

Royal Tours & Travel, LLC

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Winter 2024

Greetings, Travel Family,

Thank you for all you've done to make our trips so much fun! Your camaraderie, sense of humor, desire to learn, Christian values, and kindness toward others makes each trip special. I know the cost of trips go up as fuel, hotels, food continue to climb so I'm forever grateful that you understand and continue to see the value of being part of a travel family.

As I compile this winter brochure, I'd like to share some anonymous words of wisdom we all hold dear:

When something good happens,
TRAVEL TO CELEBRATE.

If something bad happens,
TRAVEL TO FORGET.

If nothing happens,
TRAVEL TO MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN!

I think that sums it up and since I have not been everywhere, though it is on my bucket list, come join me! Our travels are going to be a blast!



Donna & David

A word about "WAIT LIST" and "SOLD OUT" trips.

Since the world "re-opened" in 2022, we have seen more and more people taking trips. Where once a "wait list" for a trip was uncommon, it is not anymore. You're also seeing "sold out" on bigger trips when it becomes impossible to get another traveler on it even if there is a cancellation.

The message is clear: when you see a trip that you seriously want to take, let us know as soon as you can. We don't want you to be left behind!

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Overnight Trips

SPRING MYSTERY APRIL 22—25, 2024



The Spring Mystery Trip is just that: a mystery. You don't know where you're going or what you'll see. You just know it's going to be interesting and lots of fun. Our days are filled with fascinating tours, lots of interesting and fun things to do, and delicious food. And as always, we'll be staying at

the **same hotel for three nights**. Combine a great hotel with unique tours and **you have a winning combination**.

If you're new to Royal Tours & Travel, please know that this trip sells out early. As a rule, after people take their first mystery trip, they tend to sign up for it each year. It is that much fun! Come join us. It's going to be a blast!!

Included Meals:

3 breakfasts & 3 dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$1,189 | TPL \$1,087 | QUAD \$1,042 | SGL \$1,459

FULL PAYMENT DUE: March 11, 2024

Pickup location:

Suffolk, Franklin & Emporia, VA

DEPOSITS & REFUNDS

We no longer take deposits on overnight motor-coach trips unless show tickets are involved. Due to this change, if you book a trip and need to cancel, it is critical that you contact us to remove your name from the list. Failing to do so may cause a trip to be cancelled—which would disappoint a lot of people.

Riverboats, ocean cruises and trips involving air do require deposits in order to book. Cruise deposits are normally refundable through the cruise line until final payment at which point insurance would go into effect. Riverboats and trips involving air typically require deposits at the time of booking plus the insurance payment if you want insurance that covers pre-existing medical conditions.

Day trips require payment within 10 days of booking. The payment is totally refundable until one month before the trip. If you must cancel within a month of the trip, we will try to resell your tickets and send you a refund.

DANIEL (NUMBER 1) MAY 6—8, 2024

Highlights:

- ◆ Lancaster, Pennsylvania is home to a wide variety of Mennonite groups so we will start our adventure by touring the **Mennonite Life Visitors Center**.
- ◆ Tour a biblical tabernacle reproduction that is a **full-size model of Moses' Tabernacle in the Wilderness**. Learn more about the history, construction, and spiritual significance of this symbolic dwelling place of God. It is amazing to see!
- ◆ Visit the **National Watch and Clock Museum** which features the largest collection of timepieces in North America. See more than 13,000 watches and clocks from around the world. From prehistory to the space age, this highly popular tour is as close as you can come to "time travel".
- ◆ Enjoy the production of *Daniel*. Taken from his people, he is exiled in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. As pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. From the fiery furnace to the den of lions, you'll witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories.
- ◆ Taste the most **mouth-watering pretzel** you've ever eaten plus, learn how to **make your own whoopie pie** and afterwards, enjoy your own creation.
- ◆ Visit **Kitchen Kettle Village** for lunch and shopping.
- ◆ End our Lancaster adventure by traveling down the backroads and **enjoying the beauty of the Amish landscape**. We will take a **tour of four Amish entrepreneurs' businesses** to learn how they make their product, how they got into it, what kind of technology they use, and what they do not/cannot use. You'll receive a **free sample of their work to take home** with you after each stop.

