# Funtastic Getaways

# **Spring 2023**



Head out to the "wild west" on this getaway to the Badlands & Black Hills of South Dakota, Yellowstone Park & the Grand Tetons. Grab your cowboy hat and come on along! See page 19 for more.

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#### FUNTASTIC GETAWAYS POLICIES

#### **Deposits & Cancellations:**

Space will be held on a tentative basis for you when you reserve a trip. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if deposits and final payments are not made in a timely manner. We are required to make payments for hotel rooms, meals, tickets and the bus 30-60 days prior to the trip's departure. Space will be held on a tentative basis for you when reserving a trip. We reserve the right to cancel your reservation if final payment is not received by the final payment date

Reservation & Cancellation Policies:

Daytrips: Full payment is due 45 days prior to the trip, and is Refundable up to 14 days prior to the trip.

#### Daytrips with ticketed events (theatre, show, or ballgame):

A \$ 75 perperson deposit is required within 14 days of signing up to reserve your ticket Balance is due 60 days prior to the trip and is Non-refundable unless your ticket is resold

#### Overnight motorcoach trips:

\$75 per person deposit to reserve space. Balance is due 45 days prior to departure.

Payments are refundable up to 30 days prior to departure.

#### Overnight motorcoach trips with ticketed events (theatre, show or ballgame):

A \$100 per person, non-refundable deposit is required to reserve. Balance is due 60 days prior to the trip Deposit will be refunded if your ticket is resold, and the balance is refundable up to 31 days prior to departure

#### For longer overnight trips & cruises, and trips including airfare

Please check the individual fliers for deposit and cancellation policies

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE is available for all trips. For daytrips, insurance is \$7 per person for all trips that do not involve theater. Theater daytrip's insurance cost is \$14 per person. All multi-day trip insurance costs are dependent on the cost of the trip and your age. Please call us for more information.

Walking Guide - We have included a walking guide, which you'll find at the end of each tour description:

A trip with minimal walking 🕏

A trip that includes moderate walking at your own pace \*

A trip that includes extended periods of walking or guided walking tours.

On some tours, you may be able to omit portions of the tour that are too physical for you. As always, if you have any questions about the tour, don't hesitate to call.

Trips with this icon are shorter in length - 8 hours or less from the bridge (9 hours or less from Dennis)

Customary end-of-tour gratuities are included for the driver, escort and local tour guide (when a step-on guide is hired), wait staff, and baggage handlers. Gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff are not included unless otherwise noted on your itinerary, and a basic gratuity of \$2-3 per person, per day is customary

#### **Pickup locations:**

Our Hyannis pickup is at the commuter lot behind Burger King at exit 6 off Route 6. This is NOT the Burger King parking lot, as they will tow any vehicles left there for an extended time. Park in the commuter lot and wait at the enclosures for the bus – please be sure that you are parked in a legal parking spot – if you are on the grass or outside of the marked parking spots, you will be issued a parking citation. The police patrol this lot and will ticket/tow any car that is parked illegally. As always, parking is at your own risk at any of our pickup locations.

- 1. Patriots Square, Route 134, Dennis
- Barnstable Commuter lot, Route 132, Hyannis if you find that there are no remaining legal
  parking places, please proceed to either Sagamore or Dennis (if you have time) to meet the bus
  \* Do NOT go to the Hyannis Transportation Center
- 3. Sagamore Commuter lot, at the foot of the Sagamore Bridge

Your requested pickup location will be printed on your sales receipt or invoice. Please arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the departure time and call the office if you decide to change to a different pickup location.

Assigned Seating - In the interest of fairness to those boarding in Hyannis & Sagamore as well as our handicapped passengers, we assign seats on the bus, as they do on the airlines, on a first come, first served basis. If you are traveling with friends and signing up separately, be sure to let us know who you are traveling with so that we can seat you next to each other. Single travelers will be given their own seats if space allows or may be seated with another single traveler.

Office Hours - The office is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM. If you get our voicemail when you call, please leave a message and we will return your call – most times we are in the office but simply on the other line helping another customer. Be sure to check out our website for more information, including departure & return times for each trip and links to video clips. Click the button to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter, where you can get monthly e-mail updates including new trips that have been added, travel tips and more.

Signing up for a trip is easy – simply call us with your name, phone number, number of seats needed, and pick-up location. The person that made the reservation will receive an invoice 6-7 weeks prior to the trip with departure times and any balance due listed. If you are mailing in a payment, please keep the lower portion for your records, as your pickup time & location are printed on the invoice. For an overnight trip, you will receive a mailing with your itinerary and luggage tags approximately 30 days prior to your trip.

All payments should be sent to: Funtastic Getaways, 15 Mill Pond Way, East Falmouth, MA 02536

#### **JANUARY**

"Hamilton", Sunday, January 22 & February 5 - 🕏 🗘 \$199 SOLD OUT

#### **FEBRUARY**

Quebec Winter Carnival, Thursday, February 2 – Sunday, February 5 – Three nights at the Manoir Victoria Hotel, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 dinner, Winter Carnival, tour, and Ice Hotel tour. \$ 1179 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,446 single occupancy

"Annie", Saturday, February 4 - orchestra seats, 2 PM matinee in Providence 🖈 🔾 \$149

Encore Casino, Friday, February 10 –\$20 FREE slot play 🗱 🕗 \$69

"Come From Away", Saturday, February 25 - \* SOLD OUT

<u>Peabody Essex Museum, Monday, February 27</u> – tour permanent & traveling museum exhibits & Yin Yu Tang Chinese House ★★ \$99

# **MARCH**

Clark Art Institute & Smith College Bulb Show, Friday, March 10 —Begin the



day with a breath of fresh air at the **Smith College Botanic Garden** with their annual bulb show in Northampton. The Botanic Garden's **Spring Bulb Show** is a Smith College tradition. Some 5,000 bulbs are coaxed into flowering simultaneously in the historic conservatory with an extravagant display of blossoming crocuses, hyacinths, narcissi, irises, lilies, tulips, and more. Stop for

a delicious full lunch in Stockbridge at the charming Red Lion Inn. End the day with a one-hour docent tour and free time at the Clark Art Institute. The collection at the Clark features European and American paintings, sculpture, prints, drawings, photographs, decorative arts from the Renaissance to the early twentieth century, and the works of Winslow Homer, George Inness, and John Singer Sargent. \*\*\* \$189

Sweet Life of New Hampshire – Friday, March 10 – Saturday, March 11 – Get



away to New Hampshire's Lakes Region for a sampling of all that maple season has to offer! **DAY 1** – We'll begin our adventure at **Parker's Maple Barn** where we will enjoy a delicious sugar party brunch featuring eggs, sausages, pancakes, bacon, maple ham, and plenty of fresh maple syrup products! After brunch we'll take a tour of the sugar house to

see how they make their maple syrup. Then, we'll travel to Exeter where you'll have time to explore the quaint downtown and stop at **La Cascade du Chocolat** for some shopping and watch them make chocolate through the viewing window into the kitchen! We'll head to **Flag Hill Winery** for a tour of the winery and fun and informative wine tasting. Then, visit **Calef's Country Store**, one of the nation's best-known country stores, where you

will find "snappy old cheese," pickles in barrels, penny candy, milk in glass bottles and many New England gift items and crafts. We'll spend the night at the historic **Wolfeboro Inn**, nestled on the shores of Lake Winnipesaukee in the charming town of Wolfeboro. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel. (L,D) **DAY 2** – Travel to scenic **Bethlehem**, where we'll visit the **Rocks Estate** for their **Maple Experience Tour**. Explore the fascinating history of the sugaring tradition, from techniques to gather and boil sap used by Native Americans, to those employed by the earliest European settlers, and right up to the most



modern methods for turning sap into syrup. Learn how to identify and tap a sugar maple tree, enjoy a **horse-drawn carriage ride** through the historic estate, and talk with a fourth-generation sugar maker as he plies his trade in the sweet-scented steam of a working sugar house. Their **New** 

Hampshire Maple Museum displays maple sugaring tools, from historic to modern, and no Maple Experience would be complete without sampling the finished product! Enjoy an **included lunch** and a stop at **Grafton Cheese** for shopping and samples of their awardwinning cheese. (B,L) **Package Includes:** 1 night at Wolfeboro Inn, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 dinner, wine tasting and tour at Flag Hill Winery, NH Maple Experience at the Rocks Estate, Calef's Country Store, and Grafton Cheese.

\$ 545 per person, double occupancy, \$ 625 single occupancy

# Simon & Garfunkel Story, Saturday, March 11 - The Simon & Garfunkel Story is



touring North America again this year! Using state of the art projection photos and original film footage, featuring a full live band performing all the hits including 'Mrs. Robinson', 'Cecilia', 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', 'Homeward Bound' and many more. The immersive concert-style theater show chronicles the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock

duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. It tells the story from their humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music groups of the '60's to their dramatic split in 1970. It culminates with the famous "Concert in Central Park" reunion in 1981 with more than half a million fans in attendance. We have orchestra seats for the 8 PM show at Providence Performing Arts Center with time before the show at the Providence Place Mall for dinner on own. \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$ \$119

# Saint Patrick's Celebration, Tuesday, March 14 - Join us for an unforgettable



**Irish afternoon** at the Log Cabin in Holyoke! "Sarah the Fiddler" will astound you with her musical prowess and make this St. Patrick's Celebration one to remember! The moment her bow touches the strings, Sarah's passion for music is evident. Combining her influences of Old-Time, Irish, World, and Classical music, Sarah takes her audiences

on a musical journey from old-time sing-alongs to lively polkas. Enjoy an Irish feast including hors d'oeuvres, rolls, Irish soda bread, Irish stew, Corned Beef, Bailey's Irish Cream Cake, and your choice of red or white wine or a glass of Guinness. † \$\mathcal{O}\$ \$150

# "Blithe Spirit" at the Newport Playhouse, Thursday, March 16 - Enjoy a delicious



**all-you-can-eat buffet lunch** at the Newport Playhouse, and then we'll walk into their intimate theatre for the **comedy show "Blithe Spirit"**. The smash comedy hit of the London and Broadway stages, a muchrevived classic from the playwright of *Private Lives*. A fussy, cantankerous novelist Charles Condomine has re-married but is haunted (literally) by the ghost of his late first wife, the clever and insistent Elvira who is called up by a visiting "happy medium," one

Madame Arcati. As the worldly and unworldly personalities clash, Charles' current wife, Ruth, is accidentally killed, "passes over," joins Elvira, and the two "blithe spirits" haunt the hapless Charles into perpetuity. After the show, enjoy a hilarious cabaret show!

