

Funtastic Getaways

March to July 2024



Discover a vivid tapestry of cultures, customs, and cuisines on an enchanting journey through **Spain and Morocco**. We'll visit the beautiful "Blue City" of Chefchaouen, Morocco, tour Madrid, the 8th-century La Mezquita mosque, the famous Alhambra, Seville, and much 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 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 day trips, insurance is \$10 per person for all trips that do not involve theater. Theater daytrip's insurance cost is \$20 per person. Daytrip insurance covers cancellations due to illness only and requires a doctor's note for refund. All multi-day trip insurance costs are dependent on the cost of the trip and your age. Multi-day Insurance covers medical cancellations and more, please call for full details or see our website.


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

TRIPS FROM LAST BROCHURE, PLEASE CALL FOR DETAILS

Ain't Too Proud, Sat, January 27 - 2 PM matinee in Providence 🚶🕒 **\$129 SOLD OUT**
"Menopause the Musical 2: Cruising Through the Change", Wed, Feb 7 – Dinner is included, 7:30 PM show at the Hanover Theater in Worcester. 🚶 **\$160**
To Kill a Mockingbird, Sunday, February 11 – Orchestra seating, 1 PM matinee in Providence 🚶🕒 **\$135 SOLD OUT**
Best of Newport, Tuesday, February 13 – Tour the Breakers Mansion, Lunch at Brick Alley Pub, tour and tasting at Newport Vineyards. 🚶🚶 **\$145**
Encore Casino, Tuesday, February 27 - \$20 slot play bonus per person 🚶🕒 **\$69**

MARCH

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 Elfreth's 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**

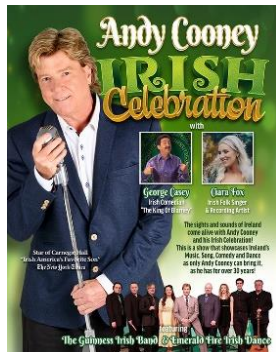


Spirits store, you can **sample complimentary wines and liquors** from the world's finest makers and partake in **free, expert-led tastings**---the perfect way to end your day at the Flower Show. (B) **DAY 3** – We'll visit **Longwood Gardens** where show-stopping color, breathtaking displays, and inspiring 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

Andy Cooney's Irish Celebration, Wednesday, March 6 - The sights and sound of



Ireland come alive with Andy Cooney and his Irish Celebration in a show that highlights **Ireland's music, song, comedy and dance!** **Andy Cooney**, christened by the New York Times as "Irish America's Favorite Son", has been taking the Irish-American music scene by storm for the last 20 years. Andy's unique tenor voice has been heard in concert halls internationally ranging from Dublin's National Concert Hall to sold-out performances in New York's iconic Carnegie Hall. Accompanying Andy will be **Irish comedian George Casey, traditional Irish folk singer Ciara Fox, The Guinness Irish Band, and Emerald Fire Irish Dancers.** And no Irish celebration would be complete without a **full Corned Beef &**

Cabbage lunch (optional scrod entrée). Lunch and entertainment both take place at beautiful Danversport in Danvers, MA. 🍴🕒 **\$175**

"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**

"The Cher Show", Saturday, March 16 - Superstars come and go. Cher is forever. For



six straight decades, only one unstoppable force has flat-out dominated popular culture - breaking down barriers, pushing boundaries and letting nothing and no one stand in her way. "The Cher Show" is the **Tony Award®-winning musical** of her story, and it's packed with so much Cher that it takes three women to play her: the kid starting out, the glam pop star, and the icon. **"The Cher Show" is 35 smash hits, six decades of stardom, two rock-star husbands, a Grammy, an Oscar, an Emmy, and enough Tony Award-winning Bob Mackie gowns to cause a sequin shortage in New York City,** all in one unabashedly fabulous new musical that will have

audiences dancing in the aisles! We have orchestra seating for the 2 PM matinee at Boston's Boch Center with free time before the show for lunch on your own at the Prudential Center.

🍴🕒 **\$149**

Simple Country Pleasures, Tuesday, March 26 – Spend the day with us full of old-



fashioned country pleasures as we explore southern New Hampshire! Begin our adventure on a treasure hunt for the perfect antique at the **New Hampshire Antique Co-op**. NHAC is the best spot to go antiques, named **#1 for Antiques & Collectibles by Yankee Magazine**. Here you'll find authentic affordable antiques, quality smalls, vintage home decor,

collectibles, galleries of 19th and 20th century fine art and so much more. With **200 dealers** from all over New England and fresh inventory arriving daily in all price ranges, there is something to be found for everyone! After our shopping spree relax at the beautiful **Inn at East Hill Farm**, a 150-year-old working farm & resort nestled at the base of Mount Monadnock. Here we will be treated to a **traditional New England Maple Feast** - maple syrup fritters, maple walnut chicken, corned beef with a maple mustard glaze, maple syrup bread pudding and more! End the day with a visit to **Smith Country Cheese & Dairy Farm**. Visit with the dairy cows and in the farm's country shop learn about the cheese making process and shop for unique gifts. In addition to farmstead cheeses, they carry a variety of gifts to please just about everyone: gourmet local food items, home décor, natural body products, candles, and more! 🍷 \$ 135

APRIL

Discount Retail Therapy, Thursday April 4 - Grab a girlfriend or two and get some



great bargains for your spring wardrobe with some serious retail therapy! Start the day at **University Station** in Westwood. There is something for everyone in this plaza with home décor bargains at **Home Sense, Home Goods, & Target** to fashion deals at **J.Crew Factory and Marshalls**. University Station is also home to **Nordstrom Rack** - carrying merchandise from Nordstrom stores at up to 70% off original Nordstrom

prices! Take a lunch break at one of several restaurants at University Station (including Chipotle, Not Your Average Joe's, Panera, Smash Burger and more) or nosh around **Wegman's Food Market** – nicknamed the “best supermarket in America”. Wegman's has an extensive wine & beer shop, bakery, Asian bar, pizzeria, sub shop and Market Café (feel free to bring along a cooler if you'd like to do some gourmet shopping!). End the day at



Frugal Fannie's Fashion & Shoe Warehouse in Westwood. You've seen the commercials, come experience Frugal Fannie's 60,000 square-foot warehouse yourself to find women's apparel, shoes, fashion accessories and more, all at close-out prices. **Thursdays are senior discount day at Frugal Fannies** – seniors get an extra 10% off of everything! 🍷 🕒 \$75

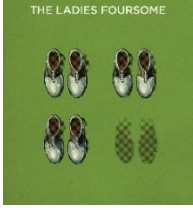
Great American Total Solar Eclipse, Sunday, April 7 – Tuesday, April 9, 2024 – Join



us for an unmissable opportunity to witness a magnificent celestial show in Vermont's beautiful Green Mountains.

