast** at your hotel, you will tour Hyannis port as known and loved by President John F. Kennedy. Stops will include the JFK Memorial. Next, you take a **scenic cruise** across the waters from Falmouth **to Martha's Vineyard**. Upon arrival, you have a **tour of this storybook island**, including **Edgartown**, its streets lined with sea captains' mansions built when the only great industry was whaling by harpoon. Later, you return across Nantucket Sound back to the Cape for afternoon **shopping in Falmouth and dinner**.

DAY FOUR:

This morning, after a **full buffet breakfast** at your hotel, you head to New London, Connecticut where you take a one-and-a-halfhour ferry ride to Orient Point, Long Island. Settled in the 17th century by Connecticut Yankees, this body of land is 118 miles long and just 15 miles wide, but is filled with magnificent scenery. Upon arrival, you reboard your motorcoach and stop for winetasting at one of the area's famous wineries before continuing to Stonybrook. Known as one of the wealthiest towns in New York and home to many celebrities, Stonybrook is famous for its New England clapboard architecture, quaint shops and historic gristmill. **Dinner** this evening is at the Mirabell Tavern built in the colonial period and known for its superb cuisine. Later, you see a show at Port Jefferson's Theatre Three Arts Center, a fabulous 400-seat 1860s vaudeville theatre, where such well-known stars as Bert Lahr and Milton Berle once performed where you will see *Half Time*. Enjoy!

DAY FIVE:

This morning, after a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, you take a scenic 20-mile ride to Centerport. Here, you enjoy a tour and private luncheon at the magnificent 1912 mansion of William K. Vanderbilt, with original family furnishings. Relive the opulence of the "The Great Gatsby" era as you dine with superb ocean views, overlooking breathtaking Long Island Sound. Later, admission is included at the beautiful Old Westbury Gardens before returning home. A rest stop combined with fast food service will be made on the journey back.

Sunday-Monday. June 15-16 FATHER'S DAY WILDERNESS ADVENTURE Elkins, WV Cost: 8475 Single & 8348 Twin pp

This overnight adventure is to provide a destination that a father would enjoy for a night and two days. Our destination is Elkins, WV, and the New Tygart Flyer for a wilderness excursion that features mountain grades, an "S" curve tunnel, a high bridge and miles of unspoiled mountain views. Vintage diesel-powered locomotives climb along the cascading Shavers Fork of the Cheat River to the High Falls of Cheat. Enjoy the view relaxing aboard our comfortable climatecontrolled passenger coaches. We will have reservations on the Parlor car (the first 25 to sign-on) and coach for all others. Lunch will be served onboard the train. This vintage diesel-powered passenger train has gained a reputation as one of the most relaxing mountain wilderness excursions in their Mountain Rail Adventure portfolio. We will then continue to downtown Elkins to check in the Wingate by Wyndham. You will have time to relax before we proceed to the **Gandy Dancers Dinner Theatre for their premier** dinner show. After a wonderful plated dinner we will enjoy sitting back and listening to the fabulous Mountain Memories Show Band as they serve up a two-hour Bransonstyle show with music from the 50's- today featuring Country, Pop. Motown, Gospel, and Patriotic along with family-friendly comedy and amazing dancers. The Gandy Dancer offers a show that's guaranteed to have you dancing in your seat, laughing 'til you cry, touch your heart and give you memories that will last a lifetime.

<u>Day 2</u> Enjoy breakfast in the hotel. This morning we will depart for Blackwater Falls State Park at the Lodge. Located in the Allegheny Mountains of Tucker County, Blackwater Falls State Park is named for the amber waters of Blackwater Falls, a 57-foot cascade tinted by the tannic acid of fallen hemlock and red spruce needles. The falls, are one of the state's most photographed

spots. We can enjoy the scenic views by taking the steps to the falls or using the viewing platforms. We will stop at the Blackwater Trading Company. that is located at Blackwater Falls main view area. This trading post-style feature is a must-see when visiting for retail items, public restrooms, information, and a snack bar are located here. This area also has outdoor seating for relaxation prior to or from the short walk to Blackwater Falls viewing point and the boardwalk closer to the falls. We have lunch scheduled at the Smokehouse Restaurant before continuing on the short trip to the Bowden State Fish Hatchery that stocks streams, lakes, and rivers throughout North Central West Virginia. The facility places more than 200,000 trout into waterways during the stocking season, which lasts from January until May. Following our visit, we will depart for home making a dinner stop at a Cracker Barrel [\$20 qift card]. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 p.m. and Woodbridge at 700 a.m. We should arrive back in the area at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18

