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### 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 per person 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 60 days prior to departure.  
Payments are refundable up to 45 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
2. 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 email 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**

## September

**Niagara Falls**, Tue, September 5 – Fri, Sept 8 – Waitlist Only

**Mobsters & Lobsters**, Wednesday, September 6 - \$ 209

**Brimfield Antique Show**, Thursday, September 7 – \$ 95

**Seaside Rhode Island**, Saturday September 9 – \$149

**“Funny Girl,”** Sunday, September 10 – \$125 – Waitlist Only

**Boston Duck Tour**, Wednesday, September 13 - \$ 169

**Essex Rail & Sail**, Friday, September 15 - \$155

**Classical Greece + Island Hopper**, Mon, Sep 18 – Mon, Oct 2 - SOLD OUT

**Italian Feast of San Gennaro Festival**, Saturday, September 23 - \$ 120

**Colors of Vermont**, Tuesday, September 26 – Thursday, September 28 –

\$ 899 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,189 single occupancy

## October

**Mount Washington Cog Railway, Wednesday, October 4** - Board the **Cog Railway** to



take an unforgettable journey to the **top of Mount Washington**, the Northeast's highest peak. The Mount Washington Cog Railway provides a sense of adventure and history as it carries passengers up a 3-mile-long trestle and the steepest railroad tracks in North America to the 6,288-foot summit of Mount Washington. The new **eco-friendly**

**biodiesel trains** use the unique cog technology, giving the same experience that has thrilled passengers for nearly 150 years but in a method kinder to our planet (and without all that soot streaming back into the cars!). Once at the summit, visitors can take in the **spectacular panoramic view**, spanning the mountains and valleys of New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont, north into Canada to Quebec, and east to the Atlantic Ocean. At the summit is the **Mile High Visitor's Center** & museum (admission included), gift shops, post office, and a year-round weather station. Before ascending the mountain, we will enjoy a **boxed lunch** at Peppersass Restaurant, at the base of the mountain. \$199 🍴🍴🍴

**Castle in the Clouds, Friday October 6** – Take in the fall colors surrounding Lake



Winnepesaukee on our **1 ½ hour narrated cruise** aboard the M/S Mount Washington. Enjoy the scenery from the 230-foot ship with four heated interior decks. We will enjoy a **luncheon buffet during our cruise**, and then travel to the North side of the Lake to tour **Castle in the Clouds**, a

5,200-acre estate located high above Lake Winnepesaukee, with breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding mountains. The castle was built by the eccentric Mr. Plant, who spared no cost in developing the eight-square-mile estate he named "Lucknow." Round out your day with a visit to **Beans and Greens Farm** where we'll shop for fresh apples & pumpkins, seasonal produce, baked goods and prepared foods. 🍴🍴 \$150

**Winnepesaukee Scenic Railway, Sunday, October 8** –Relax aboard a **two-hour scenic**



**train ride** along the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee. While onboard, enjoy a delicious **turkey lunch with all the trimmings** catered by the famous Hart's Turkey Farm. Since 1781 **The Old Country Store & Museum** has operated a general store in Moultonborough, NH. You'll enjoy browsing their wide variety of cheese, maple syrup, jellies, jams, a huge candy counter, gifts, home

& garden items, clothing, nostalgic items, and so much more! Before heading home, stop at beautiful **Moulton Farms** where we will shop for farm fresh seasonal produce like **pumpkins & apples**. Their **bake shop** features mouthwatering cakes, pies, breads, and all kinds of sweet treats, and in the **farm kitchen** you will find farm fresh entrees, side dishes, soups & salads— you might want to bring a cooler! 🍷 \$145

### [Green Mountain Explorer, Wednesday, October 11](#) - Enjoy the natural beauty of



Vermont in the Fall! Start the day with a **delicious full lunch at Publyck House Restaurant**. Housed in an old three-story horse barn featuring barn board paneling, multiple fireplaces, and sweeping views of the Green Mountains, it has been named the **#1 Most Beautiful Restaurant**

**in Vermont!** Stop at **TWO of Bennington's gorgeous, covered bridges**, then end the day with a visit to the **Apple Barn & Country Bake Shop**, enjoy a tasty treat and browse their fresh-picked apples and baked goods. Featured on the Food Network, Good Morning America, and more; they also boast some of the most spectacular scenery in Southern Vermont. 🍷 \$145

### [Newport Playhouse “Ghost of a Chance,” Thursday, October 12](#) - Enjoy a **delicious**

**all-you-can-eat buffet lunch**, and then head to their intimate theatre for the **comedy show “Ghost of a Chance.”** Bethany is bright, strong, independent, beautiful and has zero self-esteem. She has brought her finance, Floyd, and his mother, Verna, up to her cabin in the woods, the site of the hunting accident that killed Chance, her first husband. Much to her consternation, his ghost is still there, but only Bethany can see him. Floyd and Verna think she is crazy as she frantically tries to get rid of her first husbands’ ghost, who is doing everything he can to prevent Bethany from marrying Floyd. After the show, enjoy a **hilarious cabaret show!** **Two fun-filled shows and a delicious lunch** make for the perfect day out! 🍷🕒 \$140

### [Finger Lakes Wine Country Fall Getaway, Sunday, October 15 – Wednesday,](#)



[October 18](#) – We’ll visit upstate New York’s beautiful **Finger Lakes Wine Country**, a **world-class wine producing region** to enjoy the **fall foliage**, explore the **countryside**, taste some **artisanal cheeses**, and **sample award-winning wines** on this four-day

getaway. **DAY 1** – We’ll begin our visit with a **1½-hour guided tour through the Taughannock Gorge** at Taughannock Falls State Park, located on the south-west side of Cayuga Lake. Our guide will take us along the gorge trail, a relatively easy walk (1½ mile walk in total) to **Taughannock Falls**, a spectacular waterfall that plunges **215 feet** past rocky cliffs that tower almost 400 feet above the gorge. Enjoy a welcome reception on our arrival at our lakefront hotel, the **41 Lakefront Hotel, by Wyndham**. Hotel Amenities include a fitness center, indoor pool, and on-site restaurant and lounge. (D) **DAY 2** – We’ll visit **Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Park**, which was the Victorian summer home of the Thompson family during the Gilded Age. It is distinctive for its **ornate architecture**, extraordinary collection of **garden statuary**, and **themed gardens of the world** including a Japanese Garden and Teahouse, and **Greenhouse Complex**. We’ll take a **guided tour** of

the mansion, gardens & greenhouse and then **enjoy a wine tasting of five regional wines** in Sonnenberg's **Finger Lakes Wine Center**. You'll have time for lunch (on own) in Canandaigua before we board the Canandaigua Lady for a **1½ hour narrated cruise on Canandaigua Lake**. Then, we'll head to New York Kitchen's state-of-the-art facility for a special dinner, complete with two chef-led demonstrations in their education theater! (B, D) 🍴 **DAY 3 – Rose Hill Mansion**, an elegant Greek Revival house, was once the center of a busy and productive farm. Our **guided tour** will showcase **twenty restored and furnished rooms** along with the **magnificent view of Seneca Lake** from the front porch and the vista of nearby farmlands. Then, enjoy **a taste of Tuscany at Ventosa Vineyards**,



a **23-acre estate vineyard** that is known for dry, old world-style wines, estate grown fruit, Mediterranean cuisine and **breathtaking views** from their expansive terrace overlooking their vineyards and Seneca Lake. Our **wine tasting** includes five of their wines and take home a **souvenir Ventosa Vineyards wine glass**. We'll enjoy

a **buffet lunch** at the vineyard that includes salad, their famous **Toscana fresh-made pizza**, Paninis, wraps & Kettle chips. We'll then visit **Arbor Hill Winery** to **taste six of their wines** and visit the gift shop. Enjoy the evening at leisure. (B, L) 🍴 **DAY 4** –We'll stop at **Muranda Cheese Company**, which produces superior artisanal quality cheeses. We'll **taste 15 types of cheese** and have time to browse their gourmet shop. **NOTE:** You may want to **bring a small cooler with you** to bring home some New York State's culinary treats! (B) **Package Includes:** Three nights at 41 Lakefront Hotel; three breakfasts; one lunch; one buffet dinner; one dinner with 2 chef demonstrations; wine tastings at Finger Lakes Wine Center, Ventosa Vineyards, and Arbor Hill Winery, Muranda Cheese, Taughannock Falls, Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, Rose Hill Mansion, Canandaigua Lady cruise. 🍴 \$ 1,199 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,445 single occupancy

**Haunted Happenings in Salem, Tuesday, October 17** – There is no better place to



celebrate all things spooky than Salem! Tour the **Salem Witch Museum** where we will examine one of the most emotional events in American History, the Salem witch trials of 1692. Experience the events of 1692 and the drama of that dark time though **thirteen life-size stage sets** with figures, lighting, and narration to bring to life the web of lies and intrigue

of the Salem witch-hunt. In the exhibit **“Witches: Evolving Perceptions”**, explore the meaning behind the word witch and evolution of the image of a witch over time. Learn about the European witch trials and the background leading to the Salem witch trials. Take an **informational 90-minute walking tour of Salem (about 1 mile of walking)** with our **local guide**. See the historical sites & burial grounds where many of the tragic events of witch hysteria took place while learning about the people, places, and time of the Salem Witch Trials. Enjoy **two hours free in downtown Salem** for lunch on own, people watch (MANY people will be in costume!), and browse the shops for souvenirs, crystals, candles, potions, tarot cards, and more. Or visit one of the many psychics, palm readers, or tarot readers to reveal your future! **Halloween costumes & dress is encouraged** (Salem does not allow fake weapons and you will want to wear comfortable walking shoes)! 🍴 \$120