ONLY 4 ROOMS LEFT!

Newport Playhouse “The Ladies Foursome”, Wednesday, April 10 – 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 “**The Ladies Foursome**”. The day after their friend Cathy's funeral, Margot, Tate, and Connie gather for a round of golf in honor of their recently departed fourth. Over the course of eighteen holes, secrets and confessions unravel as the women discuss love, sex, children, and everything in between. A funny, fast-paced, heartwarming story of friendship, a **companion play to “The Foursome”** (be sure to sign up for **May 15** also to see the companion play as well!). After the show, enjoy a hilarious cabaret show! Two fun-filled shows and a delicious lunch make for the perfect day out! 🦶🕒 **\$145**

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

Boston Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal featuring Hilary Hahn,



Thursday, April 18 - Open rehearsals are a great way to experience the **Boston Symphony Orchestra** in action! We will enjoy **first balcony seating** as superstar violinist **Hilary Hahn**, joins conductor **Andris Nelsons**. Opening the program is **Wolfgang Mozart's** charming *Symphony No. 33*, followed by **Anna Thorvaldsdottir's** orchestrally imaginative *Archora*, inspired by the "primordial energy" of her homeland of Iceland. Closing the program, **international star Hilary Hahn** is soloist in one of the greatest works in the repertoire: *Brahms's Violin Concerto*. Brahms composed this rich, lyrical work in 1878 for his friend Joseph Joachim, a towering virtuoso of the age. This is a working rehearsal in which the conductor may stop the orchestra to rehearse specific passages of the music that the conductor decides to need further refinement, and the conductor may choose to repeat or omit movements or works. We will arrive early for the **pre-concert talk** which provides for informative insight into the performance. Before heading home, enjoy time for lunch on your own in the city at **High Street Place Food Hall**. 🍴🕒 **\$105**

Heaven & Earth, Thursday, April 25 - Start the day in Boylston, where the Worcester



County Horticultural Society operates one of the **state's largest gardens, Tower Hill Botanic Garden**. On our **guided garden tour**, we'll stroll the garden and woodland trails, and watch the interaction of plants and animals in the Wildlife Garden's "Birdhouse for people" viewing station. Enjoy a **delicious & hearty full lunch at O'Connor's Restaurant**, then it's on to the unique and fascinating **Museum of Russian Icons**. What is an

Icon? A beautiful piece of artwork made by an iconographer made in strict standards according to the church and often blessed by a priest. An icon is an image used to help the faithful become more Christian in their life, behavior, and attitude. These exquisitely crafted, detailed pieces are simply breathtaking! In addition to the largest collection of Russian Icons in North America, the museum also hosts world renowned traveling art exhibits. Our **docent will give us a tour of the museum** to explain the history of the museum and its artwork. 🍴🕒 **\$165**



"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**

MAY



Boston Pops Spring Concerts - Please check back with us after mid January about upcoming Spring with the Boston Pops concerts!

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 take a non-stop flight from Boston to London. **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 will be 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 **Cotswolds**, 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 Inverness. (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 Inverness. (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. Reservations cut-off on January 5.**

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**

New York City Your Way, Sunday, May 5 – Tuesday, May 7 – Travel with us to



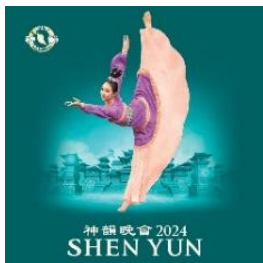
the Big Apple and **stay in the heart of Midtown at the Crowne Plaza Times Square**, located at the doorstep of Times Square on Broadway between 48th and 49th Streets. We'll get into the city around noon, and you are free to **explore the city "your way"** until 4 PM on Tuesday. On Sundays there are lots of **Broadway matinee shows and evening shows** available, and we can help you with ticketing, if needed. If a Broadway

show is not "your way," there are LOTS of other options: take in the view from the Top of the Rock, visit the Metropolitan Museum, shop 5th Avenue, take a Carriage Ride through Central Park, tour Rockefeller Center, experience NYC from the new Summit One Vanderbilt Tower & much more. We have included tickets for the **hop on hop off bus tour** to help you get around the city on your own schedule! Visit uptown to see the Museums of **Museum Mile** or head downtown on your free day, it is your choice! Visit the **9-11 Museum, Freedom Tower, Hudson Yards**, walk on **the High Line**, take a **Statue of Liberty cruise**, explore **NYC history & Wall Street, Chinatown, Little Italy, SoHo, and the Oculus**. Your tour director will have maps and suggestions for you on the bus. On Tuesday, you'll have the day to **explore midtown Manhattan**. Meals in the city can be expensive, but you will have it "your way:" treat yourself to a full breakfast or just grab a coffee & Danish, enjoy dinner at Sardi's or get a pizza to enjoy in the room or dinner at Junior's Cheesecake, a less-expensive option close to the hotel. **Package Includes:** Two nights at the Crowne Plaza Times Square, baggage handling, hop-on-hop-off bus tour, motorcoach transportation to NYC, driver & tour director gratuities.

\$ 749 per person, double with king bed, \$ 789 per person, double with 2 beds

\$ 979 single occupancy

Shen Yun, Saturday, May 11 - A global sensation returns! After sold-out performances



last season, *Shen Yun* is back with a brand-new production. **The Beauty of Divine Beings Dancing**. The gong resounds, the curtain opens, and a heavenly scene is right before your eyes. Fairies emerge from a sea of billowing clouds. Mongolians ride on horseback across grasslands as vast as the sky. Classic stories of love and loss, of humor and heroic deeds, come to life. *Shen Yun*, a nonprofit based in New York, is now bringing the wonders of this ancient civilization to millions of people across the globe.