SUICIDE BRIDGE INVITES YOU ON A CRAB FEST & CRUISE Hurlock, MD

Cost: 8 140

Spend an exciting three hours on a cruise aboard the Choptonk Riverboat Company's reproduction of an authentic 60-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 9:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m

Saturday, June 22

BROADWAY AT THE NATIONAL presents:

AIN'T TOO PROUD!
The Life and Times of the Temptations

Washington, DC

Cost: \$ 186

AIN'T TOO PROUD is the electrifying musical that follows new The Temptations' extraordinary journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. With their signature dance moves and unmistakable harmonies, they rose to the top of the charts creating an amazing 42 Top Ten Hits with 14 reaching number one. The rest is history how they met, the groundbreaking heights they hit and how personal and political conflicts threatened to tear the group apart as the United States fell into civil unrest. This thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty and betrayal is set to the beat of the group's treasured hits, including "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Get Ready," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone" and so many more. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m.

We will be stopping at the Pentagon City Mall for lunch on your own at the food court and then onto the National and *Ain't Too Proud* We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, June 26
Sawyer Cruise Presents the Harriett
Tubman Story
Cambridge. MD
Cost: \$147 pp

Harriet Tubman led approximately 70 of her family and friends to freedom from the clutches of slavery between 1849 and 1860, through what is known as the Underground Railroad. She also led an armed military raid during the Civil War for the Union Army. Later in life, she established a nursing home on her property in upstate New York. She was born and raised right here in Dorchester County. This is a great tour for those who want to learn about the life and accomplishments of Harriet Tubman, as well as local African-American history! We pick up our step-on tour guide at the Dorchester County Visitor Center in

Cambridge, Maryland. Travel along the "Highway to Freedom," a road along which most of the slaves who escaped from this area lived. Listen to the tour guide narrate about the life and accomplishments of Harriet Tubman, as the bus makes its way to the various destinations of the tour. Our tour guide completed training from the state of Maryland, and is a Harriet Tubman Certified Business Host. Ride past and learn about key landmarks such as the Stanley Institute, and Stewart's Canal. Stewart's Canal is where Harriet Tubman worked alongside her father as a young adult and learned from the secret communication network of African-American mariners. Enjoy a home-cooked buffet-style meal at Old Salty's Restaurant and Gift **Shop** on Hooper's Island. The meal features seafood items like crab cakes, fish, and clam strips, along with non-seafood items like chicken, tossed salad, vegetables, and more! Enjoy a slice of homemade pie for dessert! Our last stop will be at the Tubman Museum & Educational Center. We will depart Manassas at 6:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 28
Shenandoah Summer Music
Theatre presents
SINGIN' IN THE RAIN
Winchester, VA
Cost: \$135 pp

Send your blues down the drain with this celebration of the Golden Age of Hollywood. Complete with dazzling rain-soaked choreography and toe-tapping tunes ("Good Morning", "Make 'Em Laugh"), you won't want to miss the magic as this story leaps from the silver screen to our stage. We will enjoy lunch at the Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card). We will depart Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. and Manassas at 10:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