Included Meals:

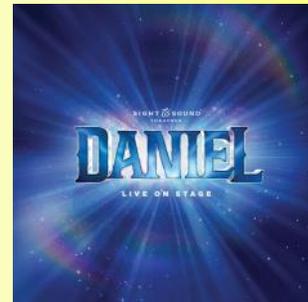
2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

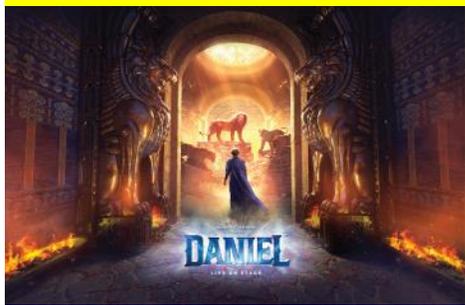
DBL \$785 | TPL \$749 | QUAD \$ 729 | SGL \$891

FULL PAYMENT DUE: March 25, 2024

Pickup locations: Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA



DANIEL AT SIGHT & SOUND THEATRE THREE TRIPS—THREE DIFFERENT ITINERARIES.



Travel with us to Pennsylvania this spring and experience *Daniel at Sight and Sound Theatre*. If you saw Daniel in Lancaster in 2002, you will witness a totally new production in 2024. Of course, the story is the same, but the music, costumes, script, and technology are totally different.

Join us as we follow Daniel, facing pressure and unbelievable danger to conform to the ways of the Babylonians. And celebrate with Daniel as he stands faithful, true, and loyal to God. A story from the Old Testament comes to life in front of your eyes as we watch, listen and learn—for God is still speaking to us today.

DANIEL (NUMBER 2) MAY 15—17, 2024

Highlights:

- ◆ Visit the **National Watch and Clock Museum** which features the largest collection of timepieces in North America. See more than 13,000 watches and clocks from around the world, including a German table clock from approximately 1570. From prehistory to the space age, this highly popular tour is as close as you can come to “time travel”.
- ◆ Enjoy an interesting adventure as you travel down the backroads experiencing **the beauty of the Amish countryside**. We will **stop at four Amish entrepreneur businesses** to learn how they make their product, how they got into it, what kind of technology they use, and what they do not/cannot use. You’ll **receive a free sample of their work** to take home with you after each stop.
- ◆ Visit **Kitchen Kettle Village** for lunch and shopping.
- ◆ Enjoy the production of *Daniel*. Taken from his people, he is exiled in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. As pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. From the fiery furnace to the den of lions, you’ll witness one of the Bible’s most hope-filled stories.
- ◆ Taste the most **mouth-watering pretzel** you’ve ever eaten, learn how to **make your own whoopie pie** and take home a **delicious loaf of raisin bread**.
- ◆ Stop at **Green Dragon Farmers Market**, considered Lancaster’s prized farmer’s market. It is filled with Amish jams, jellies and crafts as well as specialty vendors, antiques, and so much more. This stop is back by popular demand.

Included Meals:

2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$785 | TPL \$749 | QUAD \$ 729 | SGL \$891

FULL PAYMENT DUE: March 25, 2024

Pickup locations: *Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA*

DANIEL (NUMBER 3) JUNE 18—20, 2024

Highlights:

- ◆ Enjoy an amazing **Chalk Talk** presentation with Elva Hurst. Using chalk, narration and music, she creates a huge detailed picture that illustrates her story. It is quite amazing and touching.
- ◆ Take an **Amish buggy ride**, seeing the world as the Amish do as they travel these same roads, plus the opportunity to ask the driver questions makes this this an exciting adventure.
- ◆ Visit the **Mennonite Life Visitors Center** where you will learn about this religious-cultural group established in the 16th century during the Protestant Reformation.
- ◆ Tour a **full-size model of Moses' Tabernacle in the Wilderness** and learn more about the history, construction, and spiritual significance of this symbolic dwelling place of God. It truly is amazing!
- ◆ Enjoy the production of *Daniel*. Taken from his people, he is exiled in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. As pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. From the fiery furnace to the den of lions, you’ll witness one of the Bible’s most hope-filled stories.
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Included Meals:

2 breakfasts & 2 dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$785 | TPL \$749 | QUAD \$ 729 | SGL \$891

FULL PAYMENT DUE: May 7, 2024

Pickup locations: *Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA*



ATLANTIC CITY MAY 19-21, 2024



We're headed to **Tropicana North** in Atlantic City, NJ to just have some fun, spend time playing in the casino, walking along the Boardwalk, shopping, eating, relaxing and playing some more. It's a great two-night getaway. You'll receive **\$30 free slot play and two \$25 meal vouchers**. There will also be **two \$50 giveaways on the motorcoach** en route to Atlantic City. Come join us for some fun, laughter and excitement!

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$458 | TPL \$430 | SGL \$578

FULL PAYMENT DUE: April 18, 2024

Pickup locations: *Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA*

SCENIC RAILWAY ADVENTURE JUNE 21—22, 2024

All aboard! It's a two-day adventure filled with history, fun, and beauty as we travel to the **Blue Ridge Mountains**. All aboard! Don't miss the train!

Highlights:

- ◆ Guided tour of "**American Celebration on Parade**", a unique museums with parade floats from famous national celebrations including Presidential Inaugural Parades.
- ◆ Travel in a **modernized 1940's passenger rail car**, enjoying a **dinner as the train winds through some of Virginia's prettiest countryside**. It's a three-hour round-trip excursion from Staunton as we travel through exciting tunnels and around rock cut-outs. It will surely be an exciting experience.
- ◆ Spend **one night in Staunton at the historic Hotel 24 South (formerly Stonewall Jackson Hotel)**.
- ◆ Enjoy an interesting **driving tour of Staunton**. Learn about the history and architecture of its award-winning "Main Street." We'll stop at Trinity Episcopal Church to see the original Tiffany stained glass windows that are gorgeous.
- ◆ You'll have free time at **Staunton's Farmer's Market**. There is nothing quite like purchasing from the person who grew the food or made the product.
- ◆ **Lunch at the Michie Tavern, an Historic Landmark** in Charlottesville Virginia.

Included Meals:

1 Breakfast, 1 Lunch, 1 Dinner

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$572 | TPL \$543 | QUAD \$525 | SGL \$659

FULL PAYMENT: May 10, 2024

Pickup locations: *Suffolk & Colonial Heights*

The train is not ADA accessible. You must be able to walk up steps and down the aisle.

MICHIGAN'S GRAND HOTEL & MACKINAC ISLAND AUGUST 24-SEPTEMBER 1, 2024



This trip is one that everyone must take at least once in their lifetime. It's just that special.

Highlights:

- ◆ Visit one of the **top Belgian Horse Farms in the US**. Get up close and personal with these majestic and gentle giants and hopefully meet the newest foals.
- ◆ Take a guided tour of the **Music House Museum**. Their unique collection walks you through the history, artistry, and the engineering of automated music.
- ◆ Visit **Charlevoix, Michigan**, for a unique driving tour focusing on the **Mushroom Houses** whose flowing lines and cedar shake roofs just seem to make many of these houses appear almost gnome-like.
- ◆ Spend the night in **Petoskey, Michigan** and explore the charming lakeside community known for its **brehtaking views, Victorian architecture, historic Gaslight District, and the Petoskey Stone**. Our gorgeous hotel for tonight is often referred to as **the Mini-Grand Hotel**.
- ◆ Board a hydro-jet ferry and travel from Mackinaw City to **Mackinac Island**. Oh, what an amazing time you are going to have on this island! It is one of America's most magnificent hotels . . . **rightly named, The Grand Hotel**. Grand it is and how fortunate that we can stay at **the Grand Hotel for TWO nights**. The magnificent Grand Hotel, a **National Historic Landmark**, has been the backdrop for two movies ("**This Time for Keeps**" and "**Somewhere in Time**") and has been on the "**Top 25 Hotels in the World**" list. Both mornings you will enjoy an extraordinary breakfast and, in the evenings, you will be pampered at a five-course dinner followed by live music. While there you'll also take a **narrated carriage ride of the island** and learn