The stunning beauty and tremendous energy of the performance leaves audiences uplifted and deeply inspired. We have **left center & right center orchestra seating for the 2 PM performance** at Providence Performing Arts Center with free time before the show for lunch on your own at the Providence Place Mall. 🚶🕒 **\$185**

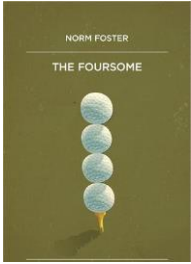
Statue of Liberty, Saturday, May 11 - We will get an up-close view of the beautiful



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**

Newport Playhouse, Wednesday May 15, "The Foursome" - 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 **"The Foursome"**. Four old school chums get together for a friendly round of golf during their fifteenth college reunion. During the weekend, the men go out for a game of golf, and it is during this game that the four get caught up on each other's lives since their college days. A family man, a con artist, a millionaire, and a TV ad salesman, the friends – at least they were back then – discover that their lives have taken them in very different directions. Old rivalries, romances and bragging rights are won and lost

in 18 entertaining holes. A funny and heartwarming story of friendship, **a companion to the play "The Ladies Foursome"** (be sure to sign up for April 10 also to see the companion play as well!). After the show, enjoy a hilarious cabaret show! **Two fun-filled shows and a delicious lunch** make for the perfect day out! **🕒\$145**

Quebec City & the Chateau Frontenac, Sunday, May 19 – Wednesday, May 22



– The **renovated Chateau Frontenac Hotel** will be our luxurious **4-star hotel** for this springtime trip to Quebec City. Crowned the number one hotel in Eastern Canada and one of the ten best hotels in the world, this 19th century chateau is perched high upon Cap Diamant overlooking the Saint Lawrence River.

DAY 1 – Travel to Quebec City, arriving approximately 5:00 PM. **DAY 2** - Enjoy a lively and informative **tour of Old Quebec City**, Place d'Armes, the Basilica, City Hall, Parliament, the Plains of Abraham, the Citadel, Quartier Petit Champlain, and Place Royal. We'll stop for an **included lunch in the Old City** before taking a drive along the oldest road in North America, where we will see the 17th century stone farmhouses and churches that dot the landscape. Visit **Ste-Anne de Beaupre Basilica**, and see the spectacular 274 feet high **Montmorency Falls**, where you'll have a chance to walk above the falls. Before we return to the hotel, we'll also take a stop at the Copper Shop to see where The Gilles family practices the craft of copper repoussé or embossing. (L) **DAY 3** - Enjoy **an entire day at leisure** to explore the Old City on your own – there's lots to see & do within walking distance of our hotel! **DAY 4** – Depart Quebec City and travel home. **Package Includes:** three nights at The Chateau Frontenac, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, Saint Anne de Beaupre Basilica, Montmorency Falls, full day guided tour. **A valid passport is required**
\$ 1,549 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,969 single occupancy

Arnold Arboretum Lilacs & Boston Swan Boats, Monday, May 20 - 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. **AAA \$95**

Berkshires Inspiration, Thursday, May 30 – For decades the beautiful Berkshire



mountains of western Massachusetts have inspired artists, residents, and visitors alike. Find your own inspiration on our Berkshire adventure! Start the day at **Chesterwood**, the former summer home, studio, and gardens of America's foremost 20th century public sculptor **Daniel Chester French**. Best known for **Minute Man** (Concord, MA) and the **seated figure of Abraham Lincoln for the Lincoln Memorial** (Washington, DC). Hundreds of French's preliminary models and final works in bronze and marble are on view in the artist's Studio, in the Barn Gallery, and in the Collections Gallery. We will tour his **historic home & studio** as well as the beautiful **studio gardens and woodland walk**. Stop

for lunch and light shopping (on own) in quaint **downtown Stockbridge**. Then spend the afternoon exploring the life & works of Norman Rockwell at the **Norman Rockwell Museum**. Enjoy the largest collection of Rockwell's full-size original paintings, view all 323 of his *The Saturday Evening Post* covers, and view special exhibitions that highlight the artistry of leading illustrators, then and now. We will also be treated to an **informative guided tour of Norman Rockwell's studio**. Rockwell called his Stockbridge studio his "best studio yet." The building was originally located in the backyard of his home, after his death it was carefully moved to the museum grounds. **AA \$149**

JUNE

Maine Lobster Lover's Getaway with Anchorage by the Sea, Tuesday, June 4 –



Thursday, June 6 - Spend two nights at the oceanfront hotel, Anchorage by the Sea in Ogunquit, just steps from Ogunquit shopping, restaurants, the Marginal Way, and Perkins Cove. The hotel boasts heated indoor and outdoor pools, poolside bar, and spacious,

tastefully decorated rooms, most with ocean views. **DAY 1** – We'll have time to enjoy lunch (on own) in scenic Perkins Cove before our **50-minute Lobstering Cruise**. This trip combines the scenic beauty of Ogunquit's shoreline with a **firsthand lobstering experience**. You will see traps hauled and lobsters caught by an authentic Maine



lobsterman. Your tour guide will provide a detailed explanation of the lobster fishery and the many scenic points of interest along the way, providing you with many insights into life along the coast. Then, check into our ocean-front hotel, **the Anchorage by the Sea** and enjoy the evening at leisure. Relax by the indoor or outdoor pool, or enjoy a sunset cocktail overlooking the ocean. Then, enjoy

a delicious **DownEast Lobster bake at Jonathan's Restaurant** that includes clam chowder, salad, 1-1¼ lb. steamed lobster, fresh Maine Mussels, baked potato, corn on the cob, and Maine Blueberry Pie for dessert. (D) **DAY 2 - The day is yours to enjoy at your leisure!** Take a stroll along Ogunquit's famed **Marginal Way**, browse the shops near our hotel and at Perkins Cove or relax at the hotel. Marginal Way can be accessed from the hotel, and it follows the rugged coast to picturesque Perkins Cove, Ogunquit's quaint fishing village which is spanned by a charming footbridge-drawbridge at its mouth. This tiny cove offers splendid scenery, and numerous small shops, restaurants and galleries housed in weathered fishing shacks. Enjoy dinner on your own at the hotel or at one of the many restaurants within easy walking distance of our hotel. (B) **DAY 3 - We will take a tour of historic Portland, Maine** to see many sea captains' homes overlooking Casco Bay, the Old Port waterfront area, Victoria Mansion, and more while learning about the city and some of its' seafaring residents. We'll also make a stop at **Portland Head Light** to get some amazing