	BLUEBIRDS TOURS 2024-2025		
DATES	TOURS	COST	BOOKED
271.20	DECEMBER 2024	333.	2001122
12/31-1/1	Celebrate New Year's Eve in Philadelphia	\$734/\$590	
	JANUARY 2025	ψ. σ φ σσσ	
4	The Kennedy Center presents & JULIET	\$160	
18	Cocoa & Pretty Woman at Hershey Theatre	\$180	
22	Museum of Illusion	\$78	
26	National Theatre presents: TINA	\$182	
30	National Air & Space Museum	\$65	
	FEBRUARY		
1	The People's House: A White House Experience	\$75	
8	McCarter Theatre presents: HERE THERE ARE BLUEBERRIES	\$149	
14-15	Celebrate Valentine's Day at Heartbreak Hotel	\$586/\$455	
22	Murder at Mount Hope Estate	\$140	
	MARCH		
3	Philadelphia Flower Show presents: GARDENS OF TOMORROW	\$120	
5	Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre presents: WAITRESS	\$145	
12	RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE presents: JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR	\$135	
15	Altria Theatre presents: Moulin Rouge	\$135	
16	Kennedy Center presents: Riverdance	\$160	
19	Sight & Sound presents: NOAH	\$189	
22	Kennedy Center presents: EUREKA DAY	\$145	
29	Historic Hanover Tavern Presents: Dial M for Murder	\$115	
	APRIL		
1	The Wonders of Gettysburg, PA	\$138	
6	Toby's Dinner Present the Music Man	\$140	
9	Luncheon Cruise Along the Potomac River & Viewing the Cherry Blossoms	\$123	
19	Altria Theater: A Beautiful Noise The Neil Diamond Story	\$183	
23 27	Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre presents: Fiddler on The Roof Norfolk Harbor Luncheon Cruise Plus the High-Spirited Military Tattoo	\$142 \$226	
27	MAY	\$220	
1	Celebrate MAY DAY with Roses and Victorian Tea	\$134	
3	Shenandoah Valley Apple Blossom Festival	\$84	
10	Altria Theatre presents: Chicago	\$160	
16	Nemours Estate & Gardens	\$108	
21-24	Mohawk River Valley Plus Skaneateles Lake	\$1153/\$883	
28-29	Cape May	\$404/S390	
	JUNE		
8	Altria Theater: Some Like It Hot	\$152	
9-13	Two Capes & A Cod	\$1590/\$1260	
15-16	Father's Day Wilderness Adventure	\$475/\$348	
18	Suicide Bridge Crab Feast & Cruise	\$140	
22	National Theatre presents: AIN'T TOO PROUD	\$186	-
26	Sawyer Cruise "The Harriet Tubman Story"	\$147	
28	Shenandoah Summer Music Festival Present Singin' in the Rain	\$135	

AUGUST 6 – AUGUST 16, 2024 BLUEBIRD TRAVEL PRESENTS COMING LATE THIS SUMMER! A FANTASTIC 11 DAY TOUR TO TEXAS & BACK SEE THE FOLLOWING LIST OF WHAT YOU WILL SEE:



- Springtime in the Smokies with overnight Pigeon Forge plus dinner at Dolly's Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Theatre
- Golf Cart tour of Nashville
- Relax on a dinner cruise on the Tennessee River seeing Memphis from the water
- Spend a day in the Fort Worth Stockyard & visit the National Cowgirl Museum
- See the Long Horn Cattle Drive past the Stockyard
- Enjoy a 45-minute excursion aboard a 1920's vintage railroad from the Stockyards
- Enjoy a night at the Rodeo
- Lunch at Billy Bob's Country Honky Tonk with the entertainment, you are also taking dance lessons
- Visit the 6th Floor Museum, site of the Kennedy Assassination in Dallas
- Trolley tour in Austin, TX visiting the State History Museum
- Dinner at Country Line on the Hill with views of the Texas Hill Country
- Visit Fredericksburg in the Hill Country
- Visit the LBJ Ranch
- Dinner Cruise on the San Antonio River
- Dinner at Tower of America in San Antonio
- Trolley tour of San Antonio visiting three historic Missions, the Alamo & Lots More
- Tour Galveston aboard the Galveston Duck
- Enjoy a Swamp and River tour in Louisiana
- Lunch at Court of Two Sisters in New Orleans
- Visit and tour of Stone Mountain, GA including the Arial Ride & Train Ride
- Visit Billy Graham Museum

For those of you who grew up watching Gene Autry, Hopalong Cassidy, Buck Jones, and Hoot Gibson, not to leave out John Wayne and the Lone Rangers, DO NOT PASS UP THIS TOUR. You will travel through <u>8 STATES</u> as this tour is designed to give you most for your dollar. In other words, one fast-paced adventure for the books! Just pretend you are saddling up to trace the steps of history when the roads traveled on were one MUD ROADS containing long lines of covered wagons headed West. Then, along came troops representing the US CALVARY, along with the Moccasin prints of the Native Americans and rim prints from the wheels of WELL'S FARGO STAGECOACHES. If only those who went before us could look ahead and see what they made possible in settling this vast space of land that is the envy of the world because of those who went before us to the uncharted land. Enjoy 10 nights on the road visiting 8 States, while enjoying 8+ breakfast and dinners. We need at least 30 to make this wonderful road trip a go.