## Fall Colors of Massachusetts, Wednesday, October 18 - Visit Yankee Candle's



**Flagship Store** in Deerfield, where you'll have time to browse their enormous selection of scented candles & gifts, stroll the Bavarian Christmas Village, Nutcracker Castle, and venture into the Black Forest to watch the snow fall! Then travel along the Mohawk Trail, considered the **most beautiful drive in Massachusetts**; it is also home to some of the best foliage in the state! We will visit **Red Apple Farm** where we'll take a hayride into the orchard while we hear about the innovative eco-friendly advances on the farm. Enjoy a cup of their **fresh apple cider & cider donut**, pick **1/2 peck of apples** and visit with their farm animals. End the day with a delicious, included **dinner at the Old Mill Restaurant**, a restored 1761 sawmill that has been operating as a restaurant for over 200 years (choice of stuffed chicken breast or Yankee pot roast). 🍴🍴🍴 \$139

## Roger William's Zoo Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular, Thursday, October 19 - Join us



on a fun-for-all-ages fall journey in Rhode Island! Visit a picture-perfect **family farm** decked out in autumnal beauty, enjoy a **classic wagon ride** through farm fields and woods, savor **fresh apple cider and cider donuts**, and bring home the **perfect pumpkin**. In the evening, revel in the magic of the Halloween season at the **nationally acclaimed Jack-O-Lantern Spectacular presented at Roger William's Park Zoo!** We will enjoy **VIP admission to the Spectacular (no waiting in lines!)**, where over 6,000 pumpkins will be on display, all lit with LED lights, throughout the Zoo's Wetlands Trail (about ¼ mile trail). Roughly every 7 days a whole new "crop" of pumpkins needs to be put out to ensure they are always looking their best. The professional carvers expect to go through **about 20,000 pumpkins** during the 32-night event. We will be treated to a **delicious Harvest dinner buffet** in our private event space at the zoo. Please dress for the weather and for being outdoors after dark. 🍴🍴🍴 \$145

**Encore Casino, Thursday, October 19** - Visit Massachusetts' newest casino! The **Encore Casino Resort** is located on the Mystic River just north of Boston in Everett. Enter the main floor—open and airy, colorful and vibrant, with 40-foot ceilings, Red Rubino glass chandeliers, and a dazzling array (over 3000!) of classic and **state-of-the-art slot machines**. Move upstairs to the elegant terrace with over **140 table games, 88 poker tables**, and a spectacular view of the action below. You will have **5 hours** to try your luck, browse the shops, book a spa treatment, and enjoy the multimillion-dollar art collection (don't miss the \$28 million dollar Popeye statue and the ornate carousel featuring flowers, jewels, and lights!). Enjoy lunch (on your own) at one of over a dozen resort restaurants. **Enjoy \$20 FREE slot play per person** (casino bonus subject to change)! 🍴🕒 \$60

**Mrs. Doubtfire, Saturday, October 21** - A new musical comedy about the things we do to stay together. Everyone's favorite Scottish nanny is headed to Providence in an internationally acclaimed new hit musical critics call "wonderful, heart-warming, and laugh-out-loud funny" and "a feel-good, family-friendly comedy that delivers" (*The Hollywood Reporter*). **Based on the beloved film** and directed by four-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Zaks, *Mrs. Doubtfire* tells the hysterical and heartfelt story of an out-of-work actor who will do anything for his kids. It's "the lovable, big-hearted musical comedy we need right now," raves the *Chicago Tribune* – one that proves we're better together. We have **orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee** at Providence Performing Arts Center with free time at the Providence Place Mall for lunch on your own. 🍴🕒 \$125

## Atlantic City, Sweet Carolina Tribute & Cape May, Tue, October 24 – Fri, Oct 27



– Travel down to Atlantic City with us for three nights right on the beach and boardwalk, see the Las Vegas headliner – Sweet Caroline: A Neil Diamond Tribute Show, and visit beautiful Cape May. **DAY 1** – We'll arrive by late afternoon at our hotel, the **Tropicana Resort**, Atlantic City's premier casino resort for bars, nightlife, fine dining,

casual dining, shopping, and gambling under one roof. Located directly on the beach and boardwalk, our hotel has over 25 restaurants, 4 pools, 20 shops, and an expansive casino with over 2000 slot machines. During our stay, you'll get a **\$40 free slot play and a \$25 per night food credit**. (D) **DAY 2** – You'll have the day to yourself at the resort before



heading to their theater to see **Sweet Carolina: The Neil Diamond Tribute**. This Las Vegas headliner will masterfully re-create the legendary Neil Diamond on stage. His 8-year run headlining on the Las Vegas strip is the longest ever by a solo tribute artist. Jay has been paying homage to Neil Diamond for over 25 years. His every movement, sound and expression are tributes to the passion and power of the authentic Neil Diamond, giving new luster to the life of the man and his music. From the moment he hits the stage with nonstop

Diamond favorites "Cherry, Cherry", "Cracklin Rosie", "I'm a Believer", "Red Wine", "Solitary Man", "Girl You'll Be a Woman Soon", and the iconic "Sweet Caroline" to the fabulous flag waving finale "America", Jay fires up the audience with the intensity of his first-class performance. After the show, we'll return to the Tropicana where you'll have the rest of the evening to enjoy on your own. (D) **DAY 3** – Today we'll visit the beautiful city and **seaside resort of Cape May**. We'll take **bus and trolley tour** to see the pristine beaches and grand Victorian houses that are synonymous with Cape May. Enjoy a tour and delicious **lunch at the spectacular, beachfront hotel, Congress Hall**. After lunch, you'll get the chance to explore the quaint shops of the **Washington Street Pedestrian Mall**. We'll return to Atlantic City by late afternoon for another evening at your leisure. (L,D) **DAY 4** – Enjoy a relaxing morning before we return to Cape Cod. **Package Includes:** 3 nights at Tropicana Resort's North Tower, \$25 per night meal credits, \$40 slot play, Sweet Caroline: The Neil Diamond Tribute Show, Bus & Trolley tour of Cape May, lunch and tour of Congress Hall, time at Washington Street Mall

**\$ 899 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,069 single occupancy**

## **NOVEMBER**

### New England Harvest, Wednesday, November 1 – Massachusetts and cranberries go



hand in hand – come with us as we learn more about this powerful, native berry! The A.D. Makepeace Company, based in Wareham, is the **world's largest cranberry grower**. We will drive right out to the bogs with our **farmer guide** to learn the history of the cranberry and the harvesting & growing of our state fruit. Depending on conditions we may be able to get up

close & personal with the wet harvesting process! After our bog tour we will **enjoy a delicious box lunch at the farm's cafe (featuring fresh cranberries of course!)**, and shop in their gift store for **local cranberries, baked goods, cranberry products, and gifts**. In the afternoon, we'll head to Plymouth for a **guided tour of the Plimoth Grist Mill**, a reconstruction of the Plymouth Colonists' original 1636 grain mill on Town Brook. Take a

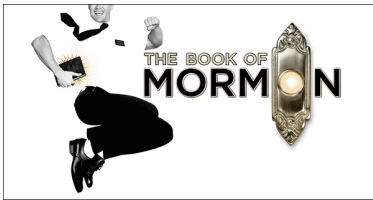
fascinating look at the mill's history and workings, from the 200-year-old millstones grinding corn to the ecology of the brook that has powered mills throughout the centuries. You can purchase their **freshly stone-ground grains** for your holiday baking, then enjoy some **free time on the Plymouth Waterfront**. Get a jump on holiday shopping at the local gift shops, watch the boats in the harbor, or visit historic Plymouth Rock. Please dress for the weather with sturdy walking shoes. 🚶🕒 \$110

### **Christmas Craft Festival at Mohegan Sun, Friday, November 3** - Join us for the



New England Christmas Festival (formerly the Boston Christmas Festival) now in its NEW location – the **Earth Expo Center at Mohegan Sun Casino!** They have added a third day to this popular festival this year, the largest arts & craft festival in New England features the distinctive work of **over 300 master crafters from all over New England and beyond**; you will find home accessories, designer fashions, artisan jewelry, handcrafted holiday décor, gourmet foods and one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts. When you are ready to take a break from the craft festival, you can enjoy lunch on your own at one of the **34 restaurants** in Mohegan Sun, peruse the **46 galleria shops**, take in the beautiful holiday décor around the resort, or **try your luck on the gaming floor**. You will have **six hours** to enjoy the Christmas Festival & the Mohegan Sun resort. 🚶🕒 \$87

### **Book of Mormon, Saturday, November 4** - It's **THE BOOK OF MORMON**, the nine-



time Tony Award® winning Best Musical. This outrageous musical comedy follows the adventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. With standing room only productions in London, on Broadway, and across North America, **THE BOOK OF MORMON** has truly become an international

sensation. Contains explicit language & subjects some may find offensive. We have **orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee** at the Providence Performing Arts Center with free time before the show for lunch on your own at the Providence Place Mall. 🚶🕒 **\$140**