photos of the lighthouse and the scenic Maine coast. You can take a short walk down the **cliff walk path**, visit the **Lighthouse Museum and gift shop**. You'll have time to enjoy lunch and shopping in downtown Portland, before we stop at **Haven's Candies**, to browse their full line of premium chocolates, fudge, saltwater taffy and roasted nuts. The candy factory has a **60' glass**

wall where you can see candy production up close. (B) **Package Includes:** Two nights' accommodation at Anchorage by the Sea, two full plated breakfasts, lobster or grilled steak tips dinner, lobstering cruise, Portland Tour, admission to Portland Head Lights' Fort Williams Park.

\$ 845 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,071 single occupancy

Treasures of Cambridge, Tuesday, June 4 – Best known as the home to Harvard



University, MIT, & Cambridge University, 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. **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. **Enjoy a delicious, included lunch at the Cheesecake Factory (entrée & cheesecake)**. 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. **👣👣👣 \$139**

NY Bronx Zoo, Saturday, June 8 - 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 Carousel, Nature Trek, and barnyard petting zoo. Enjoy five hours to explore the park & exhibits and to have lunch on your own in their café. 🦁🦁🦁 \$155

Newport Playhouse “The Cemetery Club,” Wednesday June 19 - 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 “**The Cemetery Club**”. Three Jewish widows Ida, Doris, and Lucille meet once a month for tea before going to visit their husbands’ graves. When Sam the butcher meets the widows while visiting his wife’s grave, Doris and Lucille plot to squash the budding romance between Sam and Ida. But when life throws them a few unexpected curves, they happily discover the best times are still ahead. After the show, enjoy a hilarious cabaret show! **Two fun-filled shows and a delicious lunch** make for the perfect day out! 🦁🕒 \$145

Newport Flower Show, Sunday, June 23 - This superb **seaside flower show** is unlike



any other flower and garden show around! Held on the grounds & interior of beautiful **Rosecliff Mansion**. 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

Mackinac Island & Michigan Getaway, Monday, June 24 – Wed, July 3 – Find



the serene peace of a bygone era on **Mackinac Island**, where cars are not allowed, and the only island transportation is by horse and carriage. We’ll overnight at the **magnificent four-diamond Grand Hotel**, the filming location for the movie “**Somewhere in Time**” starring Christopher Reeves. The Grand Hotel brings you back in time to a bygone era of old-world hospitality and charm, with a relaxing ambience, modern amenities & exceptional dining. **DAY 1** – Funtastic Getaways will provide transportation to Logan Airport from the Cape, schedule & pricing TBA. Our motorcoach will meet us at Detroit Airport, and we’ll enjoy **lunch and shopping** at the famous **Eastern Market**. Then, our local guide will take us on a **tour of Detroit** to witness the revitalization of a city that many

had written off, visit some of the new pedestrian-friendly areas, see it's legendary landmarks and learn about its fascinating past. We'll be on and off the bus on our tour, visiting the **Guardian Building**, the **RiverWalk**, and **Greektown**, known for its Victorian architecture. Then, we'll check into our hotel for three nights, the **Hampton Inn, Detroit Dearborn**.



Enjoy dinner on own at one of the many restaurants within walking distance. **DAY 2** - Today we will visit the **fascinating Henry Ford American Innovation Museum**, home to thousands of artifacts that brought American ideas and innovations to life. A vibrant exploration of genius in all its forms, Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation allows you to experience the innovations from America's greatest minds and their stories. Then, spend the afternoon

at **Greenfield Village** to see the sights, sounds and sensations of America's past. There are over **80 authentic buildings** that have been moved to the site, including Noah Webster's home, the home of the Wright brothers, and Thomas Edison's laboratory. You can take a **ride in an authentic Model T** and more on this journey into the past. Enjoy dinner at **Ford's Garage**. (B,D) **DAY 3** - Step back in time at the **Motown Museum** where we'll visit **Recording Studio A** and see the restored **upper flat where Berry Gordy lived** during the company's earliest days. Berry Gordy's legendary Motown sound has become one of the most significant musical accomplishments of the 20th century. Then, we'll take the **Ford Rouge Factory Tour** to get a **behind-the-scenes view** of the factory's complex web of robots, lifts, conveyors, hydraulics, chutes and cranes that make this one of the most envied manufacturing facilities in the world. Tonight's dinner is the **authentic, original Detroit pizza** at **Buddy's Rendezvous Pizzeria**, a Detroit Icon that has been called **one of the five best pizzerias in the United States** by the Food Network. (B,D) **DAY 4** - We'll tour the **Edsel & Eleanor Ford house**, which was designed to resemble a cluster of Cotswold village cottages, complete with stone roofs, vine-covered walls, lead-paned windows, and gorgeous manicured grounds on the shores of Lake St Clair. Enjoy lunch at the house, then, we'll travel to Frankenmuth, "**Michigan's Little Bavaria**," where we will stay for two nights at the **Bavarian Inn Lodge**, located steps from downtown. Enjoy a **delicious German feast** tonight at the hotel. (B,L,D) **DAY 5** - See the sights and learn about the town's history and Bavarian roots on a **Frankenmuth City tour** with our local guide. We'll stop at **Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland**, the **World's Largest Christmas Store** for



some shopping, and have time for lunch (on own) and shopping in Frankenmuth's quaint downtown. We will learn how to make strudel at our **hands-on strudel-making experience** and then enjoy a **wine tasting** featuring locally produced wines and **dinner at the Bavarian Inn Restaurant**. (B,D) **DAY 6** -