Two fun-filled shows and a delicious lunch make for the perfect day out! \$ \$140

# R.E.S.P.E.C.T: A Celebration of the Music of Aretha Franklin, Saturday,



March 18 - R.E.S.P.E.C.T is an electrifying tribute, celebrating the music of the legendary Aretha Franklin. This concert experience takes audiences on a

journey of love, tragedy, courage, and triumph. Starring a live band and supreme vocalists, come experience an afternoon of music by one of the greatest artists of all time. The concert features all your favorite hits, including "Natural Woman," "Think," "I Knew You Were Waiting for Me," "Chain of Fools," "Respect" and many more. You'll be out of your seat and dancing in the aisless as you lose yourself in the music that inspired a generation! We have main floor orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee at Boston's Emerson Colonial Theater with time at the Prudential Center for lunch on own. \$\frac{1}{2}\$ \$129

**Boston Institutions**, Wednesday, March 22 – Visit two of Boston's beloved institutions – **Boston Public Market & the Isabella Stewart** 



institutions – Boston Public Market & the Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum. The Boston Public Market is an indoor marketplace featuring about 30 New England artisans and food producers. You'll find fresh foods, crafts, and specialty items, including prepared entrees. Everything sold at the Market is produced or originates in New England. You'll have time to shop the market (bring your cooler!) and enjoy

have time to shop the market (bring your cooler!) and enjoy lunch on your own. Then we'll explore the **Isabella Stewart Gardener Museum** on a **one-hour docent tour of the galleries**. The Museum's preeminent collection contains over 2,500 paintings, sculptures by some of the most recognized artists in the world, including Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Raphael, Manet, Degas and Sargent. \*\* 299

Hadestown, Saturday, March 25 - Welcome to Hadestown, where a song can change



your fate. Winner of eight 2019 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the 2020 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album, this acclaimed new show from celebrated singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell and innovative director Rachel Chavkin (*Natasha*, *Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*) is a love story for today... and always. *Hadestown* intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and his wife Persephone — as it invites you on a hell-raising journey to the underworld and back. Mitchell's beguiling melodies

and Chavkin's poetic imagination pit industry against nature, doubt against faith, and fear against love. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, dancers and

singers, Hadestown is a haunting and hopeful theatrical experience that grabs you and never lets go. We have **orchestra seats for the 2 PM matinee at Providence Performing Arts Center** with free time before the show at the Providence Place Mall for lunch on your own  $\bigstar$  3 \$149

NYC with "A Beautiful Noise: the Neil Diamond Story", Tuesday, March 28 –

Thursday, March 30 – Enjoy three days exploring the NYC sights from our hotel located in the heart of the theatre district with an included dinner at Carmine's Restaurant, the NEW Museum of Broadway, and the option to see the Broadway Musical, "The Neil Diamond Musical, A Beautiful Noise." DAY 1 – We'll arrive in the city at midday and drop off our luggage and carry-on bags at the Hampton Inn NYC Times

Square Central. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy independently. Your tour director will have suggestions and maps on the bus. Visit some of NYC's great museums, take a hop-on-hop-off tour, get a ticket at the ½ price TKS ticket booth in Times Square, browse the shops on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, visit the 9-11 Museum or cruise to the Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island – NYC has endless possibilities for sightseeing! DAY 2 – Enjoy the day on your own in the city. We'll meet for a delicious family-style Italian dinner at Carmine's Restaurant at 5:30. Optional: purchase our tickets to "The Neil Diamond Musical, A Beautiful Noise" at the Broadhurst Theatre (44<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to Carmine's), or purchase tickets to a different Broadway show. (B,D) Optional show info- The story of



the **legendary Neil Diamond** comes to life on stage in "The Neil Diamond Musical, A Beautiful Noise," a gripping and uplifting new musical featuring his hit songs "Sweet Caroline," "America," and "Cracklin' Rosie." The grandson of Jewish and Polish immigrants, Brooklyn born and raised, Neil Diamond landed a gig in NYC selling songs for fifty bucks a week in the legendary Tin Pan Alley's Brill Building. At night he honed his voice on stage at the Village's Bitter

End, but knew he was destined for something greater. This was New York, after all. City of dreams. Full of life and opportunity where anyone could write their story. And he did, in song after song. The show's pre-Broadway run was a smash hit in Boston, and Tony Award nominee, Will Swenson, continues his role as Neil Diamond on Broadway. DAY 3 - In Summer 2022 the first permanent museum dedicated to Broadway opened in the heart of Times Square. The Museum of Broadway has teamed up with internationally renowned artists, designers, and theatre historians to create an interactive and experiential museum that highlights groundbreaking moments in Broadway's history - the moments that pushed creative boundaries, challenged social norms, and paved the way for those who would follow. Go behind the curtain into the making of Broadway show with a special exhibit honoring the community of talented professionals - both onstage and off stage - who bring Broadway plays and musicals to life every night. You'll have time for lunch and sightseeing/shopping before departing for the Cape. (B) Package Includes: Two nights at the Hampton Inn NYC Times Square Central, baggage handling, two breakfasts, one dinner, Museum of Broadway.

Double Occupancy room with 1 King bed \$ 639 per person Double Occupancy room with 2 Queen size beds \$ 789 per person Single Occupancy with King bedded room \$ 879 For optional Neil Diamond show ticket, please add \$ 152.75 per ticket Rhode Island Home & Garden Show, Thursday, March 30 - The beloved RI Flower



Show has grown and returned bigger & better than ever as the RI Home & Garden Show with all new and inspiring content! RI Federation of Garden Clubs has brought together some of the most talented and creative people in the industry to create specialized, artful floral displays and floral competitions. Learn all about energy saving upgrades to your home in the "Connected Home

Showcase." Featuring new automations in security, managing our homes' internal features and systems, and the latest in-home entertainment options, this amazing interactive showcase lets you explore solutions to modern-day life. Explore the "Garden Experience" and "Gardens of the World" areas where you can chat with garden specialists and be inspired by a variety of live flower and garden displays from across a wide range of growing climates. Browse the nearly 300 exhibitors for inspiration on your next home project at the Home Marketplace. From new products to contractors for all areas of your home & garden, you'll be able to find it all at the marketplace! You'll have 4 hours to enjoy the show at the Rhode Island Convention Center and get lunch (on your own) at the connected Providence Place Mall. \*\*\*\*

#### **APRIL**

Freedom & Food in Philly- Tuesday, April 11 - Friday, April 14 - Explore all of



Philadelphia's historical and culinary gems on this spotlight tour of America's birthplace! **DAY 1** – We'll begin our Philadelphia visit with a **tour of Eastern State Penitentiary**, which held many of America's most notorious lawbreakers, including bank robber "Slick Willie" Sutton and Al Capone. We'll learn about the Penitentiary's

history, revolutionary architecture, and hear the stories of the people who lived and worked there. After the tour, we'll check into our hotel, the **DoubleTree Cherry Hill** and enjoy an included dinner. (D) **DAY 2** – You'll experience history where it happened in the **most historic square mile in the United States**, where we'll see the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Carpenters' Hall, the Betsy Ross house, Christ Church, and Elfreth's Alley. We'll enjoy a **three-hour bus tour of the city**, complete with a visit to **Society Hill** to stroll through the charming neighborhood's elegantly restored



townhouses, hidden gardens & courtyards, and historic Head House Square. Then, eat like a local on a **Philadelphia food-themed walking tour**. Enjoy Philly favorites like the **iconic cheesesteak** and **tomato pie** while learning about the history of how some of these foods came to be. We'll visit the **National Constitution Center**, a museum dedicated to the legacy and history of the US Constitution. Discover the story of "We the People" as you cast your ballot for the president of your choice,

take the presidential oath of office, decide a Supreme Court case, and see the Center's film, **Freedom Rising**. Conclude your tour with a trip to Signers' Hall to meet the Founding Fathers present at the signing of the Constitution. (B, L) **DAY 3** – Take a one-hour guided **tour of the new Museum of the American Revolution** to explore their collection of Revolutionary-era weapons, personal items, documents, and works of art, as

our museum expert highlights the complexities of our nation's history. Next, we'll visit the country's oldest open-air market, **Philadelphia's Italian Market** to take a **chef-led walking tour** through the market and learn about the culture and history of Philly's Italian community while we enjoy a full Sicilian square pizza lunch, salami and balsamic vinegar samples, hand stretched mozzarella, warm tortillas, cannolis, and more! After the tour, you'll have time to shop through the market at a discounted rate. Then, we'll take a



**guided tour** of a traditional 17th century-style Japanese house at **Shofuso House & Gardens**, with time to explore the gardens afterwards. We will return to the Italian Market for a **delicious dinner at Ristorante Pesto**. (B, L, D) **DAY 4** – You'll have a leisurely morning at the hotel before enjoying free time in

Philadelphia's city center and lunch on your own in Reading Terminal Market. Or, take our optional trip to visit the world-famous Philadelphia Museum of Art. Ascend the iconic steps featured in *Rocky* and explore one of the largest art museums in the country, with a collection that includes paintings by Renoir, van Gogh and Picasso, a one-acre outdoor sculpture garden complete 14th-century Buddhist temple, and more! You'll have three hours to browse the vast collections and enjoy lunch at their restaurant or cafeteria before we meet the rest of the group and return to the Cape. (B) Package Includes: 3 nights at DoubleTree Cherry Hill, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunch-tours, 2 dinners, tour of Eastern State Penitentiary, guided tour of Philadelphia's Old City & Society Hill, walking food tour, Self-guided tour of the National Constitution Center, Guided tour of the Museum of the American Revolution, Walking tour of the Italian Market, tour of Shofuso Japanese House & Garden.