### **Boston Culinary Adventures, Wednesday, November 8** - Bring your appetite and



come with us on a culinary adventure in Boston! Enjoy lunch on your own at the **High Street Place Food Hall** – 19 of Boston's best eateries under one roof with dishes from James Beard Award nominated chefs. You will find a little of everything, from burgers, pizzas, sandwiches & subs, tacos, Mediterranean sushi, seafood and much more! Save some room for dessert because in the afternoon we will be treated to a **two-hour Cocktails &**

**Cannoli's tour of the North End!** Explore this historic Italian neighborhood with our local guide learning fun facts and culinary tidbits of this historic neighborhood. We will have a **blind cannoli tasting** from two of the most popular North End bakeries to see who will win the battle for the best cannoli in Boston, savor a delicious **traditional Italian Gelato**, and other Italian treats! We will also enjoy some of the North End's modern mixology masterpieces during our walk, enjoying **two tasty cocktails**. Note: this is a walking tour that will cover about 1.5 miles including some uneven cobbled streets. 🚶🕒 **\$135**

## **“Elvis: A Musical Revolution” at North Shore Music Theater, Sat, Nov 11 -**



Located in Beverly, MA the North Shore Music Theatre is one of the few remaining theatre-in-the-round stages left in the US. Elvis. His singular name still evokes immediate recognition from people all over the world. The official Elvis Presley bio-musical takes a closer look at the rock star and cultural icon whose impact shaped the history of music and culture. Explore the pivotal moments in Elvis's life through the perspectives of those who knew him best. **“ELVIS: A MUSICAL REVOLUTION”** spans from his **impoverished childhood in Tupelo, Mississippi to his triumphant 1968 “Comeback Special,”**

and his ascent to be *The King*. It **features over 40 Elvis hits and iconic songs** including, “That’s All Right,” “Blue Moon,” “All Shook Up,” “Heartbreak Hotel,” “Burning Love,” “Good Rockin’ Tonight,” “Earth Angel,” “Hound Dog,” “Don’t Be Cruel,” “Jailhouse Rock,” “Are You Lonesome,” and “Blue Suede Shoes”. We have **excellent inner circle seating for the 2:00 PM matinee**. Before the show, enjoy a **delicious included full lunch at the Beverly Depot Restaurant**, a local favorite housed in an 1890’s train station. **👤 \$189**

## **Heavenly Heights & Sights, Tuesday, November 14 –** Come along with us to explore



Boston’s **NEWEST** attraction and a few of its historic sights. Begin the day with an elevator ride to some heavenly heights at **View Boston – the BRAND NEW observatory high atop the Prudential Center** (one of the tallest buildings in all of New England!). The 360-observation deck offers breathtaking views and

**Interactive displays & 3D models** go over Boston’s rich history and diverse neighborhoods. “Open Doors,” a **270-degree immersive theater**, allows virtual street-level exploration of various neighborhoods and behind-the-scenes perspectives of some of Boston’s most beloved attractions, including Fenway Park! We will enjoy **Priority Entry (no waiting in line for the elevator or security!)** and everyone will receive an **\$8 voucher** for the gift shop. Afterwards, you are **free to enjoy lunch on your own**. You might choose to enjoy lunch in the clouds at one of the Observatory’s two new dining experiences (advanced reservations recommended), eat at one of the many street level restaurants, Cheesecake Factory, or nosh your way around Eataly, the Italian market. After lunch, tour two of Boston’s most heavenly historic landmarks. Enjoy a **guided tour of the Romanesque style First Church of Christ**, built in 1894. It includes frescoes, mosaic work, marble floors, and stained-glass windows, as well as the **1906 Byzantine-Renaissance style Church Extension** with a soaring dome, seating for over 3,000 people, and one of the world’s largest Aeolian-Skinner pipe organs. End the day with a **guided tour of Trinity Church Boston**, designated as “one of the ten most important buildings in America” by the American Institute of Architects. More than 70,000 visitors tour this National Historic Landmark building each year. Built in the 1870s, Trinity features **dozens of stained-glass panels, colorful mosaics, La Farge wall murals, and needle-worked kneelers**. **👤 \$125**

## **Classic Christmas Markets, Friday, November 24 – Saturday, December 2 -**

**Sold Out, Waitlist Only**

## **Pennsylvania Christmas Traditions, Mon, November 27 – Wed, November 29 –**



Enjoy the Pennsylvania **Amish Farmlands** picturesque **scenery** as you drive down country roads where time seems to stand still. We'll take in the dazzling **holiday lights at Longwood Gardens**, learn about the Amish, and see the amazing stage production "**The Miracle of Christmas**" at Sight & Sound Theatre. **DAY 1** – Experience the Joys of the Season at **A Longwood Christmas**. We'll arrive late

afternoon, and you'll have time to explore their Conservatory filled with poinsettias, a 24-foot-tall decorated white fir tree, and a miniature model train. You'll have time to visit the conservatory, enjoy dinner, and see the outdoor gardens twinkle with a **half a million lights** in this winter wonderland. Enjoy the view from above at their three Treehouses, see the Pierce DuPont house decorated for the holidays and watch the outdoor fountains awash in



holiday color dance to classic Christmas music. Our hotel for this trip is the **Country Inn & Suites** in Lancaster, PA. **DAY 2** – Venture out onto the "Roads Less Traveled" through the heart of the **Amish Farmlands with our local guide**. See the pristine Amish farms, one-room schoolhouses, Amish "phone booths" and farmers working the fields with their horse or mule-drawn plows. Stop at an **Amish Quilt & Craft Shop** and have the chance to meet the Amish in person as you browse through handmade quilts, and unique country crafts. Then, take time for lunch on own and PA Dutch shopping at **Kitchen Kettle Village**, home to over 40 unique shops in an outdoor shopping

village. You'll find homemade Lancaster County food, souvenirs, jewelry, bath and body products, the Jam & Relish Kitchen and more. After lunch, you'll have the choice to relax at the hotel or visit Sight & Sound's Millennium Theatre for the show "**The Miracle of Christmas**" brought to life on a panoramic stage with spectacular scenery, special effects, and live animals – on stage and in the aisles. Then, we'll all depart for a **traditional Pennsylvania Smorgasbord dinner** at Shady Maple! (B,D) **DAY 3** – We'll stop at **Peddler's Village** for some shopping and lunch on your own before we return to the Cape. With over **70 unique shops and restaurants** in a village setting along a winding brick sidewalk. You'll enjoy seeing the houses from the **Gingerbread House Competition**, on display in the Gazebo, as well. **Package Includes:** Two nights at the Country Inn & Suites, baggage handling, Lancaster, two expanded continental breakfasts, one Smorgasbord dinner, Longwood Gardens, three-hour guided tour of the Amish Farmlands, Kitchen Kettle Village, Peddlers Village.

**\$ 599 per person, double occupancy, \$ 725 single occupancy**

For optional Miracle of Christmas ticket, please add \$72 per person

## **"Miracle on South Division Street" at Newport Playhouse, Tue, November 28 -**



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 "Miracle on South Division Street"**. Meet the Nowaks of Buffalo, NY. Clara and her three grown kids have always known they were special, ever since the miraculous Christmas Eve in 1942 when the Blessed Mother appeared to Grandpa in his barbershop!

Daughter Ruth unveils her plan to write and star in a one-woman Christmas show about the family miracle so the "whole world will know!" However, as her plans for theatrical immortality unfold, the entire family's faith is shaken to the very core when a deathbed

confession causes the family legend to unravel. The results are heartfelt and hilarious. After the show, enjoy a **hilarious cabaret show!** Two fun-filled shows and a delicious lunch make for the perfect day out! 🦿🕒 \$140

## DECEMBER

**Chicago, Sunday, December 3** - There's never been a better time to see **CHICAGO**,



Broadway's razzle-dazzle smash hit, the recipient of **six Tony Awards, two Olivier Awards, a Grammy**, thousands of standing ovations and now the #1 longest-running American Musical in Broadway history. **CHICAGO** has everything that makes Broadway great: a universal tale of fame, fortune and all that jazz; one show-stopping song after another; and the most astonishing dancing you've ever seen. We have orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee at Boston's Colonial Theater with free time before the show for lunch on your own at the Prudential Center. 🦿🕒 \$189

**Newport Vanderbilt Christmas, Tuesday, December 5** - Enjoy a **guided bus tour of Newport**, to learn about the history of the area, its famous residents and their adventures.