THE ITINERARY FOR THE TOUR OF TEXAS 2025

Day 1 – Travel in comfort aboard our deluxe motor coach today as we make our way to the twenty-eighth state in the Union - Texas. Soon you will discover for yourself why Texas is fittingly called "The Lone Star State". We suggest you travel with 2 bags. Your driver will load the bags in two bins. The first will be used in and out to San Antonio. The second bin will be used in and out until back home. Now we want you to settle in your seat, relax, and enjoy the ride and the changing scenery. We will be traveling through the beautiful Shenandoah Valley with the beautiful fall foliage in the surrounding mountains. Rest stops and a lunch stop for a fast-food luncheon mid-day. Late afternoon will find us in Pigeon Forge TN. We will spend the night at the Hampton Inn & Suites and this evening enjoy the dinner and show at Dolly Parton's Hatfield & McCoy's Dinner Theatre.

Day 2 – Today we will enjoy breakfast and get an early start at 8:00 a.m. as we continue south to Nashville. A brief rest stop will be made enroute. On arrival in Nashville, we will enjoy a unique **golf cart tour of the city followed by** a quick lunch on your own at McDonald's. Our destination for the night is **Memphis, TN** with lodging at the **Hampton Inn Walnut Grove**. This evening, we will enjoy a relaxing dinner cruise on the *Island Queen Paddle Wheeler* with music and beautiful view of the city from the **Mississippi River**.

Day 3 – Enjoy breakfast as we get an early start on our journey that today passes thru Oklahoma with a fast-food stop for lunch and a restroom break. By late afternoon, we will arrive in Texas at the city of **Fort Worth**. We are going to stop for dinner at the Cracker Barrel (\$25) then proceed to our lodging for the next two nights will be at the **Holiday Inn Express Downtown**. After checking in, we will then proceed to a genuine **Western Rodeo** at the historic Stockyards, with an evening entertainment at the start of 7:30 pm. When you get back at our hotel, get to bed as soon as possible because tomorrow is going to be a corker!!

Day 4—: Following breakfast, we meet our **guide** for **an all-day tour** of the city. We will begin our day with a journey abord the Grapevine Vintage RR that takes us from the Stockyard across the West Fork of the Trinity River, passes Montgomery Plaza and Travels through the Trinity Park before returning to the stockyards. We will then proceed to the infamous **Billy Bob's for lunch** and lessons on how to dance Western style. We will then get in place for the **Longhorn cattle drive** thru the area. Keep in mind, the best place to observe along the sidewalk is from behind the Livestock Exchange Building, (131 East Exchange Avenue). "**Giddy Up**" to the stockyards to meet our guide for a tour of the National Historic District exploring Stockyard Museum where legends are memorialized and shop for unique Texas gifts. You'll find authentic boots, hats, and apparels at the Stockyard Station. Soak up history at the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, the world's only museum dedicated to honoring women of the American West. From Annie Oakley to Jessie the Cowgirl from **Toy Story**, you will soon discover rare photographs, fascinating artifacts, and interactive displays. This evening, we will enjoy a hilarious performance at the Texas Star Dinner Theatre in near-by Grapevine, TX.

Day 5 – After breakfast it is a short trip to Dallas where we visit the site of the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, the 35th President of the United States in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. We will visit The Sixth Floor Museum, located on the sixth floor within the former Texas School Book Depository building, which became the primary crime scene and epicenter of the nation's shock, grief, and outrage. Following our visit, we will then depart for the Capitol of Texas in Austin with a lunch stop and restroom break enroute. Upon our arrival, we will enjoy a trolley tour covering the highlights of the Capitol of the State of Texas. We will be dropped off at the Bullock Texas State History Museum, located a few blocks north of the Capitol. The Museum is dedicated to interpreting the continually unfolding "Story of Texas" through three floors of interactive exhibits. On arrival we will see the fantastic film titled THE STAR OF DESTINY in

the **Texas Spirit Theater at 2:30 pm. Historic** events such as the Galveston Hurricane of 1900 come to life with sets, special lighting, and amazing sound effects. Feel the seats shake as a gusher explodes from an East Texas oil derrick. Experience the takeoff of Saturn V as if you were seated at Mission Control at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center in Houston. Sound and sensory effects help make *The Star of Destiny* a truly memorable experience for all ages. You will have time to wander around the exhibits until closing time. We will then check in the **Marriott Fairfield Inn & Suites.** This evening, we will enjoy dinner at the **County Line Restaurant located overlooking a lake**. [Advise your choice of: half rack of ribs or half chicken]. This restaurant serves up award winning barbeque in a relaxed setting, that's so good you'll want to "Get It all Over Ya!"