\$ 1,089 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,259 single occupancy Please add \$21 for the optional Philadelphia Museum of Art visit

Boston's High Society, Wednesday April 12 - Come with us as we discover the life of



**high society Boston** at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Live the high life as we tour a **historic city mansion and a country vacation estate**. Wealthy socialites of the day would maintain a fashionable city mansion and a "country" estate just outside the city where they could escape the city heat & crowds in the summer months. Enjoy a **guided tour of Otis House**, the last surviving mansion in Bowdoin Square in Boston's West End

neighborhood. Charles Bulfinch designed the house, and the restoration of Otis House and its brilliantly colored wallpapers, carpeting, and high-style furnishings, is based on meticulous historical and scientific research. We will be treated to a **family style Italian feast for lunch at Maggiano's Restaurant**. End the day as we head to Waltham, for a **guided tour of the Lyman Estate**, one of the finest examples in the United States of a country estate. Built in 1793, the 37-acre property includes beautifully preserved gardens and **historic greenhouses**, an elegant ballroom and graceful oval parlor. \*\*\* \$159

Concord's "Storied" History, Friday April 14 - Concord, MA is a community rich in



historical association, renowned as the site of the battle that began the American Revolution and as the home of the most original thinkers and writers of the American literary renaissance including Henry David Thoreau, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Louisa May Alcott. Enjoy a guided tour of Louisa May Alcott's Orchard House, the Alcott family's home, where she

penned her classic work, "Little Women" at a shelf desk built by her father especially for her. Alcott set "Little Women" in this home, causing guests to comment that "a visit to Orchard House is like walking through the book". We'll also visit Nathaniel Hawthorne's Old Manse, where he wrote a set of short stories (Mosses from an Old Manse) when he lived there. The landscape Hawthorne describes is still recognizable to a present-day visitor more than 160 years later. The Concord River flows serenely past the Manse and under its neighbor, the North Bridge, site of the famous "shot heard round the world" that started the American Revolution. Enjoy a hearty full lunch at the historic Colonial Inn, which has welcomed guests for over 300 years, before ending our "storied" adventure at the Concord Museum. The museum houses one of the oldest and most treasured collections of Americana in the country and features exhibits & artifacts on Concord's remarkable revolutionary and literary history. \*\* \$149

California Dreaming, Saturday, April 15 – Wednesday, April 26 – You'll love this



12-day getaway that includes Tours through **THREE NATIONAL PARKS** - Sequoia, Kings Canyon & Yosemite; Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, a cruise under the Golden Gate Bridge, Napa Valley, a drive down the coast on both the Big Sur Highway & the magnificent 17-Mile Drive with an included lunch at the Lodge at Pebble Beach, and more! **DAY 1** - We'll fly to San Francisco from Logan International Airport. We'll stay three nights in the heart of San Francisco at the **Four-Diamond, Argonaut Hotel, located in a historic 1907 Warehouse at Fisherman's Wharf**. (D) **DAY 2** - Meet our local guide for a **tour of San Francisco** to see Lombard Street, the waterfront, the Haight Ashbury area,

Union Square, Coit Tower, Chinatown, and of course, we'll make a **photo stop at the Golden Gate Bridge!** Then, take a **90-minute scenic cruise on San Francisco Bay**. On the **60-minute narrated scenic cruise**, we'll see many San Francisco landmarks, sail under the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge, past the famous pier 39 sea lions, around mysterious Alcatraz Island and along San Francisco's historic waterfront, revealing the city's fascinating skyline. Or take an **optional cruise & tour to Alcatraz Island** to visit the legendary island that is one of the most notorious federal penitentiaries! We'll take the ferry to Alcatraz Island, watch the orientation video, and then go inside Alcatraz Prison to the cell area while listening to the cellhouse audio tour. (Please add \$25 for the Alcatraz tour option). The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy. (B) **DAY 3** - Spend the entire day with our



local guide exploring the beautiful Napa Valley! We'll travel through the lush rolling hills lined with rows of grape vines on the Silverado Trail, a two-lane country road, trimmed with shady oaks and world-class vineyards. Along the way, we will enjoy wine tastings at two Napa Valley wineries, and a delicious lunch is also included. (B,L) DAY 4 – Explore the Redwood Forest on a 75-minute Redwood Forest Steam Train, traveling over trestles, through towering redwood groves and up a winding narrow-gauge

grade to the summit of Bear Mountain. We'll stop at the famous **Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk**, a California Historic Landmark before we travel to Monterey, where we will spend two nights at the **Embassy Suites Hotel.** Enjoy dinner (on own) at the hotel or take the shuttle to Cannery Row to have dinner at one of the many restaurants by the waterfront. (B,L) **DAY 5** - We'll meet our local

guide and take a tour of Monterey. We'll travel through historic Old Monterey, Cannery Row,



Pacific Grove, and along the California Coasts magnificent 17-Mile Drive. This winding oceanside drive is one of the most picturesque drives in the world, a journey full of dramatic coastal cliffs, snow-white beaches and forests. We'll see spectacular sights - The Lone Cypress, Bird Rock, celebrity homes and the world-renowned Pebble Beach Golf Links. We'll stop for an included lunch at the Lodge at Pebble Beach overlooking the famous Pebble Beach Golf Links. Then, visit the quaint seaside

village of Carmel-by-the-Sea, which features great restaurants, boutiques and galleries. (B,L) DAY 6 - We'll begin our journey on one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline on Earth, the Pacific Coast Highway between Monterey and Cambria, known as the Big Sur Scenic Highway - around every winding corner is another spectacular vista! We'll travel over the famous Bixby Canyon Bridge, one of the most photographed bridges in California and see the Point Sur Lighthouse before we arrive in Big Sur. At Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, we'll enjoy an included picnic lunch and a leisurely stroll beneath the giant redwoods. We'll visit the quaint seaside village of Cambria. where we'll enjoy two nights at the Fog Catcher Inn, located adjacent to beautiful Moonstone Beach. Famous for its dramatic coastline and breathtaking views, be sure watch the playful sea otters, and catch a magnificent sunset on a stroll along the mile-long Moonstone Beach Boardwalk. Our beachfront Inn features rooms with cozy gas fireplaces, a heated pool and hot tub. (B,L) DAY 7 - We'll travel to nearby **San Simeon**, where William Randolph Hearst created an estate of 165 rooms and 127 acres of gardens, terraces, pools and walkways – an American castle that is one of the world's greatest showplaces. We'll take a Grand Rooms Tour of Hearst Castle. Our tour begins with a 40-minute introductory film "Hearst Castle - Building the Dream"on a massive fivestory screen. Then, we'll visit the Refectory, Billiard Room, Theater, Gardens, Neptune Pool and Roman Pool. We'll stop at the elephant seal rookery at Piedras Blancas, then enjoy a relaxing afternoon at the Fog Catcher Inn and an included dinner. (B,D) DAY 8 - We'll leave the coast and travel East through the Central valley, one of the most productive agricultural regions in the world. Its nickname is "the Fruit Basket of the World," and is the primary source for many vegetables and fruits found in all US markets. We'll travel to the scenic Sierra Nevada foothills to the Wonder Valley Ranch Resort, a 75-acre all-inclusive western-style guest ranch located in the scenic Wonder Valley. We'll arrive at our Resort and have time to relax or enjoy the resort's amenities. This evening, enjoy a hosted "happy hour," included dinner and original entertainment at the resort. (B,D) DAY 9 - Board the motorcoach with our local guide and travel to Sequoia National Park. Visit the Giant Forest Museum then visit Kings Canyon Park, to stop at the Kings Canyon Visitor Center and enjoy a picnic lunch before continuing to General Grant **Grove**. Take a leisurely stroll along the 1/3-mile paved trail with giant sequoia trees towering above.



Then, relax at our resort or enjoy the resort amenities before our **included dinner**. (B,L,D) **DAY 10** - We'll visit the **Forestiere Underground Gardens**, where in the early 1900s, a Sicilian immigrant and citrus grower turned what was useless farmland into a network of rooms, tunnels and courtyards using only shovels, picks and other hand tools for forty years – digging **25 feet underground** and spanning **over 10 acres**. On our one-hour walking tour we'll see his hand-built network of underground rooms, courtyards, and

passageways reminiscent of the ancient catacombs, filled with unique fruit-producing trees, shrubs, and vines growing underground! Enjoy an included traditional Basque lunch. This family-style lunch includes fresh bread, homemade soup, a variety of sides, fried chicken, charbroiled lamb chops, ice cream and house wine. Then, travel to the 4-star Tenaya Lodge at Yosemite Park and have the evening at leisure. (B,L) DAY 11 – Enjoy a full day tour of Yosemite National Park, beginning at Tunnel View, where the spectacular panorama of Yosemite Valley appears in front of you with El Capitan and Bridalveil Fall in the foreground and views all the way to Half Dome, Cloud's Rest and beyond! We'll stop at Sentinel Bridge for spectacular view of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome and the surrounding cliffs and walk to the Lower Yosemite Falls viewing bridge to see

Yosemite Falls, plunging 2,425 feet to the valley! We'll make a photo stop at Valley View, one of the most-photographed sites in Yosemite and see the spectacular Ahwahnee Hotel. Enjoy some time at leisure in Yosemite Village before returning to the hotel. A box lunch in Yosemite Park is included. (B,L) DAY 12 - Travel to San Francisco for our return flight to Boston. Return transfers to Cape Cod will be provided by Funtastic Getaways. (B) Package Includes: see website for package inclusions. Land portion: \$ 5,499 per person, double occupancy, \$ 6,974 Single. Round-trip non-stop Airfare with JetBlue \$ 888.68 per person including taxes

Beautiful Bristol Daffodil Days, Thursday, April 20 - This spring, Blithewold



Mansion's gardens once again come to life as **fifty thousand daffodils**, early blooming bulbs, trees, and shrubs are coaxed from winter slumber to enchant guests during the annual Daffodil Days celebration. Blithewold Mansion is a beautiful seaside garden estate located in Bristol, RI. You'll experience

breathtaking views of Narragansett Bay as you tour the graceful mansion decorated with original furnishings. The guided tour continues through the grounds where a variety of colorful gardens demonstrate Blithewold's prominence in horticulture. After our tour, enjoy a delicious full lunch at the Common Pub & Grille. We will also visit Linden Place, the "crown jewel" of Bristol's historic waterfront district. Built in 1810 by a seafaring General, the beautiful mansion is better known as the filming location of "The Great Gatsby" with Robert Redford & Mia Farrow. On our guided tour of the beautiful mansion, we will hear of the home's history, both on and off screen. \*\*\*\$\$\\$139\$

Six, Saturday, April 22 - Divorced, beheaded, died, divorced, beheaded, survived.