See the many "summer homes" built during the Gilded Age and take a scenic drive down Bellevue Avenue. **Tour two magnificent Vanderbilt mansions** decorated for the holidays, **Marblehouse** and **The Breakers**. Marblehouse was built as an anniversary gift by William K. Vanderbilt for his wife, and it was the first of the "grand cottages" in Newport, a beautiful mansion clad in shimmering white

marble. But Marblehouse was soon eclipsed by "The Breakers," summer home of Williams' older brother, Cornelius II. The Breakers has never been surpassed and is a magnificent property of the grandest scale! You'll tour both **magnificent mansions decorated for the holidays**. A **delicious lunch at the Brick Alley Pub** is included, with some free time at the Brick Marketplace for holiday shopping. *\*Please note the Newport Mansions no longer provide audio listening devices, the audio tour is now accessed via app. Please bring a smart device (smart phone/tablet) & headphones. Written guides are also available for those without a device\** 🦿🕒 \$125

**White Mountain Resort Christmas, Wednesday, December 6 - Friday, Dec 8**



***Additional date added* Wed, December 13 – Fri, December 15**

—Enjoy two nights at the newly renovated White Mountain Resort, festively decked out for the holidays in a colonial-style reminiscent of the Christmas decor at Colonial Williamsburg. This holiday tour offers entertainment, gourmet dining, and all the amenities of the **White Mountain Hotel and Resort**, including **first rate service and luxury accommodation**.

**DAY 1** – Travel to New Hampshire's **Flag Hill Winery & Distillery**, where we will enjoy a tour of the facilities, as well as a **festive holiday-themed craft cocktail demonstration and wine tasting with cheese & crackers**. Then, relax at the **White Mountain Hotel & Resort** in North Conway, surrounded by New Hampshire's beautiful White Mountains. The hotel features **some of the most spectacular views in New England!** The hotel will be beautifully decorated in the **colonial style for Christmas** and features outstanding facilities such as a renowned scenic dining room, Ledges, the lively Tullamore Tavern, a health club

complete with cardiovascular equipment, locker rooms with Finnish saunas, game room and year-round outdoor heated pool and Jacuzzi. This evening you'll be treated to an **elegant dinner, ordered off the menu**, in Ledges Restaurant. After dinner, head to the Grand Echo Ballroom and enjoy this evening's **Christmas Show**. (D) **DAY 2** - Enjoy breakfast in Ledges Restaurant before departing for **North Conway Village**. You'll have time for shopping at the many unique shops like **Zebs General Store**, where you'll find a wide range



of merchandise – from cheese to New Hampshire-made gifts and gourmet food items. Return for a delicious lunch at the White Mountain Resort and then we'll travel back in time at **Nestlenook Farm** to a beautiful landscape reminiscent of a Currier & Ives's postcard. We will take a **Sleigh Ride along**

**the river and through the woods**, then cross the **70-foot arched bridge** over Emerald Lake. After your ride, warm up by the fire and enjoy a cup of **hot chocolate**. We'll head back to our hotel for the **afternoon comedy show**. You'll have time to enjoy the hotel amenities before **dinner and an evening holiday show**. (B,L,D) **DAY 3** – Enjoy time for shopping and lunch at the Settlers Green Outlet Village before returning to the Cape. (B) **Package Includes:** Two nights at the White Mountain Hotel & Resort, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, two holiday shows, comedy show, sleigh ride, Flag Hill Winery tour, cocktail demo & wine tasting with cheese, all gratuities, baggage handling. 🏠 \$ 815 per person, double occupancy, \$ 995 single occupancy

### **“Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet”, Thursday, December 7** - The beloved



family tradition is back! Gather your loved ones for the warm-glow-nostalgia of America's favorite Christmas celebration. Experience the extraordinary international cast and Ukrainian Principal Artists performing the peak of classical European Ballet. Be transported by the magic of jaw-dropping acrobatics, larger-than-life puppets, and stunning hand-crafted sets and costumes while telling the classic story of a young girl's Christmas Eve and her discovery of the magical wonder of toys coming to life. Don't miss this chance to experience the wonder of **NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet**. We have **right & left center orchestra seating for the 7:00 PM show at Boston's Boch Center** with free time before the show for dinner on your own at the Prudential Center. 🏠🕒 \$139

### **Shop Small at Snowport & SoWa Winter Festival, Friday, December 8** – Grab



your shopping shoes and holiday list as we shop 'til we drop while supporting small business! Fuel up for a day of shopping with an **Italian feast at Maggianos**, then we will head to the Seaport neighborhood in Boston to see it is transformed into **“Snowport”** for the holidays! Reminiscent of the **outdoor holiday markets** in Europe, blocks of the Seaport district are transformed into a winter wonderland. Due to popularity, this year the market will double in size featuring over **120 small businesses in quaint stalls** decked out for the holidays. Warm up in the **heated Tuscan Kitchen food tent** with seasonal snacks and holiday themed cocktails and beverages. Then it's on to the 7th annual **SoWa Winter Festival**, everyone's **favorite holiday festival in Boston** (and it's indoors!). You'll find the perfect handmade gifts, sip on winter cocktails, and discover the best of the SoWa Art + Design District. Shop from **100 of the region's best makers and specialty food vendors** in the SoWa Power Station which is transformed into unique marketplace. While you stroll, savor favorite winter cocktails,

seasonal craft brews and wines from the beer garden & food trucks. Enjoy the festive craft fair, food, activities, as well as the galleries, artist studios, and shops that call SoWa home year 'round! 🚶🚶🚶🕒 \$135

### [Freeport Sparkle Holiday Outlet Shopping, Saturday December 9](#) - Sparkle is a



Freeport tradition celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2023 with **special savings & sales at the 170-plus outlet shops**. MarthaStewart.com named Freeport one of “**The Most Charming Small Towns to Visit During the Christmas Season**” and says, “There’s simply no better place to do your Christmas shopping than in Freeport, Maine.” There is

something for everyone here from LL Bean to J. Crew, The North Face to Coach, Vineyard Vines to Yankee Candle, plus dozens of local Maine shops. In addition to special sales you will find **free horse drawn carriage rides** provided by LL Bean, **free hot cocoa stops & entertainment**. One of Maine’s most popular holiday celebrations, you’ll find an incredible **display of lights** throughout the LL Bean grounds at the **Northern Lights Celebration**, as well as product demonstrations, crafts, a 60-foot holiday tree, remarkable ice carvings, life-sized gingerbread characters, carolers, entertainment and much more. You will have over **5 hours in Freeport** to enjoy lunch on your own, take in the sights and sounds of this sparkling holiday experience and start checking off your holiday shopping list with some great bargains! 🚶🚶🚶 \$115

### [Portsmouth’s Victorian Christmas, Sunday December 10](#) – Every year the coastal town of Portsmouth, NH turns back the clock to celebrate a traditional Victorian Christmas.



Enjoy some free time downtown to have dinner on your own and some **wonderful tax-free shopping** in the unique local shops. The downtown area is alive with holiday décor and sales! Then as dusk approaches we will attend the **Candlelight Stroll at Strawberry Banke Museum**. Strawberry Banke is a living history museum showcasing 300 years of coastal life history with dozens of historic buildings and costumed role players. During their annual

Candlelight Stroll is when the museum grounds truly shine. The furnished historic houses are adorned with **handmade decorations** created from greens and dried flowers from the Museum’s heirloom gardens. While traveling from house to historic house, the glow of **hundreds of lighted candle lanterns** light the way and guests enjoy seasonal greetings from costumed role players and performers who recreate the **traditions of times past**. Be sure to catch Ice Dance International’s **Currier and Ives Vintage Skaters** as they perform at Puddle Dock Pond. Stroll the **Grove of Holiday Trees**, numerous holiday trees decorated by members of the community and local businesses and organizations. Please dress for outdoor holiday fun! 🚶🚶🚶 \$119

## [New York City Christmas Overnight with optional Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Tuesday, December 12 – Wednesday, December 13](#)

There is something very special about the holidays in New York City! Enjoy the sights and sounds of Christmas in the city, and stay at the **Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central**, located in the heart of the theatre district on 42nd Street (between 6 & 7) –within easy walking distance to Rockefeller Center, Times Square, and the Fifth Avenue shopping. **DAY 1** –



We'll arrive in New York City about noon, and we'll head to Rockefeller Plaza, where you'll have free time for lunch and shopping before the optional Radio City Music Hall 2 PM **Christmas Spectacular** (we have great side orchestra seating). We'll check into our hotel at 4 PM after the show. You can purchase Broadway tickets online before we depart or in Times Square at the **½ price ticket booth**. The hotel is just a 5-minute walk

to Times Square or **Rockefeller Center**, where you can take the **NBC Studio Tour** (reserve your timed tickets online before the trip), take the elevator to the **Top of the Rock** for a panoramic view of NYC, or take a **behind the scenes tour at Radio City Music Hall**. There is also a **hop-on hop-off bus tour** that depart from Times Square and offers transportation throughout the city and a Christmas Lights tour, as well. Your tour director will have maps & suggestions on how to spend your afternoon. **DAY 2** – Bring your cooler this morning as we make stops in New York's **Little Italy and China Town**, where you can pick up some delicious, authentic treats to bring home! After, we'll visit the famous **animated Christmas window displays at Macy's** on 34th Street. Then, browse the shops and grab lunch at the **Bryant Park Christmas Market**, a European-inspired open-air market featuring artisans from around the world in "jewel box" kiosks along Bryant Park's terraces. Then, you'll have time for shopping at the **Columbus Circle Christmas Market** and see the decorations at the **Plaza Hotel** and the **Christmas windows on 5th Avenue** before we return to the Cape.

**Package Includes:** One night's accommodation at the Hilton Garden Times Square Central, full breakfast, baggage handling.