Day 6 – Following breakfast, we depart for **Fredericksburg** to see the **Hill Country** up close with hundreds of acres covered with the Texas Bluebonnets in full bloom, as we stop here for a break to shop and get that extra cup of coffee along main street. We are then off to the **LBJ Ranch** for a tour of this magnificent facility before continuing to **SAN ANTONIO** to enjoy a two-night stay at the **Drury Inn & Suites River Walk Hotel**. This evening, we will enjoy dinner cruise while floating the San Antonio River.

Day 7 - After breakfast, we meet our driver-guide, and depart for a tour of San Antonio by Trolley. Highlights of our tour include visiting the Mission Conception. Next is the Mission San José, the "Queen of the Missions," built in 1777 and once occupied by over 300 people. The Spanish and Moorish design is reflected in the Cathedral and surrounding buildings. Spanish missions were not churches, but communities with the church as the focus. Our last mission is Mission San Juan. On our final stop will discover more of San Antonio's rich history at The Alamo, where Co-Commanders Davey Crockett, and Jim Bowie, under the command of Col. William Travis, with nearly 200 Texan soldiers bravely defended the fort for 13 days before finally succumbing to Dictator Santa Anna and 5,000 Mexican troops in early 1836. The Alamo is by far the most famous historical site in Texas, playing a significant role in Texas' quest for independence from Mexico. After our tour we will make a fast-food stop for lunch then continue to North Star Mall for shopping time Texas style. North Star Mall is a shopping mall in San Antonio with anchor tenants Dillard's, JCPenney, Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Forever 21. It also has over 200 specialty stores, some exclusive to the San Antonio market, including Armani Exchange, Build-A-Bear Workshop, MAC Cosmetics, and Oakley. We will give you a couple hours and then get you out of there before you break the bank! Returning to our hotel, you are free to plan the rest of your day and do as you wish! The location of your hotel allows you at your leisure to sit back and relax or enjoy the river that is surrounded by the city's culture, history, architecture, and timeless charm as well as sidewalk cafés, cabarets, boutiques, and hotels that line the famous San Antonio River Walk. Tonight, we have a special treat for you. We are going to enjoy dinner at the Chart Restaurant high in the Tower overlooking the city of San Antonio. The Tower of the Americas stands as an iconic symbol of the city's rich history and culture. Rising 750 feet into the sky, this awe-inspiring structure offers a panoramic view of the cityscape and a gastronomic experience at a rotating restaurant. Following dinner, it is back to the hotel for that final river stroll before settling in your room to give thoughts to packing your bag.

Day 8 – Put your bag inside your bus before heading to breakfast. Today, we are heading for Galveston, known as one of the most charming beach towns in the country. You will have wonderful views of the Gulf of Mexico while also exploring the highlights of the city by land and water aboard **the Galveston Duck Tours at 1:00 p.m.** Galveston Duck Tours offers a unique way of seeing the island. Your Captain will present you with Galveston Island facts and show off attractions. "The Duck" proceeds to enter the water at **Offats Bayou**, which is located at **61st St and Heards Lane**. The protected waters of the bayou are ideal for boating and observing wildlife