MICHIGAN'S GRAND HOTEL & MACKINAC ISLAND -CONTINUED-

about its history then spend time browsing the quaint shops, sitting on the porch (**the Grand Hotel's front porch is the world's largest**) and **listening to the horses clicking on the cobblestones**, play croquet, swim, visit the butterfly conservatory, or ride a bike around the island. Whatever you do, it's sure to be grand!

◆ Visit **Frankenmuth, Michigan**, a charming Bavarian town, **Bronner's Christmas Wonderland**, the world's largest Christmas store as well as their **Silent Night Memorial Chapel**, a 56-foot-tall landmark that is a replica of the original chapel in Austria where "Silent Night" was first sung on Christmas Eve in 1818. (Instead you may prefer to take a guided tour of the **Military and Space Museum** next door.) Also explore their unique downtown where their **German roots run deep**. From **cuckoo clocks to house-made Bavarian specialties, the iconic Glockenspiel, massive Cheese Haus and more.**

◆ Travel to Dearborn, Michigan and visit the **Henry Ford Museum**, a magnificent museum that **focuses on people and ideas that made America and changed the world, helping to shape a better future.** Two famous exhibits are



President Kennedy's motorcade and Rosa Park's bus. Also visit **Greenfield Village**, where you'll explore 300 years of American perseverance. From **Henry Ford's first factory** to the **Wright Brother's bicycle shop** to **Edison's lab**, it is a **living reminder that anything is possible.**

◆ Tour **Warther's Museum in Ohio**, home to the **world-famous woodcarvings of steam engines created by Ernest "Mooney" Warther.** Carved out of ivory, ebony and walnut the detail of these miniature trains is astounding. You'll also be amazed at the **interconnected scissors that he carved by making slits in a block of wood and then just opening it up . . . unbelievable!**

Included Meals:

8 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches & 8 Dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$2,939 | TPL \$2,689 | QUAD \$2,521 | SGL \$3,799

FULL PAYMENT DUE: May 23, 2024

Pickup locations: Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA

THE HAMPTONS SEPTEMBER 8-13, 2024



Come join the fun as we explore Long Island's playground of the rich and famous – the Hamptons. Located on the eastern end of Long Island, New

York, it is a unique blend of the Gold Coast's high society and old colonial heritage charm, that will surely make for an interesting trip. Celebrity sightings? Well, that's a possibility!

◆ Highlights:

◆ **Tour Oheka Castle**, the famous Gold Coast mansion, resting majestically on the highest point of Long Island. It was considered the grandest estate on Long Island and the second largest residence in America. It was even the inspiration for the book, *The Great Gatsby*.

◆ Visit **Old Westbury Gardens**, considered one of the most beautiful English-style gardens in North America.

◆ Explore the charming town of **Sag Harbor**. Its illustrious history and a tour of the **Whaling & Historical Museum** will make for an interesting day.

◆ **Tour the North and South Fork areas of the Hamptons.**

◆ Visit the beautiful town of **Southampton** which is known as the epicenter of arts and culture for the Hamptons. This waterfront area boasts unspoiled beaches that has lured countless artists and writers over the years. It is considered the crown jewel of all the Villages of the East End.

◆ Travel to the easternmost tip of Long island and visit **Montauk Point Lighthouse.**

◆ Spend one night in **Philadelphia** en route home. **Meet Martha Washington**, who is quite a lovely lady. You'll thoroughly enjoy your time with her.

◆ Delve into the world of intrigue and deception as we visit the **International Spy Museum**, one of the most popular museums in Washington, DC. On this self-guided tour **that sheds light on the shadow world of espionage and intelligence**, you will come face to face with spies and spymasters, their gadgets and their stories. It is a most captivating museum.