**Please add \$ 95 per ticket for the Radio City Christmas Spectacular**

**\$ 559 per person, double occupancy 1 Bed**

**\$ 609 per person, double occupancy 2 beds, \$ 769 Single occupancy**

## [Christmas in the Big Apple DAYTRIP with optional Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Tuesday, December 12](#)



Christmas in New York City is a magical time! There is so much to see and do – take in the holiday lights & animated windows at Rockefeller Plaza, Saks 5th Avenue, and of course Macy's famous holiday window display. Check out the ice skaters and giant Christmas tree in Rockefeller Plaza, shop, visit one of the world-class museums or see a show. You will have

over **5 hours in midtown Manhattan** to enjoy the city (maps & suggestions will be provided on the bus). **Optional tickets for the 2 PM Radio City Christmas Spectacular** show with the Rockettes are available on first-come first-serve basis (if seeing the show, you will have approximately 2 ½ - 3 hours to explore the city). **AAA**

**\$119 bus only, please add \$95 per ticket for optional Radio City Show**

## Christmas with the Boston Pops, Wednesday, December 20 - There are many



stirring traditions during the Christmas season, but none as magical as the Holiday Pops. For a few short weeks, historic Symphony Hall becomes a feast for the eyes and ears as **Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops** perform the **most beloved music of the holiday season**. You'll hear performances of beloved carols, inspiring orchestral and choral masterpieces, unique Boston Pops arrangements of old favorites, and enjoy a sing-along featuring Yuletide tunes everyone knows and loves. Enjoy time for lunch and shopping at the Prudential Center. Keith Lockhart is scheduled to conduct this concert, but, as always, his schedule is subject to change. **We have EXCELLENT center first balcony seating (first two rows of the center balcony)** at Symphony Hall for the 3:00 PM show. 🎫🕒 \$155

## Moulin Rouge, Thursday December 28 - Pop the champagne, **Moulin Rouge! The Musical** is the winner of 10 Tony Awards® — including Best Musical! Enter a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur, and glory! Baz Luhrmann's revolutionary film comes to life onstage, remixed in a new musical mash-up extravaganza. Set in Paris 1899, a world of



indulgent beauty and unparalleled extravagance, Moulin Rouge! The Musical is the story of a lovesick American writer, Christian, and Satine, the dazzling star of the Moulin Rouge nightclub. When their lives collide at the Moulin Rouge, they fall hopelessly in love, only to be thwarted by the nightclub's host and impresario, Harold Zidler, and the Duke of Monroth, the wealthy and entitled patron of the club who thinks he can buy anything he wants...including Satine. We have **orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee** at Providence Performing Arts Center with free time before the show for lunch on your own at the Providence Place Mall. 🎫🕒 \$130

## JANUARY

## Ain't Too Proud, Sat, January 27 - Ain't Too Proud – **The Life and Times of The**



**Temptations** is the electrifying, new smash-hit Broadway musical that follows The Temptations' journey from the streets of Detroit to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. With their signature dance moves and silky-smooth harmonies, they rose to the top of the charts creating an amazing 42 Top Ten Hits with 14 reaching number one. **Nominated for 12 Tony Awards**, Ain't Too Proud tells the thrilling story of brotherhood, family, loyalty, and betrayal, as the group's personal and political conflicts threatened to tear them apart during a decade of civil unrest in America. The unforgettable story of this legendary quintet 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 have **orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee** at Providence Performing Arts Center with free time before the show for lunch on your own at the Providence Place Mall. 🎫🕒 \$129

## FEBRUARY

## Holland America 12-Day Panama Canal Cruise, Sat, February 3 – Fri, February 16



– Dust off your bucket list and join us on a cruise on **Holland America's newest ship, MS Rotterdam**, on a partial transit through the iconic Panama Canal, one of the greatest engineering feats in humankind! On your way, you'll get to take in the sun-toasted splendors of Half Moon Cay and Curaçao, see Cartagena's colorful houses, and uncover the charms of Costa Rica and Key West. Airfare

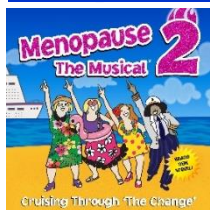
and transfers to & from Logan & the Cape will be arranged by Funtastic Getaways, price and schedule TBA. **DAY 1** – Fly to Ft Lauderdale and overnight at the Courtyard Ft Lauderdale Airport & Cruise Port Hotel. Transfers to the hotel are included. **DAY 2** – Enjoy breakfast and transfer to the ship mid-morning, cruise departs at 3PM. (B) **DAY 3 – Half Moon Cay** (9-5), Relax or enjoy the highest rated Bahamas private island with a shore excursion by kayak, glass bottom boat, horseback and more! **DAY 4 – Day at Sea** to explore the ship – the BB King Blues Club, Rolling Stone Rock Room, Billboard Onboard, Pickleball, culinary demos, Explorations at Sea, the pool, Spa, fitness center and more.



**DAY 5 – Day at Sea. DAY 6 – Willemstad, Curacao** 8AM – 11 PM. The entire historic center of Willemstad has been recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Many excursions are available. **DAY 7 – Day at Sea. DAY 8 – Cartagena, Columbia** (7-2). Along with history and culture, the city is recognized outside Colombia for its Caribbean inspired cuisine. **DAY 9 – Enter Panama Canal**

7 AM, cruise Panama Canal & Gatun Lake. There are many shore excursions from Lake Gatun, such as a Panama City tour, or Rainforest & Ecocruise. **Colon, Panama** (4-8 PM) Visit the **Gatun Locks** for a view of ships in the Canal. **DAY 10 - Puerto Limon (San Jose), Costa Rica** 7:30-4:30. You're never far from a rain forest or outdoor adventure, and there are lots of day trips. **DAY 11 – Day at Sea. DAY 12 – Day at Sea. DAY 13 – Key West, Florida** (11-6 PM) Colorful gingerbread houses and Ernest Hemingway's mansion. **DAY 14 – Arrive in Ft Lauderdale** and transfer to the airport for our flight back to Logan. Airfare and transfers back to the Cape will be arranged, price and schedule TBA. **Please call for a detailed flyer.** Cruise package from \$ 2,439 per person, double occupancy, \$3,982 single occupancy, Plus airfare & Cape transfers

## “Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising Through the Change”, Wed, February 7 –



All aboard, sisters! The **hysterical sequel to the smash-hit Menopause The Musical** is finally here! Five years after their chance encounter in a department store, we set sail with our beloved ladies for more high jinks on the high seas. *Menopause The Musical 2: Cruising Through 'The Change'* is a **hilarious and heartfelt look at the joys of menopause and friendship** — plus hot flashes, mood swings and memory lapses! Join us on a trip of self-discovery, backed

by a new soundtrack of toe-tapping parodied hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s. For these four ladies, menopause was not the end, but the beginning of a beautiful friendship where love conquers all, and friendships never fail. So, all aboard and we'll have you laughing, singing and dancing! A **delicious full dinner** is included at Leo's Ristorante before our **7:30 PM show** at the Hanover Theater in Worcester. 🎫 \$160

## **To Kill a Mockingbird, Sunday, February 11** – **Richard Thomas** will star in the



Academy Award® winning adaptation of Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is both a young girl's coming-of-age story and a darker drama about the roots and consequences of racism and prejudice, probing how good and evil can coexist within a single community or individual. With direction by Tony Award® winner Bartlett Sher, **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD**—"the greatest novel of all time" (Chicago Tribune) has quickly become "one of the greatest plays in history"

(NPR). We have **orchestra seating for the 1 PM matinee** at Providence Performing Arts Center with free time for lunch on your own at the Providence Place Mall. 🎫🕒 \$135

## **Best of Newport, Tuesday, February 13** – Newport, RI is one of the most beautiful



seaside towns in New England. Visit the best of Newport with us! Of all the gorgeous Gilded Age mansions, **none is grander than the Breakers**. Built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II, one of the richest men in America, The Breakers was everything a millionaire of the Gilded Age could want in a summer getaway. A classic Italian palazzo design, the finest American and European craftsmanship, views of the sea,

and modern technology combined to make the ideal setting for luxurious living and entertaining. Enjoy a **delicious lunch at the Brick Alley Pub**. Then relax in the afternoon with a tour and tasting at **Newport Vineyards**. Tasting room staff will walk us through their winemaking process, followed by a private tasting of 5 of their wines. 🚶🕒 \$145

## **Encore Casino, Tuesday, February 27** - Visit Massachusetts' newest casino! The



**Encore Casino Resort** is located on the Mystic River just north of Boston in Everett. Enter the main floor—open and airy, colorful and vibrant, with 40-foot ceilings, Red Rubino glass chandeliers, and a dazzling array (over 3000!) of **classic and state-of-the-art slot machines**. Move upstairs to the elegant

terrace with over **140 table games, 88 poker tables**, and a spectacular view of the action below. You will have **5 hours** to try your luck, browse the shops, book a spa treatment, and enjoy the multimillion-dollar art collection (don't miss the \$28 million dollar Popeye statue and the ornate carousel featuring flowers, jewels, and lights!). Enjoy lunch (on your own) at one of over a dozen resort restaurants. **Enjoy \$20 FREE slot play per person** (casino bonus subject to change)! 🚶🕒 \$69