From Tudor Queens to Pop Princesses, the SIX wives of Henry VIII take the mic to remix five hundred years of historical heartbreak into an exuberant celebration of 21st century girl power! This new original musical is the global sensation that everyone is losing their head over. The New York

Times says SIX "TOTALLY RULES!" (Critic's Pick) and The Washington Post hails SIX as "Exactly the kind of energizing, inspirational illumination this town aches for! The Broadway season got supercharged!". We have orchestra seats for the 2 PM matinee at Providence Performing Arts Center with free time before the show at the Providence Place Mall for lunch on your own \$\frac{1}{2}\$ \$165

Myrtle Beach: Fun in the Sun, Saturday, April 22 – Friday, April 28 – Visit the sun-



kissed shores of South Carolina on this tour of Myrtle Beach, home to some of the best entertainment in the country! The average high temperature in April is **75 degrees**, so pack your flip flops and don't forget your bathing suit! **DAY 1** – We'll spend our first night in

Fredericksburg, Virginia. **DAY 2** – We'll travel to Myrtle Beach and check into our beachfront hotel, the **Seawatch Resort**. Enjoy fantastic views of the Atlantic Ocean from the balcony of your **one-bedroom suite**, as well as the resort's **six ocean front pools, two lazy rivers, hot tubs, restaurants, and beach access**. (B,D) **DAY 3** – Visit **Brookgreen Gardens**, which was once a working rice plantation, and now it is an award-winning sculpture garden and National Historic Landmark. Enjoy lunch (on own) in **Murrell's Inlet** and the afternoon at leisure before **dinner at Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood**. After dinner, we'll see the **Carolina Opry's acclaimed variety show** - two

hours of high energy entertainment that blends humor and dancing with everything from rock'n'roll, Broadway, and country to classic hits. (B,D) DAY 4 - Enjoy a leisurely morning at the hotel before our optional trip to Broadway on the Beach, South Carolina's premier festive entertainment complex, for shopping and lunch on your own. Broadway at the Beach features over 100 specialty shops, 19 restaurants, theaters, and several award-winning attractions. Tonight, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner at the waterfront restaurant, Chestnut Hill. We'll return to Broadway on the Beach for the famous, live tribute show, "Legends in Concert!" Featuring an amazing all-star cast of FIVE great acts in one grand show. Legends In Concert performances are the real thing, with performers singing with their natural voices and perfection of mannerisms, hair and



dress of the original celebrities portrayed. (B,D) DAY 5 - Relax by the pool or take a dip in the ocean this morning before we head out for lunch on the Barefoot Queen Riverboat. Enjoy a relaxing narrated cruise along the Intracoastal Waterway on the 70-foot authentic wooden Riverboat. Tonight, we'll have dinner at

a local favorite, Joe's Bar & Grill, then visit the #1 entertainment theater in Myrtle Beach, the Alabama Theatre. Enjoy an evening of singing, dancing, and comedy rounded out with a state-of-the-art sound system! (B,D) DAY 6 – Leisurely savor our final morning in Myrtle Beach before we depart for Fredericksburg. (B) DAY 7 – Return to the Cape (B) Package Includes: 2 nights at the Country Inn, Fredericksburg, 4 nights at the Seawatch Resort, 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners, Brookgreen Gardens, Carolina Opry, Legends in Concert, Alabama Theatre, Scenic Riverboat Cruise, Shopping at Broadway at the Beach. \*\* \$ 1.799 per person, double occupancy, \$ 2,186 single occupancy

One FANtastic Day, Wednesday, April 26 - Die-hard Boston sports fans, this is the

tour for you - celebrate Boston's rich & storied sports history and rejoice (or commiserate!) in its present. We'll tour our beloved Fenway Park, home to the Boston Red Sox! Visit the park where the Babe pitched, The Kid hit, Yaz dazzled

and today's stars still thrill young fans. Our behind-the-scenes tour of this historic ballpark includes the Press Level, a Red Sox private suite, and the view from the Green Monster seats and more. Then we will travel to Foxboro's Gillette Stadium to visit the home of the New England Patriots! Browse the shops at Patriot Place and have lunch (on your own) at one of the nearly two dozen restaurants there. Then, visit the Hall at Patriot Place, a modern interactive museum that takes you through New England football history in a cutting-edge way - put your finger in a Super Bowl ring and get up close with all the Patriots Super Bowl Trophies while confetti rains down on you, go under the hood and review plays like an NFL official. Step inside a DUCK boat used in the Super Bowl XXXVI parade, kick a field goal, and listen to never-before told stories from past Patriots. This is one trip you'll be telling your friends about! Fenway tour is a walking tour that includes stairs. 於於 \$109

White Flower Farm, Thursday April 27 - White Flower Farm is a world-renowned,



family-owned nursery located in the beautiful rolling hills of Litchfield County Connecticut. Take a **guided tour of their test gardens** where thousands of flower varieties are grown and tested. Their expert gardeners will be available to answer questions and give you tips & tricks to use in your own yard. After our tour, spend some time browsing their gorgeous gift shop & greenhouse. Enjoy a **delicious full lunch** at Black Rock Tavern. End the day

on a sweet note at **Fascia Chocolate** where we will learn about one family's passion for bringing you the perfect chocolate. Through a multimedia presentation, we'll learn about the origins of their chocolate, from bean to bar to box. Browse their gift shop, enjoy a **chocolate tasting**, and a behind-the-scenes look at their factory. Then, try your hand at chocolate making when you **make your own chocolate bar**, personalized with toppings of your choice to take home! \*\* \$159

Art in Bloom, Sunday April 30 - Celebrate spring at this annual festival of fine art



and fresh flowers at Boston's Museum of Fine Arts! See the galleries transformed by more than 70 extraordinary arrangements inspired by magnificent works of art – from Asian sculptures to world-renowned European paintings. The galleries are filled with bouquets and arrangements of fresh flowers

designed by over 60 garden club arrangers and 20 professional designers. You will have 4 hours to enjoy the breathtaking floral arrangements, as well as the over 450,000 pieces of art on display in the exhibit halls and Art of Americas wing.

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<u>Charleston & Savannah – Thursday, May 4 – Wednesday, May 10</u> - On this getaway,



we'll explore the southern charms of Charleston and Savannah, and visit Georgia's Golden Isles of Saint Simon and Jekyll Islands. **DAY 1** - We'll spend our first night in **Roanoke**, **Virginia at the Holiday Inn. DAY 2** – We'll continue south to our hotel in the **in the heart of Savannah**, **Hotel Indigo**, **on Bay Street.** Our hotel is within easy walking distance to the City Market as well as the riverfront shops and Factors Walk.

(B,D) **DAY 3** - We'll explore **the historic district** on our **three-hour guided city tour**, seeing Savanah's many squares, Factors Walk, City Hall, the Cotton Exchange, the US Customs House, and the Forest Gump Bench. We'll stop at **City Market** for lunch & shopping, and enjoy a free afternoon to explore downtown independently, shop the waterfront area, take a Savannah River Cruise or relax at the hotel. We'll enjoy dinner at



the historic Pirates House Restaurant (B,D) **DAY 4** - We'll explore beautiful **Magnolia Plantation & Gardens** that have survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold before it from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. We'll **tour the Plantation House**, **visit the gardens**, and experience history

and wildlife on a **tram tour of the plantation's wetlands, lakes, forests, and marshes**. We'll enjoy an **included box lunch** at the Plantation before we head to picturesque **Wadmalaw Island** to visit the **Charleston Tea Plantation**, the home of *American Classic* 

Tea. Its grounds include 127 acres of tea plants, a working Tea Factory and a charming Plantation Gift Shoppe. We'll take a tour of the tea factory, and a Trolley Tour of the scenic grounds, learn about how tea is produced, and enjoy tea samples. Then, travel to Charleston, where we'll overnight at the Embassy Suites in Charleston's Historic **District.** Enjoy the daily **afternoon manager's reception** (tea & cookies) at our hotel and a delicious dinner at Hyman's Seafood (B,L,D) **DAY 5** - Journey through Charleston's history with our licensed guide to see Charleston's Historic Homes & Churches, the Four Corners of Law, & Rainbow Row. We'll take a guided tour of the Joseph Manigault House, one of Charleston's most exquisite antebellum structures. We'll also step out onto the famous Battery Seawall and end our tour at the Historic Charleston City Market. Enjoy time for lunch and shopping at the Old Marketplace, before our one-hour horse and carriage tour of Charleston to see the highlights of Charleston's past and learn about the history of the city. (B) DAY 6 - We'll travel to Roanoke, VA and stay at the Holiday Inn. Enjoy a delicious farewell dinner (B,D) DAY 7 - Travel back to the Cape (B) Package Includes: Two nights at the Holiday Inn, Roanoke VA, two nights at the Embassy Suites, Historic District in Charleston, SC, two nights at Hotel Indigo in Savannah, six breakfasts, one box lunch, four dinners, horse & carriage tour of Charleston, Joseph Manigault House, Magnolia Plantation & Gardens with tram, Charleston & Savannah tours, Charleston Tea Plantation,

\$ 2,125 per person, double occupancy, \$ 2,779 single occupancy



Statue of Liberty, Saturday, May 6 - We will get an up-close view of the beautiful statue and learn how it was made at the Liberty Museum, and you'll be able to see the spectacular view of the Manhattan skyline from the Statue of Liberty Observation Deck. Then, it's a short cruise over to Ellis Island, where you can take a self-guided tour or join in a docent-led tour. How far would you travel to find a better life? What if the journey took weeks under difficult conditions? If you

answered, "whatever it takes," you echo the feelings of the 12 million immigrants who passed through these now quiet halls from 1892 to 1954. Ellis Island afforded them the opportunity to attain the American dream for themselves and their descendants. Experience their stories as we visit the Island of Hopes and Fears. \*\* \$139