Included meals:

5 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 5 dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$2,119 | TPL \$1,979 | SGL \$2,669

FULL PAYMENT DUE: June 10, 2024

Pickup Locations: Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA



AUTUMN IN NEW ENGLAND SEPTEMBER 18-26, 2024



Mid-September in New England signals the beginning of autumn. The cool crisp air, the spectacular mountain vistas that display the brilliant red, yellow and

orange leaves as they slowly travel down the mountainsides and oh, the quaint towns . . . this trip has it all.

Highlights:

- ◆ Travel to the Green Mountain State of Vermont.
- ◆ Visit the famous **Vermont Country Store**.
- ◆ Spend the night in **Killington, Vermont** and enjoy a guided tour of this breathtaking area with a local guide.
- ◆ Visit the **New England Maple Museum** and learn about maple sugaring.
- ◆ Tour **Plymouth Notch**, the **birthplace and boyhood home of President Calvin Coolidge**. Visit the historical museum, community church, cheese factory, schoolhouse, general store and the cemetery where Coolidge is buried.
- ◆ Visit **Woodstock**, a quaint village with a covered bridge where you'll have time to shop and meander through this picturesque area.
- ◆ Travel to **Quechee Gorge** which is referred to as *Vermont's Grand Canyon*. It's a magnificent place to witness the state's fall foliage display.
- ◆ Travel to the Granite State and spend two nights at our hotel in **Gilford, New Hampshire**.
- ◆ A local guide will join as we travel to **Franconia Notch State Park Visitor's Center** where we'll learn about the area and drive through a portion of the park.
- ◆ View **the Old Man of the Mountain Historic Site**.
- ◆ We'll ride through **Crawford Notch** with photo stops at **Elephant Head rock formation and Silver Cascade**.
- ◆ Tour the **Kancamagus National Scenic Byway** with stops at the **Albany Covered Bridge, Rocky Gorge, and Sugar Hill overlook**.
- ◆ Ride on the **Cannon Mountain tram** where we'll enjoy spectacular views from the top of the mountain.
- ◆ Travel south to the southern seacoast of Maine, the Pine State.
- ◆ **Tour Kennebunkport** with a local guide and drive past the Bush compound at **Walkers Point**. There will be time for lunch and shopping along the waterfront.
- ◆ Visit **Portland**, Maine's largest city-by-the-sea. Our local guide will take us by **Longfellow's boyhood home**, sea captain houses, and elegant Victorian mansions as we overlook

the islands of **Casco Bay in Portland Harbor**.

- ◆ Picture stop at **Portland Head Light**, the most photographed lighthouse in America.
- ◆ Spend two (2) nights in Portland, Maine.
- ◆ Visit **Boothbay Harbor**, the boating capital of Maine. This is New England - just as you pictured it.
- ◆ Enjoy a scenic, narrated **Boothbay Harbor cruise**, passing by beautiful vacation homes, lighthouses, small islands, and perhaps seals sitting on the ledges.
- ◆ Don souvenir lobster hats for a **traditional Maine lobster luncheon**. (alternate selection available).
- ◆ Visit the **Maine Maritime Museum in Bath**.
- ◆ Travel through Massachusetts, the Bay State, stopping for lunch at the **historic Salem Cross Inn** for a fireplace feast.
- ◆ Visit **Pumpkintown USA** in East Hampton, Connecticut. It is home to over 70 pumpkin-head people and pets scattered throughout this unique village that is made up of a saloon, jail, church, barbershop and more.



- ◆ **Tour Sleepy Hollow, New York** where *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving is set. Enjoy a photo opportunity at the Headless Horseman Statue and at the bridge where the Horseman would have hurled his pumpkin at Ichabod followed by an interesting historical tour of the cemetery.
- ◆ Spend the night in **Lahaska, Pennsylvania** and **explore Peddler's Village**.
- ◆ Tour the **Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery** and try your hand at pretzel twisting in the first commercial pretzel bakery in America.