## **MARCH & BEYOND**

## **Philadelphia Flower Show, Tuesday, March 5 – Thursday, March 7** - Travel to



Philadelphia for a getaway that is sure to warm your winter-weary bones! The Philadelphia Flower Show is **the world's oldest and largest indoor flower show**, attracting more than 260,000 people annually. You'll be treated to fabulous floral and landscape design, live entertainment, culinary demonstrations, gardening how-to workshops, and lectures by experts. **DAY 1**- We

will take a **guided tour of Philadelphia** to see the most historic square mile in the United

States, home to the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, Congress Hall, Christ Church and Elfreths Alley. Then, enjoy a delicious dinner in downtown Philadelphia before checking into our hotel, **the Hilton Garden Inn, Philadelphia City Center**. Within easy walking distance from our hotel are many nearby attractions that include the Flower Show, Reading Terminal Market, the Philadelphia Mint, the National Constitution Center, the Liberty Bell and more. (B,D). **DAY 2** - You'll have the **entire day at leisure to explore the Philadelphia Flower Show**. At the **Designer's Studio**, you'll see the nation's best design professionals and amateur contestants show their stuff **live on-stage in head-to-head competitions**. Located at the center of the Show floor, The **Gardener's Studio** is the perfect place to relax while learning something new, as gardening and greening experts share their passion with the public. At the **Fine Wine & Good Spirits store**, you can **sample complimentary wines and liquors** from the world's finest makers and partake in **free, expert-led tastings**---the perfect way to end your day at the Flower Show. (B) **DAY 3** -



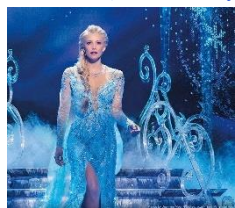
We'll visit **Longwood Gardens** where show-stopping color, breathtaking displays, and inspiring artistry await during their **Orchid Extravaganza**. Come in from the cold and delight in the sights and scents inside the 4-acre Conservatory. See a beautiful towering 12-foot-tall archway made of *Phalaenopsis* orchids, an iconic orchid curtain, and more than

200 *Vanda* hanging in the Silver Garden. Longwoods gardeners, designers, carpenters, and metal workers craft original displays each year to present orchids in unique ways. (B).

**Package Includes:** Two nights at the Hilton Garden Inn City Center, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, baggage handling, Philadelphia tour, Philadelphia Flower Show & Longwood Gardens.

**\$ 799 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,015 single occupancy**

**“Frozen,” Thursday, March 7** - From the producer of *The Lion King* and *Aladdin*, **Frozen**,



the Tony®-nominated Best Musical, is now on tour across North America and the critics rave, “It’s simply magical!” (*LA Daily News*). **Frozen** features the songs you know and love from the original Oscar®-winning film, plus an expanded score with a dozen new numbers. When newly crowned Queen Elsa accidentally sets off an eternal winter, her younger sister Anna goes off to find her sister and save the kingdom, facing an unsuspected villain,

unpredictable ice powers, and something new waiting around every corner. A theatrical experience filled with sensational special effects, stunning sets and costumes, and powerhouse performances. **Orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee** at Providence Performing Arts Center with time for lunch on own at Providence Place Mall. 🕒 **\$135**

**Treasures of Egypt with Collette Tours, Thursday, March 14 – Monday, March 25** –



Explore the complete collection of the tomb of King Tutankhamun, marvel at the Great Pyramids of Giza, and take a 4-day River Cruise on the Nile River, on this 12-day adventure! Explore thousands of years of history, legend, and lore as you walk amongst Egypt’s timeless wonders. **DAY 1** – Overnight flight to Cairo, airfare arranged by Collette Tours.

**DAY 2** – Explore Cairo at leisure. **DAY 3** – Enjoy the

collections of the **NEW Grand Egyptian Museum**, which includes the complete collection of the tomb of Tutankhamun. (B,D) **DAY 4** – Day on own in Cairo OR full-day exploration of Alexandria, OR tour of Sakkara and Djoser’s Step Pyramid. (B) **DAY 5** – Fly to Luxor

and board our cruise ship for a **4-day voyage on the Nile River**. Optional evening visit to Luxor temple. (B,L,D) **DAY 6** - Cross over to the West Bank to ancient Thebes to explore the **Valley of the Kings**, including the tombs of Tutankhamun and Ramses VI. Visit the **Temple of Queen Hatshepsut** and the **Colossi of Memnon**. Enjoy a **culinary demonstration** and a traditional galabeya party. (B,L,D) **DAY 7** - Visit the **Temple of Horus** and set sail for **Kom Ombo** and Aswan. Enjoy a folklore show and belly dancing performance. (B,L,D) **DAY 8** - Board a motorboat towards the island dedicated to the goddess Isis and visit **Philae Temple**. The afternoon is at leisure OR optional visit the Nubian Archeological Museum. (B,L,D) **DAY 9** - Disembark the ship and sail to Kitchener Island to stroll the **botanical gardens**. Aboard a felucca (wooden sailboat), take in the views of the tall sand dunes of the Nile before arriving at our hotel, afternoon at leisure. (B,D) **DAY 10** - Take an **optional tour to Abu Simbel** to visit the extraordinary temples of Ramses II, and then return to Cairo to enjoy some free time to shop in the world-famous **souk of Khan el Khalili**. (B) **DAY 11** - Head to nearby **Giza** for a visit to the **Pyramids of Giza** and the **Great Sphinx**. Then, either meet with a local archeologist to learn about the most recent findings in Egyptology OR venture **inside the largest Pyramid of Giza** via the Robber's Tunnel, winding through the inner chamber. (B, L, D) **DAY 12** - Fly to Boston and return to the Cape. (B) **Call for detailed flyer. Reservation cut-off date is September 18, after that date, reservations are on a space-available basis.**

**\$ 4,799 per person, double occupancy Air Incl, \$ 5,599 single occupancy Air Incl.**

**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 exploring Church Street Marketplace or Waterfront Park and have lunch before we gather in front of the hotel. You'll take a seat and a **don a pair of protective glasses** in the lake-front 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. **Reservation cut-off date is December 1**

**\$ 899 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,125 single occupancy**

## **Myrtle Beach: Fun in the Sun, Sunday, April 14 – Friday, April 19** – 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** – Fly from Boston to Myrtle Beach, airfare to be arranged by Funtastic Getaways, pricing TBA. We'll arrive in 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**.

(D) **DAY 2** – 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 3** – 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 performers sing with their own natural voices and assume the mannerisms, hair and dress of the celebrity they are portraying. (B,D) **DAY 4** – Enjoy a full day at leisure to relax at the resort. (B.) **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! (B, L, D) **DAY 6** – Leisurely savor our final morning in Myrtle Beach before we depart for Boston. Return to the Cape (B) **Package Includes:** 5 nights at the Seawatch Resort, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners, Brookgreen Gardens, Carolina Opry, Legends in Concert, Alabama Theatre, Scenic Riverboat Cruise, Broadway at the Beach. **Airfare & Airport Transfer Pricing TBA \$ 1,279 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,535 single occupancy**

**"Company," Saturday April 27** – Winner of **5 Tony Awards** including Best Revival of a Musical, Stephen Sondheim and George Furth's musical comedy is sophisticated, deeply insightful, and hilarious. It's Bobbie's 35th birthday party, and all her friends keep asking, Why can't she find the right man and isn't it time to settle down and start a family? As Bobbie searches for answers, she discovers why being single, being married, and being alive in the 21st-century could drive a person crazy. **COMPANY** features **Sondheim's award-**



**winning songs** "*You Could Drive a Person Crazy*", "*The Ladies Who Lunch*", "*Side by Side by Side*" and the iconic "*Being Alive*". We have **orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee** at Providence Performing Arts Center with time for lunch on own at Providence Place Mall. 🎫🕒 **\$130**

**Classic England & Scotland with Gate1 Travel, Sat, May 4 – Fri, May 17** - 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!**



**DAY 1** – We'll fly from Boston to London, details and pricing TBA.

**DAY 2** – Our local guide will provide suggestions for a **self-guided walking tour**. (D) **DAY 3** - Discover the history of London on a **half day driving tour** through Kensington, past Harrods, Piccadilly Circus,

Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, and Buckingham Palace. Afternoon at leisure in the heart of the city. (B) **DAY 4** - Depart London and head to **Stonehenge**, then continue to Bath's Georgian Crescents to visit the Roman Baths and Georgian Pump Room. (B) **DAY 5** - Drive into the heart of England, through the idyllic villages of the **Cotswold's**, and then the **birthplace of William Shakespeare, Stratford-upon-Avon**. Spend some time at leisure, then travel to **Liverpool where The Beatles were born and rose to fame**. Explore Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields, see the legendary Cavern Club, and the Albert Dock complex. (B,D) **DAY 6** - Travel the **picturesque Lake District**, stopping for **tea and fresh-baked scones** at a local farmhouse. Then, cross into Scotland and 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** – Take a **tour of historic Edinburgh**, 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** to see the Crown Room, St. Margaret's