Salem Cross Inn and Quabbin, Tuesday, May 9 – Join us as we discover some of the



reasures of central Massachusetts. Enjoy a **delicious and hearty New England lunch** at the historic **Salem Cross Inn** in West Brookfield. You'll fall in love with the Salem Cross Inn, a restored 18th century farmhouse nestled on 600 acres of New England countryside, each room a little different and full of history & antiques. Learn the intriguing **history of how and why** 

the Quabbin Reservoir was built during the Depression on our hour-long guided coach tour. Four of the towns in the Swift River Valley were flooded to create a drinking supply for Boston and surrounding towns. It was a controversial move at the time, but it gave people struggling to find work a government-funded job. Though the project uprooted many families and homes, the end result is a majestic, pristine, protected area for wildlife and a park for people to enjoy, in addition to being Boston's water supply. End the day at Harvey Farm's Garden Center and Gift Barn in Westborough. Here you will find everything you need to get your garden ready for the season as well as an extensive gift barn full of home & garden décor. \*\*\$129

Lower Mississippi River Cruise with American Cruise Lines, Wednesday, May 10—Friday, May 19—Two nights in New Orleans with breakfast each morning, seven-night cruise, three meals daily while cruising, beer & wine with lunch & dinner, daily cocktails, appetizers, evening entertainment, a choice of complimentary excursions in each port, ship to airport transfer in Memphis, round-trip transfers from the Cape to Logan airport, transfer from New Orleans International Airport to the hotel, full day hop on hop off New Orleans bus tour, Garden District walking tour, all Port charges & fees. Please call or see our website for availability, pricing and full details. Land from \$ 5,810 per person, double occupancy, Round-trip Airfare and transfers \$ 495 per person including taxes

Canadian Tulip Festival, Ottawa & Montreal, Sunday, May 14 - Thursday, May



18 - The Canadian Tulip Festival is the largest of its kind in the world – a magnificent sight when over **three million tulips** of all colors, sizes and shapes blossom. DAY 1 – We'll travel to the Embassy Suites Montreal Airport and enjoy their **Evening Reception with complimentary light appetizers and** 

cocktails. DAY 2 – We'll take a full-day Montreal City tour with our local guide to visit St Helen Island, the Old Town, Place Jacques Cartier and more. We'll take a tour of Saint Josephs' Oratory of Mount Royal, an immense Basilica with diverse architectural styles and exquisite Gardens. We'll also see Notre Dame Basilica and discover the parish history, its construction, art and architecture. Then, travel to Olympic Park's Biodome, where we will visit replicas of the four ecosystems found in the Americas. Take time to



explore Saint Catherine Street before our included dinner in Old Town. (B,D) DAY 3 – We will depart Montreal and travel to Ottawa, where we will take a guided tour of Ottawa, and enjoy the Tulip Festival and Commissioners' Park where there will be time for lunch on own and time to enjoy the tulips and festival activities. Then, experience a living tribute to

Canadian heritage on our tour of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police training ground. We will visit the stables and the carriage house for the famed Musical Ride. The Musical Ride consists of members of the Canadian Royal Mounted Police that perform traditional cavalry drill movements on horseback throughout Canada. Then, check into our hotel, the Hilton Garden Inn Airport. Dinner is on own at the hotel. (B) DAY 4 - We'll enjoy a guided tour of Ottawa, including at one-hour guided tour of the residence of the Governor General of Canada, Rideau Hall. We'll also see the Parliament Buildings, discover the picturesque Rockcliffe District, get a panoramic view of Ottawa from the Museum of History lookout, and more. Enjoy lunch on own at historic ByWard Market, then, take a 11/2-hour cruise on the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an engineering masterpiece. A delicious farewell dinner with the best views of Ottawa's Rideau Canal is included at **Restaurant Canal Ritz.** (B,D) **DAY 5** – Return to the Cape. (B) Package includes: Two nights at the Embassy Suites Airport, Montreal; two nights at the Hilton Garden Inn, Ottawa Airport; four breakfasts, managers reception, 2 dinners, Tulip Festival admission, full day tour of Montreal, St Joseph's Oratory tour, Ottawa City tour, RCMP training ground tour, Rideau Hall tour, Rideau Canal Cruise.

A valid passport is required for this trip.

\$ 1,499 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,992 single occupancy

Arnold Arboretum Lilacs & Boston Swan Boats, Monday, May 15 - The Arnold



Arboretum of Harvard University is the oldest public arboretum in North America and one of the world's leading centers for the study of plants. A link in Boston's Emerald Necklace of parks, the Arboretum is a unique blend of respected research institution and beloved public landscape. There are over 422 lilac plants of approximately 194 different

varieties in the Arnold Arboretum collections. Together they provide a season of color and scent that extends over five weeks each spring. They may be known for their lilacs, but the arboretum features plants of all kinds from azaleas to magnolias. Our guide will take us on a fascinating walking tour of the arboretum sharing their horticultural knowledge along the way. Afterwards we'll head to Quincy Market where you will have some free time for lunch & shopping. Then take a ride on Boston's iconic Swan Boats in the Public Gardens. Please note this is a walking tour, please wear comfortable shoes and come dressed for the weather. \*\*\*\*

<u>Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill -Thursday, May 18</u> - Join us as The Beacon Hill



Garden Club presents the 94th annual Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour. Each year the Garden Club welcomes the public into **their member's private gardens** that feature a great variety of plantings, arrangements, architecture, and situation. In addition, ribbon gardens viewable from public thoroughfares will also be presented. The Hidden Gardens is the

club's most important and enduring fundraiser, one which benefits environmental, horticultural, and conservation organizations across Boston. This event is held **rain or shine**, and good walking shoes should be worn because of the uneven sidewalks and cobblestone streets. Stop along the way at one of the many local restaurants in Beacon Hill for lunch on your own. Strolling the picturesque streets and gardens of Boston's historic and exclusive Beacon Hill section – what a wonderful way to spend a spring day! A map of the gardens is provided for this self-guided, at your own pace tour. \*\*\*\*

Strawbery Banke & Portsmouth Harbor, Saturday, May 20 - Strawbery Banke is



unique among outdoor living history museums - they showcase a seaside neighborhood's evolution over 300+ years. 37 historic buildings on their original foundations form the neighborhood and tells the story of the people who lived there & the evolution of the Portsmouth waterfront. Costumed role players and traditional craftspeople recreate the lives and challenges of the families in the

community. Nearly **four centuries of historical gardens** are featured, including a Colonial kitchen garden, a Colonial Revival garden, and a 1943 Victory Garden and chicken coop. Enjoy lunch & light shopping (on your own) in the **vibrant seaside downtown area of Portsmouth.** Relax on board as we enjoy a **75-minute narrated cruise of Portsmouth Harbor**. As we glide past lighthouses, mansions, submarines & forts, our narrator will tell us of the nearly 400 years of history of this scenic port.

Gardens of Massachusetts, Tuesday, May 23 - The Worcester County Horticultural



Society operates **Tower Hill Botanic Garden** on 171 acres in Boylston, MA. We will enjoy an informative **45-minute guided walking tour** with one of their knowledgeable docents and then you will have some free time to stroll & explore the gardens on your own. Browse **The Shop at Tower Hill** for unique gifts, plants and books. We will also visit **Garden in the Woods** in Framingham, the headquarters and working botanic garden of **the New England Wildflower Society**. A

docent will give us a walking tour highlighting their various plant displays before we enjoy free time among the flowers. This ever-changing living museum is **New England's premier wildflower garden** – it has more than 1600 types of plants, as well as the unique "New England Garden of Rare and Endangered Plants." Shop at the Garden in the Woods' nursery, the **largest native plant nursery in New England**, to bring some of their garden inspiration to your landscape. A delicious **full lunch is included at O'Connor's Restaurant**. Please note there are two walking tours this day, rain or shine, please dress for the weather with comfortable shoes. \*\*\*

Bronx Zoo, Tuesday, May 30 - The Bronx Zoo is located within Bronx Park just outside



of Manhattan. It is one of the largest zoos in the United States by area and is the largest metropolitan zoo in the United States, comprising 265 acres of park lands and naturalistic habitats separated by the Bronx River. The zoo is home to over 6,000 animals, and more than 700 species, the perfect place to

inspire animal lovers of all ages! The animals and exhibits span the globe and include tiny toads from Tanzania and big cats from the Russian Far East. They set the standard for animal care, zoological medicine, wildlife conservation, and innovative, naturalistic exhibits. Enjoy "total experience" admission which includes all the zoo's general exhibits plus the Congo Gorilla Forest, Jungle World, Butterfly Garden, Wild Asia Monorail, Zoo Shuttle, Bug Carousal, Nature Trek, and barnyard petting zoo. Enjoy five hours to explore the park & exhibits and to have lunch on your own in their café.