We'll travel to **Mackinaw City**, where we will have time for lunch & shopping downtown before checking into the **Wyndham Mackinaw City**. (B) **DAY 7** - Take a **20-minute ferry ride** to **Mackinac Island**, where you'll have time to explore the downtown area shops and enjoy lunch (on own) before our **1-hour narrated horse-drawn carriage tour of Mackinac Island**. Our tour will end at the **four-diamond Grand Hotel**, one of the finest hotels in the world, where we will stay for **two nights**. Enjoy a delicious **five-course dinner** in the Main Dining Room, followed by a **demitasse in the Parlor**, and **ballroom dancing** with the Grand Hotel Orchestra. (B,D) **DAY 8** - The day is yours to enjoy independently - walk the grounds and gardens, take a dip in the pool, play croquet or bocce ball on the lawn, explore the shops downtown (a five-minute walk), and relax in one of the many rocking

chairs with beautiful views of the Straits of Mackinac on the **world's longest porch**. The hotel offers many **activities throughout the day**, all listed in your daily activity guide.



Enjoy a **five-course dinner** and dancing. (B,D) **DAY 9** - We'll take the ferry back to the mainland and travel back to Detroit, where we will spend the night at the Hampton Inn Detroit Dearborn. Enjoy a delicious farewell dinner. (B,D) **DAY 10** – Our last stop is at the **highly-acclaimed Detroit Historical Museum**, which chronicles the history of the Detroit area from

its cobblestone streets & 19th century stores, the auto assembly line, toy trains, fur trading from the 18th century, and much more. (this stop is contingent on our airfare schedule), Airfare TBA. (B) **Package Includes:** Four nights at the Hampton Inn Detroit Dearborn, two nights at the Bavarian Inn, Frankenmuth, One night in Mackinaw City, two nights at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, two baggage handling at each hotel, daily breakfast, one lunch, seven dinners (including two at the Grand Hotel), carriage tour and transfers on Mackinac Island, Frankenmuth tour, strudel-making, wine tasting, Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, Ford Factory Rouge Tour, Edsel & Eleanor Ford house & grounds tour, Henry Ford American Innovation Museum, Greenfield Village, Detroit tour, Motown Museum, and Detroit Historical Museum tour, if schedule allows. Insurance is available & recommended for this trip. **Final balance and reservation cut-off date is March 20.**

Land: \$ 3,344 per person, double occupancy, \$ 4,630 Single occupancy, Airfare: TBD

Hampton Beach Master Sand Sculpting Competition & Isles of Shoals,



Monday, June 24 – For the past 24 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 is used to create **astounding works of**

art out of sand. When completed they are **sprayed with windscreen** (a solution of glue and water) to protect them from the elements and remain standing for weeks creating a **unique museum of masterpieces on the beach**. Afterwards, we'll head to Portsmouth where you will have **time** 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 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. **AA \$115**

Downeaster Rail & Sail, Thursday, June 27 - 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 DiMillo's waterfront Restaurant. Enjoy free time in Portland, then 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 **AA \$190**

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 SOLD OUT**

JULY

USS Constitution Turn Around Cruise, Thursday, July 4 - The USS Constitution



is ready to salute the nation with her **annual Turn Around Cruise!** "Old Ironsides" is the oldest Commissioned warship afloat in the world. This annual sail takes place so that the Constitution's sides weather evenly while she is at dock and greeting tourists the rest of the year. We will sail alongside the Constitution on our **elegant yacht the Boston Odyssey** and be treated to **narration** about this

historic ship as you watch the USS Constitution's voyage on Boston Harbor from the water. The USS Constitution will travel to Castle Island in South Boston, where she fires a 21-gun salute to the nation before returning to her berth in Charlestown. Enjoy **entertainment on board** and a **delicious three course lunch** 🕒 **\$160**

Turning Stone Casino & Erie Canal Cruise with Optional Baseball HOF,

Monday, July 8 – Wednesday, July 10 –Try your luck in upstate New York at Turning



Stone Casino, take an **optional visit to the Baseball Hall of Fame**, and Cruise on the Erie Canal. **DAY 1** – We'll travel to beautiful **Cooperstown, New York** and take time for lunch (on own) in the quaint downtown, then you have a choice of visiting the **Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum** (extra charge applies) or **browsing the shops** in the quaint downtown. Since opening more

than 80 years ago, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has been dedicated to preserving history, honoring excellence, and connecting generations. Discover one-of-a-kind artifacts and get lost in exhibitions that explore pivotal moments in the game and its impact far beyond the field. Cooperstown sits on the southern tip of Otsego Lake, and is itself an American treasure, reminding visitors of a simpler time with its character and charm. The village has the feel of a Norman Rockwell small-town portrait, complete with classic storefronts and cozy cafes. We'll check in to **Turning Stone Resort Casino** and stay for two nights in the **upgraded AAA four-diamond Tower Rooms** of this award-winning high-rise hotel offers **sweeping panoramic views of the countryside** – the place where it draws inspiration for its well-appointed rooms. Experience 2,000 slot machines, 66 Vegas-style table games, one of the top three Bingo Halls in the world, the largest poker room in New York State, and so much more at New York's most awarded resort. **DAY 2** – You have the entire day to **try your luck at the casino, Play Casino Bingo** (an exhilarating game that combines luck and strategy), test your skills on **PGA-level golf courses, relax at the Spa** at Turning Stone, **shop the Commons** 4,500 sq feet of boutique shopping or the Shoppes at Turning Stone. There are **over 20 restaurants** on the property, and you'll receive a casino bonus (subject to change at the casinos discretion) of \$30 meal credit (\$ 10 per day), and either \$ 60 casino free play OR \$ 60 Bingo Bucks (\$ 30 day 1 and \$ 30 day 2). **DAY 3** – We'll depart the casino and enjoy **lunch at the Waterfront Grill** in Herkimer, then enjoy

the **spectacular scenery of the beautiful Mohawk Valley** on our **90-minute narrated cruise on the Mohawk River**. We'll learn how the Erie Canal was constructed, how it opened trade to our western lands, and helped to create the America we know today. We'll **enter Lock 18 twice** to watch as the gates close behind us as our boat is lowered 20 feet in the lock and then raised 20 feet on our return. (L) **Package Includes:** Two nights at Turning Stone's Tower Rooms, baggage handling, free time in Cooperstown, One lunch, Erie Canal Cruise, \$ 30 meal credit (\$10 per day), \$ 30 casino bonus or Bingo Bucks for day 1, \$ 30 casino bonus or Bingo Bucks for day 2, motorcoach transportation, gratuities for driver and tour director. Please **add \$ 22 for optional Baseball Hall of Fame admission. \$ 729 per person, double occupancy, \$ 955 single occupancy**