Chapel. (B) **DAY 8** - Day at leisure in the Scottish capital to visit one of the many museums OR join the optional tour to the former Royal Yacht Britannia, and continue to **Holyrood House** to see the State Apartments, Throne Room and more. (B) **DAY 9** - Sightseeing begins in the town of **St. Andrews**, then visit **Glamis Castle**, childhood home of the Queen-Mother. Travel into the beautiful Scottish Highlands and through the mountainous **Cairngorms National Park** to Aviemore. (B,D) **DAY 10** – Make a photo stop in Carrbridge, a small Highland village, then continue to the **Culloden Battlefield** site, and **tour a whisky distillery to enjoy a tasting** before returning to Aviemore. (B) **DAY 11** - Drive to **Loch Ness**, home to the Loch Ness monster, and take time to spot the elusive Nessie. Continue to the **Isle of Skye**, through the lush countryside to the **Clan Donald Museum of the Isles**. (B,D) **DAY 12** –Take a cruise on **Loch Lomond**, taking in the views of the surrounding **Trossachs National Park**, then drive to Glasgow for a tour of the city. Spend your evening at leisure in Glasgow. (B) **DAY 13** - Visit **Stirling Castle**, and then view the impressive "Kelpies," Scotland's latest iconic landmark. (B,D) **DAY 14** – Morning flight back to Boston. (B) **Call or email for detailed flyer. Land package: \$ 4,889 per person, double occupancy, \$ 6,039 single occupancy. Airfare & transfers: \$1,096.75**

**Clue, Saturday May 4** - Murder and blackmail are on the menu when six mysterious



guests assemble for a night they'll never forget! Based on the cult **1985 Paramount movie** and inspired by the classic **Hasbro board game**, **Clue** is the ultimate whodunit that will leave you dying of laughter and keep you guessing until the final twist as you try to figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT! We have **orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee** at Boston's Emerson

Colonial Theater with free time for lunch on your own at the Prudential Center. \$195

**MJ the Musical, Saturday, June 29** - The music. The moves. The icon. Now, the unparalleled artistry of the greatest entertainer of all time, Michael Jackson, comes to your city as MJ, the multi-Tony Award®-winning new musical centered around the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour, begins a tour of its own. We have orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee at Boston's Opera House with free time before the show for lunch on your own at the Prudential Center. 🎫🕒 \$189



**Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice with Collette Tours, Sun, August 11 – Tue 20, Set**



out on a journey full of dramatic contrasts, a place where steaming lava fields reflect a volcanic nature and massive glaciers sculpt mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. An island of dramatic contrasts, uncover Iceland's natural beauty through a land forged by ice and fire. Travel the "Golden Circle" – an epicenter of natural scenic wonders. Stay overnight in a local fishing community and enjoy a picturesque cruise of the bay. Soak in the mineral-rich waters of the Blue Lagoon. Discover otherworldly wonders and captivating cultures on a fascinating Icelandic journey. **DAY 1** –Overnight flight to Reykjavik. **DAY 2** –Walking tour of Reykjavík's old section, Icelandic lunch. (L) **DAY 3** - Travel the Golden Circle, double-cascade Gullfoss waterfall, Geysir thermal area, Thingvellir National Park, stud farm to learn about the tradition of breeding Icelandic show horses, and a family-run dairy farm and greenhouse center for a taste of their ice cream & cheese. (B) **DAY 4** - Snæfellsnes



Peninsula's black sand beaches, volcanic craters, the Snæfellsjökull glacier, and maritime museum. (B,D) **DAY 5** – Walk on Sandie Island, nature cruise of Breiðafjörður Bay. Hike up the Sacred Hill OR spend time at Stykkisholmur Swimming Pools. **DAY 6** – Visit the largest power station in Iceland to learn about geothermal renewable energy, and the Lava Exhibition Center and delve into Iceland's volcanic eruptions. Arrive in Vík, Iceland's southernmost village.(B,D) **DAY 7** - Drive the south shore, the Skógar Museum, Skógafoss waterfall, and Reynisfjara, a black volcanic sand beach with caves, basalt columns, and cliffs. Visit the unique rock formations at Dyrhólaey, a volcanic peninsula towering over the ocean, and visit the Sólheimajökull Glacier. (B,D) **DAY 8** – Visit Vatnajökull, Iceland's largest National Park,



and cruise on the Jökulsárlón Glacial Lagoon. (B,D) **DAY 9** - Make a photo stop at Seljalandsfoss, and take a walk behind the waterfall for views from the inside-out. Then, relax in the Blue Lagoon and soak in the warm, mineral-rich waters, in the heart of a dramatic lava field. (B,D) **DAY 10** - Depart for home. (B)

**Package Includes:** Roundtrip Airfare, Transfers to/from the airport in Iceland & Boston, Three nights at the Centerhotel Plaza in Reykjavik, Two nights at the Fosshotel in Reykholt, Two nights at the Hotel Dyrhólaey in Vík, Eight breakfasts, Two lunches, Five dinners. Single accommodations are limited - first come, first served. **Reservation cut-off is February 12. Call or email for detailed flyer.**  
**Air inclusive: \$ 4,749 per person Double, \$ 5,749 Single, \$ 4,699 per person Triple**

**Spain & Morocco – Sunday, October 19 – Monday, November 4, 2024-** Make your way



across two continents and discover a vivid tapestry of cultures, customs, and cuisines on this enchanting journey through Spain and Morocco. In Spain's historic capital of Madrid, discover dynamic history and culture. Travel to the Moorish city of Córdoba to encounter the religious marvel of La Mezquita. Journey to Granada and see the amazing Alhambra. In Seville, learn about and experience the intensity of Flamenco during a Flamenco show. Stop in Spain's sherry region for a tasting and then board a high-speed ferry to Africa, just a short ride across the Strait of Gibraltar. In Morocco, discover the Indigo-blue streets of Chefchaouen, the "Blue City." In Fes, the "Mecca of the West," learn about why this city continues to be called one of the holiest cities in the world. Discover Casablanca on a tour of the masterful Hassan II Mosque and see the city by night on a drive along the seashore before dining at Rick's Café, the legendary saloon from the film Casablanca. **DAY 1** – Take an overnight flight from Boston to Madrid. **DAY 2** – Arrive in Spain's stunning capital, **Madrid**. Enjoy a welcome dinner with our group to kick off your adventure! (D) **DAY 3** - On a guided tour of Madrid's historic center, see the **Puerta del Sol** and **Plaza Mayor**. Join a local expert to explore the priceless masterpieces of the **Prado Museum**, which opened in 1819 and boasts the world's finest collection of art by masters such as Velazquez and Goya. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore Madrid, or



instead, choose to purchase an optional tour to magnificent **Toledo**, a 192 B.C. UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Tagus River. (B) **DAY 4** - Travel to the extraordinary Moorish city of **Córdoba**. Reduce travel time and increase leisure time in Córdoba when you choose to take the **optional AVE high-speed train!** Upon arrival, embark on a **walking tour of La Mezquita** (UNESCO), an 8th-century mosque converted into the city's cathedral in the 16th century. Continue your exploration of Cordoba in the city's well-preserved and historical old Jewish Quarter. Later, continue on to Granada, the last great capital of the Moors in Spain. (B) **DAY 5** - This morning, join a local expert for a tour of the world-famous **Alhambra** (UNESCO), a stone fortress overlooking the entire city and serving as a mesmerizing example of Islamic architecture. Then enjoy free time before we depart for Seville, Spain's "cultural capital." (B,D) **DAY 6** - Join a local expert in discovering the city's historic Mudéjar architecture, and uncover the intriguing myths, stories and legends of Seville. Get a sense of this fascinating city during a



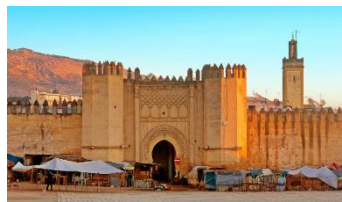
**panoramic tour** where you will be able to see many of its most famous sites, including the Giralda Bell Tower. Then visit the majestic **Seville Cathedral** (UNESCO). Continue to the winding narrow streets, quaint courtyards, bright flowers, and whitewashed buildings of **Barrio Santa Cruz**, the old Jewish Quarter of Seville. Later today, take your reserved seats for a **flamenco show** (UNESCO) featuring Seville's top performers. (B) **DAY 7** - Depart Seville and journey to Spain's sherry region. Stop at a bodega in Jerez de la Frontera for a tour and tasting before sitting down for a tapas lunch. After lunch we will head south and board the **high-speed ferry to the incredible continent of Africa!** A short ride across the Strait of Gibraltar brings you to **Morocco and the city of Tangier**. Enjoy a free evening to explore this revitalized seaside city. Take a stroll along the oceanfront promenade, visit the new marina, do some shopping

in the Medina, or simply enjoy the views from any one of the city's many restaurants. (B,L) **DAY 8** - Journey from Tangier to **Chefchaouen - the "Blue City" of Morocco**. Take in the beauty of the surrounding mountains, enhanced by the contrast of the brightly painted



buildings. Enjoy free time to explore the famous indigo-blue streets of this small town and stop in one of the many handicraft shops where you can find the wool garments and woven blankets that are unique to this region. This evening, arrive in Fes (UNESCO). The "Mecca of the West," Fes has retained its position as a religious capital of the region. Tonight, enjoy dinner in a traditional Riad.