<u>Boston Pops Spring Concerts</u> – dates & schedule to be announced, please call our office for further information after February 1

# **JUNE**

<u>Treasures of Cambridge</u>, <u>Tuesday June 6 –</u> Best known as the home to Harvard



University, MIT, Cambridge University, and dozens of other prestigious schools, Cambridge is more than just a college town. Located just across the Charles River from Boston, Cambridge has a distinct vibe that is noticeable immediately. Come with us to explore some of Cambridge's most treasured sites! Mount Auburn Cemetery is one of the most beautiful and historic landscapes in America and is designated a National Historic

**Landmark**. Its impressive collection of over 5,000 trees and thousands of shrubs and plants weave through 175 acres of hills, ponds, woodlands, and clearings. Enjoy a **90**-

minute walking tour with the cemetery's knowledgeable docents. Learn the stories of history, monuments, and the lives of those buried here as we explore a landscape that combines horticulture, architecture and the beauty of nature. Break for lunch on your own in Harvard Square, with dozens of quaint cafes, trendy restaurants, and historic favorites there is something for every taste. Spend the afternoon relaxing on the Charles River on a 70-minute, fully narrated sightseeing cruise. The captain and crew will both entertain and educate while pointing out the historic and cultural sights of Boston and Cambridge. Sights include Beacon Hill, Esplanade Park, the Back Bay, Boston University, M.I.T., Harvard and countless sailboats and rowers! Please dress for the weather, and wear sunblock & comfortable walking shoes. \*\*\*

# The Badlands & Black Hills, Yellowstone National Park & the Grand Tetons,



<u>Thursday</u>, <u>June 8 – Sunday</u>, <u>June 18</u> – We're headed back out to the "wild west" on this getaway to the Badlands & Black Hills of South Dakota, Yellowstone Park & the Grand Tetons, so grab your cowboy hat and come on along! **DAY 1** – We'll fly from Boston to Rapid City, where we will stay for three nights. Airfare and transfers to Logan Airport the Cape will be arranged by

Funtastic Getaways, details & pricing TBA. We'll relax at our hotel for three nights, the **Hilton Garden Inn in Rapid City**, then, enjoy a **hearty chuckwagon supper**, followed by a fun **live music variety show** when the Fort Hays Wranglers take the stage. (D) **DAY** 2 – Visit **Badlands National Park**, to see striking geologic deposits containing one of the world's richest fossil beds. The park's 244,000 acres protect an expanse of mixed-grass prairie where bison, bighorn sheep, prairie dogs, and black-footed ferrets live today. We'll stop at **Ben Reifel Visitor Center**, then take the Badlands Loop through the park, stopping along the way to enjoy the views. Enjoy shopping at the historic **Wall Drug**, an



enormous 5 and 10 store where you can find souvenirs, pottery, clothes, gifts and much more. Relax at the hotel before we visit **Mount Rushmore National Memorial** to marvel at the majestic beauty of the Black Hills of South Dakota and experience the nightly **patriotic lighting ceremony**. (B,D) **DAY 3** - Visit the **Crazy Horse Memorial** that honors the culture, tradition and

living heritage of North American Indians. View progress on the world's largest mountain sculpture as they carve the memorial to the spirit of legendary Lakota leader Crazy Horse and take a guided tour through the Museum. Then, travel into the Black Hill's **Custer State Park**, which encompasses 71,000 acres of spectacular terrain and an abundance of wildlife, including a herd of 1,300 bison that roam freely throughout the park. Enjoy an **included buffet lunch at the historic State Game Lodge**, a gracious stone and wood lodge built in 1920. Our **buffalo safari tour** will take you off-road through the park in an open-air jeep in search of pronghorns, elk, and the buffalo. Relax at the hotel, then we'll head to downtown Rapid City to see the **life-size bronze statues of our nation's past presidents** that line the streets and sidewalks. (B,L) **DAY 4** – We'll visit the **High Plains Western Heritage Center** to learn about the legacy of our unique American Western



heritage, then travel to Deadwood and take **Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour**. You will see historical landmarks, points of interest and on the way to **Mt Moriah Cemetery**, our guide will recount the legendary lives of Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and other Old West legends before we visit their final resting

places. We'll stopping to see **Devil's Tower**, an astounding geologic feature that protrudes out of the rolling prairie surrounding the Black Hills. We'll stay for one night at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Sheridan, WY. (B,D) **DAY 5** - We will visit the **Buffalo Bill Center of the West**, where the focus is on the life and times of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, the noted guide, scout, frontiersman, showman, actor, and American icon. Learn the story of Cody's life and how it relates to the myth of the American West, and how, in an age without television or motion pictures, "Buffalo Bill" personified the enduring spirit of the American West. After lunch at the **Irma Hotel**, we'll travel to our Cody hotel, the **Cowboy Village**. Enjoy a Western dinner buffet at the **Cody Cattle Company** followed by **live western entertainment**. Then, enjoy the **Cody Night Rodeo** – all are located adjacent to our hotel! (B,L) **DAY 6** – We will stop at **Old Trail Town**, a collection of



authentic Wyoming & Montana frontier buildings from the late 1800's that were brought to the site to preserve the lifestyle and history of the Frontier West. We will walk through the original cabins used by Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid, a Wyoming saloon frequented by Cassidy's "Hole-in-the-Wall Gang," a schoolhouse, general store, the Museum of the Old

West, and more. Then, we'll travel to **Yellowstone National Park**, and have time for lunch (on own) at Canyon Village and stop at the **Canyon Visitor Education Center** for an introduction to Yellowstone Park's unique geology. We'll see the film "**Yellowstone:** Land to Life," that reveals how powerful geologic forces from fire to ice have combined



to create a unique landscape. This is a great introduction for your Yellowstone experience. We'll travel to our hotel in West Yellowstone, the Kelly Inn, where we will stay for three nights. (B) DAY 7 - Take a full-day guided tour of Yellowstone National Park to visit the Upper loop of the Park, including Mammoth Hot

Springs, a complex of hot springs on a hill of travertine, the Tower-Roosevelt area, which contains the largest concentration of petrified trees in the world, the Upper and Lower Waterfalls of the Yellowstone Grand Canyon, as time allows. (B,D) DAY 8 -Enjoy a second full day of guided touring in Yellowstone that includes the Lower Loop of Yellowstone National Park. We'll see the Norris Geiser Basin; the Upper and Lower Geiser Basins; Old Faithful, a highly predictable geothermal geyser, erupting up to 180 feet in the air; and visit Old Faithful Village. We'll also stop at the Fountain Paint Pots, which are scattered over a fairly large area featuring regularly erupting geysers, hot springs, and a fascinating mud pool which often strikes visitors as something from another world. You'll have the evening on your own to explore West Yellowstone's historic center and enjoy dinner. (B) DAY 9 – We'll depart West Yellowstone today and travel through Grand Teton National Park. We'll stop at the Coulter Bay Visitor Center to get an overview of this beautiful park and its wildlife. We'll have time for lunch (on own) at Coulter Bay Village before continuing our half-day guided tour. We'll take the scenic Jenny Lake loop for some gorgeous views of Jenny Lake and the Grand Teton Mountain range, with photo stops along the way. We'll visit the Chapel of the Transfiguration, a small log chapel that offers spectacular views of the Teton Mountain Range, and stop at the Mormon Row Historic District, a former late-frontier Mormon settlement of farms from the early 1900's including the iconic John Moulton barn and the Grand Tetons. Then, we'll check into our Jackson Hole Hotel, the Parkway Inn, located within easy walking distance of downtown shops and restaurants. Enjoy the evening exploring this quaint town. (B) DAY 10 - We'll spend the morning in Grand Teton National Park enjoying a scenic Float Trip on the Snake River through Teton National Park. The river runs through a pristine, natural landscape that is a special sanctuary for wildlife, with the majestic Teton mountains as a backdrop. This gentle 2-hour float is entirely located within the heart of the park. Then, take a tram ride to the top of Rendezvous Peak in the Teton Range for unbeatable 360-degree views of the Tetons and surrounding National Park below. You'll have the afternoon at leisure in Jackson Hole before an included farewell dinner. (B,D) DAY 11 - Enjoy a relaxing morning before our early afternoon flight back to Boston. Package Includes: 3 nights at Hilton Garden Inn Rapid City, SD, 1 night at Ramada Plaza by Wyndham, Sheridan, WY, 1 night Cowboy Village, Cody, WY, 3 nights, Kelly Inn, W Yellowstone, WY, 2 nights Parkway Inn, Jackson Hole, WY, 10 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners, including two with entertainment, hotel baggage handling, Badlands National Park tour, Ben Reifel Visitor Center, Wall Drug, Mount Rushmore National Monument patriotic lighting ceremony, Crazy Horse Memorial, Custer State Park, Buffalo Safari tour, Devils Tower, Kevin Costner's Original Deadwood Tour, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Cody Night Rodeo, two full day tours in Yellowstone National Park, Teton National Park driving tour, Scenic Float Trip on the Snake River, tram ride to Rendezvous Peak, High Plains Western Heritage Center, Old Trail Town. LAND: \$ 3,999 per person, double occupancy, \$ 5,445 single occupancy.

**AIRFARE:** Schedule and pricing TBA when confirmed. Insurance is available for this trip and is recommended. Please call for complete details

Cirque du Soleil "Corteo", Saturday, June 10 – Join us as we marvel at Cirque du



Soleil's signature high flying acts - a hybrid of circus, acrobatics, and dance performance, it has remained one of the most successful theatrical producers in the history of the entertainment industry. The show "Corteo" begins as the clown Mauro has passed, but his spirit is still with us. Instead of mourning, the funeral cortege celebrates the here and hereafter with laughter and exuberance. Rich, extravagant

memories frolic with the senses. The sound of laughter peals around the stage, visions of joyous tumblers and players fascinate the eyes. Regret and melancholy retreat in the face of a cavalcade of lively recollections of a life gloriously lived. We have tickets in section 114 for the 3:30 PM show at Agganis Arena in Boston with free time before the show at the Prudential Center for lunch on your own. \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$

"Spreading it Around" at Newport Playhouse, Thursday June 15 - Enjoy a



delicious all-you-can-eat buffet lunch at the Newport Playhouse, and then we'll walk into their intimate theatre for the comedy show "Spreading it Around". Angela Drayton, a wealthy widow living in an up-scale retirement community, is tired of handing out money to her unappreciative children. So she starts the "S.I.N. (Spending It Now)

Foundation," to give to those truly in need. This terrifies her greedy son, driving him to devise a plan to have her committed. After the show, enjoy a hilarious cabaret show!