that thrives on and around the barrier island. Following the water portion of the tour, the Duck returns back onto the streets and returns to the historic East end of the city. Along the way, your Captain will point out various mansions and century-old buildings and history of Galveston. Ours will be a lunch on wheels [Choice of following subs from Jimmy Johns: #5 Tuna, #9 Italian, #10 Roast Beef, #12 Turkey, #13 Ham]. [Jimmy Johns for box lunch, located in Starbucks -102 Kempner Street, Galveston, (409) 737-3333) OR Location at 2500 Seawall Boulevard Phone: (409)789-5035. Arrange for our driver to pick up and pay for the box lunches. They are to be handed out as seniors board our coach. A bottle of water will be handed out. From Galveston we continue east to Beaumont, TX where our overnight lodging will be at the Holiday Inn. We will quickly unload our bags and secure your room keys. We will then immediately depart for Orange, TX where oil was discovered in 1903. We will proceed to the location of Swamp and River Tours** to drop 18 (Max per tour session) in our group for the quided swamp and river regions of the Creole culture. You will see live gators in the water and eagles in the air. You will long remember this excursion. Meanwhile the other half of the tour will visit Bealls Department Store located at 3109 Edgar Brown Drive A, Orange TX. Driver to wait while group shops departing there at 4:45 p.m. to drop off the remainder of group for Swamp Tour at 5 p.m. Then, leave group 1 to shop at Bealls while returning to pick up Group 2 when they get back at 6 PM and meet up with group 1 at Bealls at 6:30 pm. With tour back together, we will return to Beaumont* for dinner at the Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card). Following dinner, we will proceed to the Holiday Inn for the night.

- ** Swamp and River Tours (129 miles 2-1/4 from Galveston 409-883-0856 813 East Lutcher Drive, Orange, Texas 77630
- * Holiday Inn Beaumont -3950 Interstate 10 South (409)842-5995 or (409) 504-8508
- Cracker Barrel in Beaumont, TX located at 5390 Walden Road (409) 842-5420.

<u>DAY 9 -</u> Following breakfast, we will board our coach for New Orleans. Upon arrival, we will enjoy lunch at the Court of Two Sisters in the French Quarters of the city. Following lunch, we change directions and proceed across the Pontchartrain Bridge and proceed north to Meridian, Mississippi and from there continue to Birmingham, AL. Dinner at the Cracker Barrel [\$20 Gift Card] located at 3415 Colonnade Pkwy, Birmingham (205) 969-1126 prior to checking in the Doubletree by Hilton Fairfield Inn & Suites Downtown Birmingham.

TURN YOUR WATCH AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED & GO BY IT NEXT MORNING

DAY 10 -

WE will depart at 8:00 a.m. EST following breakfast and proceed to ATLANTA, GA. We have arranged for a city tour aboard the Peachtree Trolley for 90 minutes. We will then continue to Stone Mountain to enjoy a buffet lunch at the Mountain View Restaurant. Following the meal, we will take the arial ride to the top of the mountain for fantastic views of the area and the 5-mile train ride around the mountain. We will continue to Greenville, SC and overnight at the Hampton Inn Haywood Mall. This evening, we will enjoy dinner at the City Range Steakhouse [Indicate your choice of menu: Smothered Beef Tenderloin Tails, Grilled Salmon Mojito, Maryland Crab Cake, or Mediterranean Chicken – all served with mashed potatoes and broccoli plus Turtle Cheesecake and choice of coffee, tea or soda]. Your server will ask you your choice of Caesar Salad or Ranch Greens with tomatoes, cucumbers and croutons]. Your hotel is next door to Haywood Mall which is open until 10:00 p.m. We will drop the shoppers off then continue to the Hampton Inn or Embassy Inn returning at closing time (10 p.m.) for our shoppers and bring them to the hotel. At the mall you'll find the latest in electronics, home décor and apparel trends. It promises you a spectacular shopping experience in their multi-level, climate controlled, indoor mall featuring more than 120 shops.

DAY 11 – Sleep in, enjoy breakfast and be aboard the bus for a 9:00 a.m. departure. Place your bag outside your door for pickup and before you go down for breakfast. We will proceed to Charlotte, NC to stop at the **Billy Graham Library** just a few miles from where Graham grew up in Charlotte. Sprawling across 20 acres, the site allows visitors to explore the Graham family home (restored using 80% of its original materials), Graham's personal book collection (which includes nearly 4,000 titles), a Christian bookstore, a "Journey of Faith" exhibit detailing Graham's life and the Memorial Prayer Garden. You can enjoy **lunch** following the tour, at the **Dairy Bar** (included) on site followed by about 90 Minutes for the Library visit. From here we continue to Richmond and from there to Ashland to enjoy dinner at the Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card) located a 106 S Carter Road, (804) 798-1542, Arrive back approximately 9:00 p.m.