The Loons of Golden Pond, Thursday, July 11 - A fun filled day exploring the natural



beauty of New Hampshire's Lake Region! Enjoy **lunch at the lovely, lakeside restaurant Walter's Basin** and then we will board our boat and enjoy a leisurely **2-hour cruise on pristine Squam Lake**, where "On Golden Pond" was filmed. Experience the beauty of "Golden Pond", hear a bit of Squam Lake's history, and observe the loons & other wildlife that inhabit this crystal-clear lake with scenic mountain views.

Before heading home, stop at the **Old Country Store & Museum**, one of the oldest retail establishments in America. Enjoy time to visit the Country Store Museum and to browse their wide variety of cheese, maple syrup, jellies, jams, a huge candy counter, gifts, home & garden items, clothing, nostalgic items, and so much more! **AA \$165**

Block Island Lobster Bake, Monday, July 15 - Explore Block Island's picturesque



scenery of bluffs and gently rolling hills, grassy moors and bayberry covered fields. The island is known for its nature walks, great beaches, wildflowers, historic lighthouses, and miles of stone walls and rolling terrain. Take the **ferry to Block Island** from Point Judith, RI, where we will enjoy a **bus tour of the island** and a **New England Lobster Bake on the front porch of the National Hotel**, which overlooks the harbor, including clam chowder, salad, steamed lobster (or filet mignon), mussels, potatoes & corn on the cob. You'll have time before our ferry departs to browse the shops. **AA \$185**

The Hamptons & Gold Coast: Lifestyles of the Rich & Famous, Monday, July



22 – Thursday, July 25 – Enjoy four days exploring the lifestyles of the rich & famous in Long Island's scenic playground for the rich, **the Gold Coast of Long Island & the Hamptons. DAY 1** - We'll cruise from New London to the **North Fork of Long Island**, known for its many fine wineries. Enjoy lunch in Greenport (on own), and then take in the vineyards and farms of the North Fork. We'll have a **wine**

tasting and delicious charcuterie plate at Pugliese Vineyard. Then, we'll enjoy a wine tasting at **Pindar Winery**. We'll stay for three nights at the **Hyatt Place Hotel**, in Riverhead, NY. **DAY 2** - We'll enjoy a **full day touring the Hampton's charming villages** with our local guide, including Southampton, Northampton, Sag Harbor, and Montauk. We'll visit the **Old Whalers Church** and stop at the **Montauk Lighthouse & Lighthouse Museum**, where you'll have time to climb to the top of the Lighthouse for a fabulous three-state view. In Southampton, we'll enjoy a **delicious 3-course dinner**. (B,D) **DAY 3** – On

our “**Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous Tour**,” we’ll visit the **Gold Coast** to see gorgeous mansions and learn about the famous and infamous people that live in them. The Gilded era mansions on the Gold Coast inspired the book and movie “The Great Gatsby,” and we’ll visit two of the most opulent mansions on the Gold Coast. We’ll visit **Oheka Castle**, a 127-



room estate where lavish parties were hosted for the rich and famous during the Gilded Age. Then visit **Old Westbury Mansion & Gardens** to enjoy a **box lunch**, and then tour the mansion, formal gardens, & landscaped grounds. Browse the shops and enjoy dinner (on own) in Port Jefferson before returning to the hotel. (B,L) **DAY 4** –We’ll visit the **Long Island Museums**

Visitor Center for a quick overview and look at the **wildfowl decoy gallery**. Then, stop at their **Carriage Museum**, home to the finest collection of American horse-drawn transportation artifacts in the world. You’ll have time for lunch on your own in the quaint village of **Stony Brook**, then we’ll take the Orient Point ferry to Connecticut and return to the Cape. (B) **Package Includes:** Three nights at the Hyatt Place Riverhead Hotel, three breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, baggage handling, round trip cruise on the Orient Point/New London Ferry, Tour of the North Fork with **wine tastings at Pugliese Vineyard and Pindar Winery**, full day guided tour of the Hamptons with Montauk Lighthouse, Oheka Castle tour, Old Westbury Mansion & Gardens, the Long Island Museum.

\$ 1,179 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,540 single occupancy

Historic Isles of Shoals & Foster’s Clambake, Tuesday, July 23 – A New England



Summer Classic! Enjoy a **delicious downeast Maine feast at Foster’s Clambake** featuring lobster, Maine Steamers and Mussels, Clam Chowder, Corn on the Cob, Potatoes, Onions, Rolls and Blueberry Crumb Cake along with **live entertainment**. Then in the afternoon relax onboard the Victorian style Thomas Lighthouse steamship on a **2-hour**

45-minute narrated cruise around Portsmouth Harbor & the Isles of Shoals. Learn about the fascinating legends of the NH & Maine Seacoast. Little known but historically crucial, the legendary Isles of Shoals are an intriguing archipelago of 9 islands steeped with history. On our cruise 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!** 🌟🌟 **\$159**

Newport Playhouse “Nunsense; The Musical!” LOBSTERFEST, Mon, July 29



- Enjoy a delicious **all-you-can-eat LOBSTERFEST buffet lunch** which includes oven roasted chicken, BBQ chicken, mussels, shrimp, corn on the cob, clam chowder, a **1 ¼ pound boiled lobster**, and much more! Then we’ll walk into their intimate theatre for the **musical comedy show “Nunsense; The Musical!”** Nunsense is a hilarious spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. When the rest of the sisterhood die unexpectedly the remaining nuns stage a talent show in order to raise money to bury their deadly departed. With

catchy songs and irreverent comedy, Nunsense is sure to keep audiences rolling with laughter. After the show, enjoy a **hilarious cabaret show!** **Two fun-filled shows and a delicious LOBSTERFEST lunch** make for the perfect day out! 🌟🌟 **\$165**

August & Beyond



Tanglewood on Parade - Please check our website or call us after mid-January about the upcoming Tanglewood on Parade with the Boston Pops concert! Dates & Pricing have not yet been announced by the Pops.

Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice with Collette Tours, Sun, August 11 – Tue, Aug 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 Reykjavik'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**. 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

Vermont Culinary Getaway, Monday, August 12 – Wednesday, August 14 –



Come with us for a **three-day culinary getaway** at the beautiful **Essex Resort & Spa** in Essex Junction VT. You'll love their **culinary-themed guest rooms**, featuring décor inspired by the colors and textures of food. Located on 18 acres of Vermont countryside the culinary resort offers two on-site restaurants, hands-on cooking

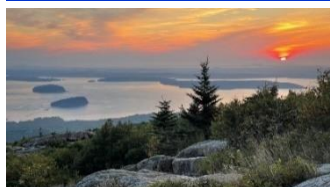
classes, full-service spa, indoor and outdoor pools, hot tub, state of the art fitness center, and walking trails. The hotel is adjacent to the **Essex Experience Shopping Center**, where you can shop, dine or relax & detox at the Purple Sage's Salt Cave. **DAY 1** – We'll get to know each other at **Fulchino Vineyard**, where we will enjoy a **wine tasting luncheon** that includes your choice of a **soup or individual charcuterie board** and **panini sandwiches**



served with a **sampling of four of their wines**, and a **dessert**. Then, we'll stop at **King Arthur Flour's Flagship store** to shop their huge selection of flours, bakeware, spices, books and more. We'll check into the **Essex Resort & Spa**, then head to Burlington for the **Sounds of Summer Sunset Dinner Cruise on Lake Champlain**. Enjoy

music from our **onboard DJ** as we watch the sun set. (L,D) **DAY 2** – It is your choice today – relax by the pool, enjoy a treatment at the spa, walk to the shops, or you can take an optional ride to **Church Street Marketplace** for shopping and lunch (on own) and then enjoy the afternoon at leisure. Be sure to check out the **hotel activities** and evening cooking class schedule! Dinner is on own at one of the hotel's restaurants. (B) **DAY 3** – We'll enjoy a few more of **Vermont's best foodie finds** this morning, including those at **the Vermont Annex: Cabot Cheese Annex, Smuggler's Notch Distillery, & Lake Champlain Chocolates**. We'll also stop at **Cold Hollow Cider** to shop their selection of **gourmet Vermont-made foods**, sample their cider (both soft and hard cider), and purchase some of their delicious **apple cider donuts**. Visit the quaint downtown of Stowe for lunch and shopping on your own. Before returning home, we'll enjoy the **Factory tour at Ben & Jerry's** that includes a **sample of their ice cream**. (B) **Package Includes:** Two nights at the Essex Resort & Spa, baggage handling, two full breakfasts, Fulchino Vineyards wine tasting luncheon, sounds of summer dinner cruise, Factory tour at Ben & Jerry's with ice cream sample. Shopping at King Arthur Flour, Church St Marketplace, Vermont Annex, & Cold Hollow Cider. **\$ 869 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,085 single occupancy**

Bar Harbor & Acadia National Park, Friday, September 13 – Sunday, September



15 - Mount Desert Island is the largest island off the coast of Maine, with a scenic rocky coast, quaint downtown, and **Acadia National Park**. Bar Harbor is known for its stunning coastal beauty, its many yachts and lobster boats, and its expansive ocean views. Our hotel is the **Atlantic Oceanside Resort**, situated on 12 acres of **oceanfront**

property overlooking Frenchman's Bay. Amenities include stunning ocean views of Frenchman Bay, indoor and outdoor pools. **DAY 1** - Travel to Bar Harbor, Maine and our **oceanfront hotel, the Atlantic Oceanside Resort**. We'll take a two-hour, fully narrated Acadian Nature Cruise on Frenchman Bay in search of eagles, porpoises, & seals. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of coastal Maine, the islands of Frenchman Bay, and the shoreline of Bar Harbor. A delicious **DownEast Maine Lobster Dinner** is included at the Resort. (D) **DAY 2** – No trip to Bar Harbor would be complete without a visit to **Acadia National Park**. Its landscape is marked by woodland, rocky beaches, and glacier-scoured granite peaks such as **Cadillac Mountain**, the highest point on the United States' East Coast. Our **four-hour**

tour will feature **three stops within Acadia National Park**, the summit of **Cadillac Mountain**, **Thunder Hole** (an ocean-side stop), and **Sieur De Monts Spring** (Wild Gardens of Acadia). You'll have time at each stop for photos and to enjoy the spectacular views. Enjoy the afternoon downtown to shop or walk the famous **Shore Path** in Bar Harbor that begins at the Town Pier, goes past the Bar Harbor Inn, then continues south for about 1/2 to 3/4 of a mile along the **eastern shore of Mount Desert Island** to enjoy the



ocean air, sailboats, and beautiful vistas. At low tide (approx. 2 PM), you can walk from downtown to pristine **Bar Island, part of Acadia National Park**. The walk out is about 1 mile each way, and there are trails on the island with **panoramic views of Bar Harbor**. (B)

DAY 3 - We'll depart Bar Harbor and travel back to the Cape, making a stop in Freeport for lunch (on own) and shopping. (B) **Package Includes:** Two nights at the Atlantic Oceanside Hotel, two expanded continental breakfasts, baggage handling, housekeeping gratuity, Nature Cruise, Lobster Bake Dinner, Acadia National Park Tour, free time in Bar Harbor and Freeport. **\$ 1,125 per person, Double Occupancy, \$ 1,580 Single Occupancy**