Two fun-filled shows and a delicious lunch make for the perfect day out! \$\frac{1}{2}\$\$ \$140

# Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Competition & Isles of Shoals,



Monday, June 19 — For the past 23 years master sculptors from far and wide have met at Hampton Beach, NH to display their skills, creativity, and participate in the **largest Master Sand Sculpting Competition** in the Northeast. This **exclusive**, **invitation only competition** features jaw dropping sculptures! Over the course of the sculpting event nothing but sand, water, and the artists' own creativity

with windscreen (a solution of glue and water) to protect them from the elements and remain standing for weeks creating a unique museum of master pieces on the beach. Afterwards, we'll head to nearby Portsmouth where you will have time in their charming downtown for lunch & light shopping (on own). End the day with a 2 hour 45 minutes narrated cruise around the Isles of Shoals and Portsmouth Harbor. As we glide through the Portsmouth Harbor, we will see a unique working port with tugboats, tankers, the nation's oldest active naval yard, the closed castle-like prison "the Alcatraz of the East", 5 historic forts and 3 lighthouses proudly guiding mariners safely through the waters. \*\*\* \$115

<u>Lobster Lovers Getaway, Tuesday, June 20 – Thursday, June 22</u> - The coastal town of



**Boothbay Harbor, Maine** is a perfect destination for a quick summer getaway! Our hotel, the **Boothbay Harbor Inn**, is located directly on the waterfront, and offers picturesque views of the harbor combined with a convenient location next to the famous wooden footbridge. Just a short walk will take you downtown to the harbor's many shops,

galleries and restaurants. **DAY 1** – We will stop at **Ogunquit's beautiful Perkins Cove** for a first-hand lobstering experience, aboard the **Finestkind Lobstering Cruise**. You will see traps hauled and lobsters caught by an authentic Maine lobsterman. Your guide will provide a detailed explanation of the lobster fishery and the many scenic points of interest along the way. Enjoy time for lunch & shopping in Perkins Cove and have the chance to



take a stroll on the scenic Marginal Way footpath along the rocky Maine coast. We'll travel to Boothbay Harbor and check into our waterfront hotel, the Boothbay Harbor Inn. **DAY 2** – After a relaxing morning our **Downeast Clambake Adventure** begins with a **scenic cruise of Boothbay Harbor** to Cabbage Island. The Downeast Clambake on Cabbage Island is cooked in seaweed,

steamed from top to bottom, & covered with rocks to capture all the flavor and sweetness of fresh Maine lobsters and clams. Your meal includes traditional New England Fish Chowder, TWO luscious lobsters, steamed clams wrapped, corn on the cob, onion, and new Maine potatoes. You have the remainder of the day to explore the shops downtown or relax by the water. (B, Clambake). DAY 3 - We'll take a self-guided tour of the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, where you'll find stunning ornamental gardens, waterfalls, and incomparable stonework and sculpture. Then, we'll stop at Freeport and have time for lunch & shopping at L.L. Bean's Flagship store and the many surrounding outlets. (B) Package Includes: Two nights at the Boothbay Harbor Inn, baggage handling, two full breakfasts, Cabbage Island cruise with twin lobster boil, Finestkind lobstering cruise, Maine Botanical gardens.

\$ 775 per person, double occupancy, \$ 917 single occupancy

Downeaster Rail & Sail, Thursday, June 22 - Amtrak's sleek and sophisticated



**Downeaster train runs between Boston and Portland, Maine** with a journey along the New England shoreline. Along the Downeaster route you'll find historic colonial cities, beautiful beaches & quaint villages. We'll take the 8:50 AM train from Boston's North Station for our one-way journey to Portland, Maine. We'll meet back up with

our bus in Portland and enjoy a **delicious lunch at the waterfront DiMillo's Restaurant**. Enjoy time in downtown Portland, and take a **narrated 1-hour cruise** through Portland harbor and innermost islands to see lighthouses, forts, lobster boats, and seals. Enjoy close-up views of Four lighthouses with as many as seven in view during the cruise, including a close-up view of Maine's most photographed lighthouse, Portland Head Light! We will return to the Cape by motorcoach **\*\*** \$185

Newport Flower Show, Saturday, June 24 - This superb seaside flower show is



unlike any other flower and garden show around! Held on the grounds of beautiful **Marblehouse Mansion**, the theme this year is **The Grand Tour.** Don your best spring hat and enjoy colorful floral designs, horticulture exhibits, garden displays, unique shopping opportunities, lectures and demonstrations. Take some

time after the show to **browse the shops of downtown Newport** & enjoy lunch on your own. End your day with a relaxing **one hour narrated cruise of Newport Harbor**. Cruise by the Newport Bridge, Rose Island Lighthouse, Fort Adams, and the mansions, experiencing spectacular panoramas of the bay and fresh sea breezes. \*\* \$125

New York Botanical Garden, Sunday June 25 - The New York Botanical Garden is



one of the premier botanical gardens in the United States, located in the Bronx. It spans 250 acres, featuring 50 gardens and plant collections set amid dramatic rock outcroppings, a cascading waterfall, ponds, and a tranquil, 50-acre Native Forest. Hop on one of their narrated tram tours (included) offering the best way to see

much of the Garden's 250 acres and get a fascinating overview of the Garden and its history. Enjoy time for lunch (on your own) in the garden café or bring a picnic lunch. You will have plenty of **time to stroll the paths**, and take the transportation tram to visit the conservatories, greenhouses, gardens & buildings. This summer NYBG presents a major site-specific **exhibition of sculptural and horticultural installations by visual artist Ebony G. Patterson**. The first visual artist ever to embed within the institution for an immersive residency, Patterson is working directly with NYBG's gardens and collections to form a new body of work that brings her unique perspective on formal gardens to life within the 250-acre National Historic Landmark landscape. Note: this trip will require walking, please wear comfortable shoes & dress for the weather. \*\*\*\*\* \$149

<u>Canadian Maritimes & Cabot Trail – Wednesday, June 28 – Thursday, July 6</u> - Visit Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island &



Visit Nova Scotia, Cape Breton Island, Prince Edward Island & the magnificent Cabot Trail for some of the most beautiful scenery you will ever see! **DAY 1** – Travel to Saint John, NB Canada and overnight at the Hampton Inn, St John. **DAY 2** – We'll travel along the scenic shores of the **Bay of Fundy** to **Hopewell Rocks**, where we will see the flowerpot rocks that were carved by the

glacier and shaped by the highest tides in the world. We'll enjoy an included lunch, and

our naturalist guide will tell us what causes the extreme tide changes in the Bay of Fundy. Then, travel to **Prince Edward Island** over the longest bridge over ice-covered waters in the world, **the Confederation Bridge**. We'll overnight in downtown Charlottetown at the **centrally located Rodd Royalty** and end the day with **a delicious PEI Lobster Supper** at Fisherman's Wharf that includes a **60-foot-long salad bar** with **all-you-can- eat-mussels**, and choice of either a 1-lb lobster or one of their alternate entrees. (B,L,D) **DAY 3** - Our local guide will take us on a **tour of Charlottetown**, the birthplace of the Canadian Confederation, and then we'll travel the beautiful countryside to Cavendish, where we will



stop at the **House of Green Gables**. Then travel through **Prince Edward Island National Park**, on the northernmost shore of PEI, to see the red sands and learn about the local ecosystem. (B) **DAY 4** - We'll take the ferry from Prince Edward Island to Nova Scotia, cross the Canso Causeway to beautiful **Cape Breton Island**. We'll stop at the **Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site**, a unique exhibit complex where models, replicas,

artifacts and films describe the fascinating life and work of Alexander Graham Bell. We will stay for two nights at the Auberge Gisele's Inn, overlooking the majestic Bras d'Or Lake. (B,D) DAY 5 - Our guide will take us on a full-day motor coach tour on the Cabot Trail, one of the most scenic ocean drives in the world – this is sure to be one of the highlights of your trip! Enjoy a picnic lunch on the Cabot Trail. (B,L) DAY 6 – We'll travel to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where we will stay for two nights at the Hotel Halifax, just steps from the historic waterfront shops and restaurants. Enjoy the day on your own to explore the city or join in an optional excursion to see the Royal Nova Scotia **International Tattoo**, a performance of the best pipe and drum bands, dancers, acrobats, military pomp and historical displays - a truly unique show that has delighted audiences for over 40 years. This year's show, Oceans, seeks to celebrate Nova Scotia's deep connection to the sea, and the stories and traditions defined by a strong maritime history. (B,D) DAY 7 - We'll travel with our local guide down the scenic Eastern Shore of Nova Scotia, along the Lighthouse Route to Lunenburg. On our full-day tour, we'll see quaint fishing villages, visit Mahone Bay, beautiful Lunenburg, and Peggy's Cove to see **Peggy's** Point and its' Lighthouse. (B) DAY 8 - Travel through the Annapolis Valley and visit the Grand Pre-National Historic Site, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which commemorates the area of an Acadian settlement and the Deportation of the Acadians. We'll stop in **Digby** for lunch (on own), famous for their **delicious**, **sweet Digby scallops**, where you'll have a chance to sample some of their fresh-caught scallops. Then, we'll board the ferry and travel across the Bay of Fundy back to Saint John, NB. We'll stay one night at the **Hampton Inn, Saint John**. (B) **DAY 9** –We'll stop at the **Reversing Falls** to learn about this phenomenon before returning to the Cape. (B) **Package Includes:** Two nights at the Hampton Inn, Saint John, NB; two nights at the Rodd Royalty, Charlottetown, PEI; two nights at Auberge Gisele's Inn, Cape Breton Island, two nights at Hotel Halifax; breakfast each day; three dinners (including one Lobster bake); two lunches; guided Annapolis Valley tours, Grand Pre Historic Site, full day guided tour of the Cabot trail with Park admission, PEI National Park, Alexander Graham Bell Historic Site, Northumberland Ferry from Nova Scotia to PEI and from Digby NS to Saint John, NB, Charlottetown guided tour, Green Gables House, Hopewell Rocks. This trip requires a valid passport and proof of Covid-19 vaccination.