(B,D) **DAY 9** - Discover **Fes**, one of the holiest cities in the world. Learn of its historical importance as a center of government, philosophy, medicine, and religion during a fascinating tour. See the Jewish Quarter, the city ramparts and the gates of the Palace. Then, set out on a **walking tour in the Medina**. Founded in the 9th century, it is home to the world's oldest continuously functioning university. Amid the cobbled alleyways of this ancient market, you'll find spices and colorful wares in a labyrinth of streets and alleyways. Learn about the famous leather tanneries, a tradition dating back to the 11th century. View the **honeycomb of vats** exploding in brilliant colors. (B) **DAY 10**



- This morning, it's off to **Rabat, the capital of Morocco**, where during your city tour, you'll visit the **Mausoleum of Mohammed V** and explore the **Oudaya Kasbah**. This evening, arrive in the exotic city of **Marrakech**. (B,D) **DAY 11** - Explore Marrakech and its ancient El Bahia Palace with its marble floors and exquisite carved cedar ceilings. Visit the vibrant and historic Jewish Mellah and

see the majestic **12th-century Koutoubia Mosque**. Enter the 11th-century walled Medina and enjoy time to mingle with locals and artisans as you shop at the ancient market. Later this afternoon, it's your choice! Visit one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in Morocco, **Jardin Majorelle**, before venturing to the **Berber Museum** -OR- visit the **Yves Saint Laurent Museum** – a showcase of art, fashion, and design by the iconic French Algerian designer. This evening, perhaps you will join an **optional horse-drawn carriage through Marrakech**, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B) **DAY 12** - Today you will have a full day to explore "the pink city" of Marrakech at your own pace. You might choose to return to the medina for some more exploration or you may choose to take an optional trip to the Agafay Desert including **lunch and a camel ride**. (B) **DAY 13** - This



morning, venture to **Casablanca** and tour the **Hassan II Mosque**, a stunning and impressive high-tech architectural masterpiece. See the city by night on your drive along the seashore to your **farewell dinner at Rick's Café**, the legendary saloon from the film Casablanca. (B,D) **DAY 14** – Bid farewell to Morocco and fly back to Boston. (B) **Package Includes:** 2 nights in Madrid, 2 nights in Granada, 2 nights in Seville, 2 nights

in Tangier, 3 nights in Fes, 1 night in Bin El Oudaine, 2 nights in Marrakesh, 1 night in Casablanca, 24 meals, all described touring, round trip airfare and transfers from Boston. Reservation Cut-Off Date is **April 20**

**\$ 5,399 per person, double occupancy, \$6,399 single occupancy**

## Cultural Treasures of Japan – Thursday, March 27 – Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - Immerse



yourself in the ancient and modern cultures of Japan. Learn the art of the tea ceremony and stand before the famous Senso-ji Buddhist temple. Tour Matsumoto Castle, known as the “Crow Castle” for its black exterior. Taste legendary Hida beef and sip sake at a local brewery. Delve into Kyoto, the marvelous cultural capital of Japan. Absorb the beauty of the Golden Pavilion and the majesty of Nijo Castle. Board the Shinkansen “bullet” train to travel to Hiroshima to visit Shrine Island and the Peace Memorial Museum. Japan slowly draws you into its eclectic culture and charm, revealing incredible moments every step of the way. **DAY 1** – Take an overnight flight from **Boston to Tokyo** to explore ancient and modern Japanese culture firsthand. Discover peaceful temples and technological marvels set against unimaginable natural beauty. **DAY 2** - Welcome to Japan, the “Land of the Rising Sun.” Begin in the electrifying city of Tokyo, where pop culture is turned all the way up and traditions are rich and long-kept. **DAY 3** - Feel the excitement start to build as you pass by the grounds of **the Imperial Palace** and see the **Niju Bridge**, the well-known symbol of the Imperial Palace. Later, walk through **Ginza**, one of the most elegant and luxurious streets in the world, where modern landscape



meets rich history. Enjoy shopping at some of the most renowned “department stores” in Japan. Later, amid a lush forest outside of Tokyo, visit the **Meiji Shrine**, dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Tonight, join your fellow travelers at a welcome dinner. (B,D) **DAY 4** - Begin the day exploring **Asakusa, Tokyo’s oldest Geisha district**. Visit the famous Buddhist temple, **Senso-ji**, the colorful temple famous for the red chochin (lantern) hanging at the entrance gate. Experience the long-standing tradition of **the Japanese tea ceremony**, dating back to the 15th century. During your free time, explore the Nakamise Shopping Arcade and feel the energy of the oldest shopping street in Japan. Then, head to **Tokyo National Museum** to learn about the fascinating history and culture of Tokyo. The museum displays artwork and antiques from Japan and the surrounding area. (B) **DAY 5** - Journey to the lakeside resort of **Hakone**, renowned for its hot springs. In the shadow of Mt. Fuji (UNESCO), this scenic town hugs the shorelines of Lake Ashi. Make a stop at Owakudani, located in an active volcanic zone. The Owakudani crater was created some 3,000 years ago,



when Mt. Hakone erupted. Climb aboard **the Hakone Ropeway**, an aerial cable car descending from Owakudani for a breathtaking view of Mt. Fuji. Next, enjoy the deep-blue waters of **Lake Ashi on a cruise** where you’ll see epic views of the local mountains before stopping in the charming town of Moto-Hakone. (B,D) **DAY 6** - This breathtaking day begins in Matsumoto at **Matsumoto Castle**, known as the “Crow Castle” because of its striking black exterior. Later, you’ll step back in time in the rural Edo-period town of Takayama, nestled in **the Japanese Alps**. Well known to the locals for its connection to sake, this is the perfect place to gather for a visit to one of Japan’s 200-year-old **sake breweries**. Afterward, experience a true Japanese epicurean treat – traditional **rice wine paired with a special Hida beef dinner**. (B,D) **DAY 7** - The ancient cultures of Takayama come alive this morning in the town’s historic district. Take a walk through the past and glimpse the 19th-century **Jinya government building**. Stroll through the morning market, a 600-year-old

**open air market** with locally grown and produced products, located along the Miyagawa River. Circuit the winding streets, where the town's traditional charms are preserved in the inns and houses. This afternoon, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before relishing some free time to continue your exploration of Takayama on your own. (B,L) **DAY 8** - Today, embrace the unique charms of **Shirakawa-go** (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountain, this harmonious village is famous for its gassho-zukuri-style houses – thatched-rooftops designed to resemble two hands joined in prayer. Journey to Kanazawa, the origin of gold-leaf making since the 16th century. Visit the **Samurai district** where we will enter the



former home of the Nomuras, a wealthy samurai family who served the ruling Maeda family. Then, travel to the **Geisha quarters of Kanazawa**, the Higashi Tea district. (B,D) **DAY 9** - More than 25 acres of absolute beauty await you today at **Kenroku-En – Garden of Six Qualities**. From the beauty of Japan's most stunning gardens, dive into the ancient craft of gold leaf making during a **hands-on lesson in decorating**

**your own lacquer box!** In the center of town, take in the action of the Omicho fish market before venturing out on your own to really immerse yourself in Kanazawa's dynamic culture. (B) **DAY 10** - Kyoto awaits! The former Imperial capital of Japan is now one of the nation's top cosmopolitan cities. At the same time, Kyoto's connection with its past is strong; you won't need to look far to see one of its 2,000 temples and shrines. For lunch, participate in a **sushi making class** and master the art of sushi making. This afternoon, visit Kinkakuji (UNESCO), the **Golden Pavilion**, a Zen temple whose top two floors are completely covered in gold leaf. (B,L) **DAY 11** - All aboard the **Shinkansen bullet train**



**to Hiroshima**. Upon arrival, board a ferry for the short trip to **Miyajima Island, or "Shrine Island"** (UNESCO). Afterwards, head into Hiroshima city to visit the **Peace Memorial Park** and pause to see the ruined **Atomic Dome** (UNESCO). Reflect at the **Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum**. As this long and moving day ends, **return to Kyoto by the Shinkansen bullet train**. (B) **DAY 12** - This morning, explore **Fushimi Inari**

**Taisha** for a tour of the most revered shrine of Inari. Follow the spectacular rows of orange torii (made famous in the movie *Memoirs of a Geisha*) that weave through the forest, leading you to the inner shrine. Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure. (B) **DAY 13** - Today, visit the home of the first Shogun, **Nijo Castle** (UNESCO), and see intricate woodcarvings, wall paintings, and the **Ninomaru Garden**, designed by Kobori Enshu, a landscape architect and tea master. Next, learn about the ancient craft of stenciling during a **hands-on**



**lesson**. This afternoon, spend some time relaxing or set out to explore Kyoto on your own. Fully immerse yourself in Japanese culture tonight during a special **farewell dinner and maiko show**. (B,D) **DAY 14** - Your tour comes to a close in this fascinating land. As you depart, reflect on its beauty and all you have learned about its rich history and culture. (B)

**Package Includes:** 3 nights in Tokyo, 1 night in Hakone, 2 nights in Takayama, 2 nights in Kanazawa, 4 nights in Kyoto, 19 meals, all described touring, round trip airfare from Boston.  
**Reservation Cut-Off Date August 28, 2024**

**\$ 7,599 per person, double occupancy, \$ 9,099 single occupancy**

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