Historic Hudson Valley, Tuesday, September 17 – Friday, September 20 - Join us



for this trip to upstate New York's Hudson Valley, where we will see magnificent mansions from the Gilded Age and visit West Point Military Academy. **DAY 1** – Enjoy lunch (on own) in Newburg, then take a **two-hour narrated cruise on the Hudson River** aboard the Pride of the Hudson, passing historic lighthouses, waterfront mansions, and some of the river's most unique and fascinating locations. We'll check in at the Hyatt House Fishkill Poughkeepsie, then enjoy an included dinner at a local diner. (D) **DAY 2** – Meet our **local guide** and depart for the **Culinary Institute of America**, where we will have an opportunity to **meet with current students** at the Culinary Institute of America, learn about the CIA and what it is like taking classes there, and enjoy a **unique tasting experience**. Then, we'll be treated to a delicious **lunch at one of the schools' restaurants**. We'll take a tour of **Springwood Estate**, the boyhood



home and museum of Franklin D Roosevelt and visit **the FDR Presidential Library and Museum**. (B,L) **DAY 3** –We'll take a guided tour of the Beaux-Arts **Mills Mansion**, one of the finest surviving great estates, boasting 65 rooms and 14 bathrooms. Then, enjoy an included **lunch at Coppola's Italian Restaurant** before we take a **guided tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion**, a remarkably complete example of a **gilded-age country place**.

We'll explore **Val-Kill, Eleanor Roosevelt's quaint stone getaway**, where she entertained friends, the press, activists, and official state visitors, then take a **guided tour of the Walkway over the Hudson**, which spans 1.28 miles over the Hudson River – Don't forget your cameras! We'll end the day with a delicious dinner at Shadows on the Hudson. (B,D)

DAY 4 –Before departing the Hudson Valley we'll take a **90-minute guided tour** of the campus of the **US Military Academy at West Point** to hear about its' famous history and stories about its' graduates that have shaped our nation, and then visit the **West Point Museum**. (B) **Package Includes:** Three nights' accommodations at the Hyatt Place Fishkill Poughkeepsie, three breakfasts, two dinners, lunch at Coppola's Italian Restaurant, the Culinary Institute of America experience with lunch, Hudson River Cruise, West Point Tour, FDR Home & Museum, Val-Kill, Vanderbilt Mansion tour, Mills Estate.

\$ 1,329 per person, double occupancy, \$ 1,579 single occupancy

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 Je Barwish 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 enjoying free time to continue your exploration of Takayama. (B,L) **DAY 8** - Today, embrace the unique charms of **Shirakawa-go** (UNESCO). Hidden away in the mountains, 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**

COMING SOON:

The Azores, Jewels of Portugal with Collette Tours, July 2025 – Enter an untouched



paradise on a 14-day adventure through the Azores, the archipelago gems of Portugal. Enjoy the natural splendor of this Portuguese archipelago and see why the Azores are commonly referred to as

"the Hawaii of Europe." **DAY 1** – Overnight flight. **DAY 2** – Your adventure begins on **São Miguel**, the largest of the nine volcanic islands. Relax and explore as you wish, perhaps sit along the seaside promenade and breathe in the mild air of the Atlantic. **DAY 3** – Get to know Sao Miguel's capital, **Ponta Delgada** on a walking tour. Traverse the dirt paths to the **Sete Cidades caldera's highest point** on an off-road adventure. **DAY 4** – Learn how willow basket making has evolved and how this father-son enterprise has kept this traditional craft alive. Then, it's your choice! Enjoy the thermal waters at the **Terra Nostra pool** -OR- embark on a guided visit to the organic paradise that is the **Terra Nostra Botanical Garden**. For lunch, enjoy a **traditional cozido das furnas** meal, where your food is cooked in the

earth's volcanic heat, and then visit a **tea plantation** to learn about this unique crop before an evening of leisure in São Miguel. **DAY 5** - Enjoy a **full free day to explore Sao Miguel** at your own pace. Or you may choose to join a **Flavors of Sao Miguel optional tour** where you will taste your way through some of the unique products this island has to offer. Then, gather for a home-hosted dinner at a local village. **DAY 6** – Say hello to the colorful island of **Terceira**, stand along the edge of the crater at **Serra do Cume** viewpoint and take in the patchwork of green. Learn about the **Holy Ghost Chapels**, known locally as Imperios, and customs surrounding this tradition. **DAY 7** - Get to know **Angra do Heroismo** (UNESCO) with a local guide, join a morning optional tour to the western side of Terceira Island visiting **coffee and banana plantations** along the way and ending at a family-owned cheese factory for a light lunch made up of local products. Gather later and head underground with an



expert guide to **Algar do Carvao**, the “Cavern of Coal.” Feel the quiet stillness as you descend into this **ancient lava tube**. End the day with a swim in the **volcanic pools of Biscoitos**. Enjoy a free evening or entice your taste buds on an optional wine and tapas home experience. **DAY 8** – Travel to the **Island of Faial**, the “Blue Island” of the Azores. Encounter the volcanic, rocky landscapes and the ash hills of the **Capelinhos Volcano Interpretation Center**. Peek into the daily life of Azoreans as you mingle

amongst the locals at a local market and sample another variety of locally produced cheese. **DAY 9** – Take a walking tour of **Horta** – its’ marina and painted murals are a testament to the island’s importance to sailing crews that visit the island during their voyages across the Atlantic. Then, it’s your choice! Visit the **Horta Museum** where ethnographic pieces and Sacred Art paint a picture of the history of the island -OR- visit the **Scrimshaw Museum** where the island’s whaling past comes to life through a private whalebone carving collection at the famous Pete’s Café. **DAY 10** - Board a ferry to the nearby island of **Pico**. Enjoy a light lunch, sampling drinks paired with local cheeses and meats, snacking on different Azorean favorites. Make a stop at Lagoa do Capitao and spy Sao Jorge Island in the distance. End the day at the rustic **lava stone houses of Aldeia da Fonte**, an eco-sustainable hotel and your home for the next 3 nights. Enjoy dinner at this cliffside abode. **DAY 11** - The day is yours. Perhaps you will take to the waves on an optional ocean excursion, where you will watch for whales and dolphins before enjoying lunch back on land. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. **DAY 12** - visit the **Pico Wine Museum** before tasting these exclusive wines at a winery. Then, visit the **whaling museum** highlighting the historical ties of the



industry to the culture of the islands. **DAY 13** - Say farewell to the Azores Islands when we depart Pico for Lisbon. Enjoy some time at leisure for some last-minute shopping. **DAY 14** - Depart for home.

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