\$ 2,559 per person, double occupancy, \$ 3,476 single occupancy For optional Royal International Tattoo, please add \$60 Rhode Island Lighthouse Lover's Cruise, Thursday, June 29 - A delicious full



lunch awaits at the elegant Quonset O Club in North Kingstown (choice of New England Baked Scrod or Pan-Sautéed Chicken Cutlet). Enjoy a **90-minute Lighthouse Lovers cruise** of Narragansett Bay showcasing 10 of Rhode Island's most beautiful lighthouses. Get up close and personal to these historic landmarks on a one-of-a-kind cruise that you will remember forever. End the

day strolling the **quaint downtown in historic Wickford**. You'll find a variety of arts and crafts, gourmet foods, toys, specialty clothing, jewelry, garden shops, handcrafted furniture and home accessories. \*\*\* \$135

#### JULY & BEYOND

<u>Alaska Cruise and tour with Princess Cruises, Mon, August 7 – Sun, August 20</u> - Join



us for 12 nights in pristine Alaska on this **cruise tour with Princess Cruise Line's Majestic Princess**, launched in 2017. There are award-winning specialty restaurants, and varied activities from cooking demonstrations to dance classes, trivia contests and a range of enrichment programs, including the Discovery at SEA<sup>TM</sup> speaker series that offer insights into the places you'll visit. **DAY 1** 

- We'll fly from Boston to Fairbanks. Transfers and airfare will be arranged for the group, details and pricing TBA. DAY 2 - Take a cruise on an authentic Sternwheeler Riverboat down the Chena River before heading via motorcoach for Denali National Park and the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge. DAY 3 - Explore Denali National Park on a 41/2 hour included Natural History Tour, watching for Denali's "Big Five;" moose, caribou, bears, wolves and Dall sheep. DAY 4 - The journey by Princess Rail to Talkeetna is unforgettable. Once you've arrived there, transfer by motorcoach to the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. After getting settled in, have a glass of wine out on the deck or sit and gaze at the majesty of "The Great One" from the lodge's treehouse designed and built by Pete Nelson of Animal Planet's Treehouse Masters. DAY 5 - You'll head by motorcoach to Anchorage for a 1-night stay at the Hotel Captain Cook. Spend the afternoon exploring Alaska's largest city. DAY 6 - Visit the Alaska Wildlife **Conservation Center** en-route to Whittier and board your ship for our 8:30 PM departure. (D) DAY 7 - Hubbard Glacier, Alaska (Scenic Cruising 3 PM - 8 PM), (B,L,D) DAY 8 -Glacier Bay National Park, Alaska (Scenic Cruising 9:15-7:30 PM), (B,L,D) DAY 9 - Icy Strait Point, Alaska from 6AM-7PM. (B,L,D) DAY 10 - Juneau, Alaska from 6:30 AM -5 PM, (B,L,D) **DAY 11** - Ketchikan, Alaska 10 AM – 6 PM, (B,L,D) **DAY 12** – Enjoy a relaxing day at Sea. DAY 13 - Vancouver, Canada, disembark at 7:30 AM, enjoy the day at leisure exploring Vancouver. Princess Cruise Lines offers shore excursions in Vancouver, take a hop-on-hop-off bus tour of Vancouver, or enjoy the day at leisure. We'll stay one night at the centrally located Fairmont Vancouver Hotel, located adjacent to the Vancouver cruise dock. (B) DAY 14 – We'll take a morning flight back to Logan Airport. Funtastic Getaways will arrange for transportation back to the Cape. Airfare schedule and pricing TBA. Package: 12-day Princess Cruise tour JB5 – with 1 night in Fairbanks, 2 nights at Denali Princess Wilderness night cruise, 1 night at Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, 1 night Anchorage, 7 nights on the Majestic Princess Cruise Ship, one night in Vancouver at the Fairmont Vancouver Hotel 20 meals on the ship, Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center, 4 ½ hour Denali Natural History Tour, Princess Rail. Cruise Tour package from \$ 2,974 per person, double occupancy. Call for detailed brochure.

#### Classical Greece Plus Island Hopper with Globus Tours,

Friday, September 15 – Friday, September 29 - SOLD OUT, WAITLIST ONLY

Great American Total Solar Eclipse - Sunday, April 7 - Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - Join



us for an unmissable opportunity to witness a magnificent celestial show in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains. **DAY 1**—We'll have time to shop at **Dakin Farms**, and visit **Shelburne Vineyards** for a **wine & chocolate pairing.** We'll stay for two nights at the **Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain**, steps away

from the shops and restaurants of Church Street Marketplace. (D) DAY 2 – Enjoy the day at leisure to explore Church Street Marketplace or Waterfront Park, and grab lunch before we gather in front of the hotel. You'll get to take a seat and a don a pair of protective glasses in the lakefront field just in front of our hotel to watch as the solar eclipse passes over Burlington, the totality expected to last over three minutes! (B) DAY 3 - Visit Cold Hollow Cider Mill and the Vermont Annex, home to the Cabot Creamery Annex Store, Lake Champlain Chocolates, and Danforth Pewter. Then, we'll continue to the Trapp Family Lodge to enjoy a delicious Austrian buffet at in the lodge's Main Dining Room. At Morse Farm Maple Sugarhouse we'll enjoy a tour of the museum and a live presentation in their sugarhouse. You'll sample sugar on snow and a Vermont favorite, a Maple Creemee. (B,L) Package Includes: 2 nights at Hilton Burlington Lake Champlain, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner, Wine & Chocolate pairing at Shelburne Vineyards, seating & protective glasses for total eclipse viewing, shopping at Cold Hollow Cider, Vermont Annex, and Dakin Farms, tour of Morse Farm with sugar on snow and maple creemee. \$ 899 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,125 single occupancy

## Classic England & Scotland with Gatel Travel – Sat, May 4 – Fri, May 17, 2024 -



From poetic countryside and magnificent castles to bustling cities and stunning vistas, you'll see the very best Britain has to offer on our 14-day exploration of England and Scotland! See the sights that inspired some of history's greatest artists, from the writers of the Romantic Era to John Lennon's

Strawberry Fields, and William Shakespeare's birthplace. **DAY 1** – We'll fly from Boston to London. Transfers and airfare will be arranged for the group, details and pricing TBA. DAY 2 – Our local guide will provide suggestions for you to begin to explore the city on your own. Visit the famed British Museum, ride the London Eye, take in a show in the West End, or just enjoy the sights and sounds of this bustling city on a self-guided walking tour. Tonight, we'll enjoy a welcome meeting and dinner with the group. (D) DAY 3 - Discover the history and pageantry of London on a half day tour that begins with a drive through fashionable Kensington, with its elegant squares and parks. Pass Harrods store and see Piccadilly Circus, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament and the famous Big Ben! Go on to view Buckingham Palace, which was the London residence of Her Majesty the Queen. Your tour ends in the heart of the city to explore at leisure. (B) DAY 4 - Today, depart London and head to Stonehenge, then continue to Bath's Georgian Crescents, to visit the original 2000-year-old Roman Baths and Georgian Pump Room. (B) DAY 5 - Drive north today into the heart of England, through the idyllic villages of the Cotswolds. Admire the stone cottages, thatched roofs, and rolling hills, on our way to the birthplace of William Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon. View Anne Hathaway's cottage, the school that Shakespeare attended, and

Shakespeare's birthplace. Spend time at leisure in this town, then travel to Liverpool where The Beatles were born and rose to fame. With your guide, explore the notable sights made famous in song by the Beatles - Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields. View the legendary Cavern Club where the Beatles began their journey to fame and Liverpool's Albert Dock complex. Dinner tonight is at our hotel (B,D) DAY 6 - Today, travel along the shores of Windermere, at the heart of the picturesque Lake District, stopping for tea and fresh-baked scones at a local farmhouse. Next, cross into Scotland at the border town of Gretna Green, and past Moffat. Arrive in Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city. Its Old and New Town are listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure. (B, D) DAY 7 - This morning, join our guide for a city tour of historic Edinburgh. The route will take you past the Scottish Parliament, the Museum of Scotland, the Royal Mile, Georgian New Town and Princes Street. Also included is a visit to Edinburgh Castle where you can see the Crown Room, St. Margaret's Chapel, and much more! (B) DAY 8 - Spend the day at leisure in the Scottish capital. Visit one of the many museums or, join the optional morning tour to the former Royal Yacht Britannia. You'll continue to Holyrood House, official residence of the royal family in Scotland; see the State Apartments, Throne Room and more. (B) DAY 9 - Sightseeing begins in the town of St. Andrews, renowned for its famous golf course and the University where Prince William studied. Continue to Glamis Castle, childhood home of the Queen-Mother. Visit this well-preserved ancient Scottish castle with its literary connections to Shakespeare's Macbeth. Next, scenic views await you as you travel farther north into the Scottish Highlands and through the mountainous Cairngorms National Park. Arrive in Aviemore in time for dinner. (B,D) DAY 10 - Heading north from Aviemore you start the day with a photo stop in Carrbridge, a small Highland village. Continue to the site of the famous Culloden Battlefield where this final battle marked the decisive collapse of the Jacobite uprisings and the beginning of the integration of the Highlands into the United Kingdom. Next, tour a whisky distillery and enjoy a tasting before returning to Aviemore for leisure time. (B) DAY 11 - Today, drive to the most notorious site in all of Scotland, Loch Ness. There will be time to take pictures and try to spot the elusive Nessie. The tour continues its exploration of the Highlands up into the Isle of Skye, passing Eilean Donan Castle and crossing Skye Bridge. Drive through the lush countryside to the Clan Donald Museum of the Isles before returning to the mainland. Arrive in Fort William in the late afternoon and savor dinner at the hotel. (B,D) DAY 12 - Continue towards Loch Lomond and cruise on the lake, taking in the views of the surrounding Trossachs National Park. This afternoon, arrive in vibrant Glasgow, where you will take a tour of the city sights. Spend your evening at leisure. (B) DAY 13 - Begin the day with a visit to Stirling Castle. Then, view the impressive "Kelpies", a large equine sculpture and Scotland's latest iconic landmark rising majestically over the Forth & Clyde Canal. (B,D) DAY 14 - Transfer to the airport for your departure flight back to Boston. (B) Package Includes: 12 nights accommodations: 2 nights London, 1 night Bath, 1 night Liverpool, 3 nights Edinburgh, 2 nights Aviemore, 1 night Fort William, 2 nights Glasgow, baggage handling, 12 breakfasts, 6 dinners with wine, Sightseeing per itinerary in modern airconditioned motor coach, Services of English-speaking tour managers throughout, Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring.

**Land package: \$ 4,889 per person, double occupancy, \$ 6,039 single occupancy** Airfare & transfers TBD, estimate \$ 600-800 per person.

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