Included Meals:

8 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches & 8 Dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$2,863 | TPL \$2,621 | QUAD \$2,523 | SGL \$3,633

FULL PAYMENT DUE: July 10, 2024

Pickup locations:

Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA



KENTUCKY'S FINEST OCTOBER 16-22, 2024

Kentucky is a state that abounds with beauty from its rolling hills to its lush forests, sparkling lakes, and winding rivers. Add to that the interesting places to visit, "created in Kentucky" foods, sports, Bourbon Trail, and a moonbow. Currently, there are only **two** places on earth where moonbows can be seen on a consistent basis: Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe and Cumberland Falls in Kentucky. Come join us for a fun and interesting trip.

Highlights:

- ◆ **Guided tour of the Secret City, US government site for creation of the world's first atomic bomb** during WWII.
- ◆ Visit **Cumberland Fall's moonbow** (a rainbow produced by moonlight). Quite an unusual phenomenon!
- ◆ Visit the **Kentucky Artisan Center** in Berea, the **Folk Arts and Crafts Capital of Kentucky**.
- ◆ Tour **Shaker Village**, an extremely unique religious community. Their daily life and beliefs were quite interesting.
- ◆ **Bourbon Experience** &/or Tastings: Woodford Reserve Distillery, Buffalo Trace plus Barrels & Billets (option to create your own blend of bourbon).
- ◆ Visit **Frazier Museum**, affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, and explore Kentucky history.
- ◆ Tour the **Slugger Museum** which showcases the story of Louisville Slugger **baseball bats** in baseball and in American history.
- ◆ Visit the **Kentucky Derby Museum** and take a **guided tour of Churchill Downs** where you'll hear the thrilling sounds of hooves pounding the dirt as the horses and jockeys train right in front of you .

- ◆ **Guided tour of Louisville.**
- ◆ Tour country music star, **Loretta Lynn's birthplace**, the place that shaped her into a coal miner's daughter.
- ◆ **Claiborne's Farm, the most iconic thoroughbred breeding farm in Kentucky's Horse Country!** Walk the shed rows of iconic stallion barns, visit with current stallions, and visit the cemetery boasting over 20 champions, including the legendary Secretariat.



Included Meals:

3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$1,847 | TPL \$1,671 | QUAD \$1,593 | SGL \$2,239

FULL PAYMENT DUE: September 16, 2024

Pickup locations:

Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA

FALL MYSTERY TRIP OCTOBER 28-31, 2024

The Fall Mystery Trip is just that: a mystery. You don't know where you're going or what you'll see. You just know it's going to be interesting and lots of fun. Our Fall Mystery is always in high demand and *the hotel we'll be staying at for three nights on this one will be spectacular*. Combine that with some unique sights and you have a winning combination. This fall trip is going to be a "wow", "Wow", "WOW" adventure!



Included Meals:

3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$1,341 | TPL \$1,233 | QUAD \$1,171 | SGL \$1,665

FULL PAYMENT DUE: September 16, 2024

Pickup locations:

Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA



2023 WINNERS!

We had so many new travelers last year that we decided to do 2 drawings.

Congratulations to

Gail Hamilton
from Smithfield, VA!

-and-

Phyllis Jones
from Rescue, VA

Instead of one \$400 winner, both of these winning ladies will get \$300 OFF THEIR NEXT ROYAL TOURS & TRAVEL TRIP.

If you'd like to be in the drawing for 2024, just refer a new traveler to us who you'd like to have on our trips. When that person takes their first trip with Royal Tours & Travel, your name goes into the pot. It's that easy!!



SAVOR LOUISIANA NOVEMBER 6-15, 2024

What is it that attracts us to Louisiana and the Cajun Country? Is it the feeling that at times you're in a Caribbean city? Is it the haunting beauty of the cypress trees and the beautiful old plantations? Or is it the cuisine, the music, and the festivals that attract us? Whatever it is, let the magic of Louisiana call to you. What a great place to be this fall!



Highlights:

- ◆ Visit the **US Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL** and tour two space station laboratory modules plus see a Saturn V rocket.
- ◆ Guided tour of Laurel, Mississippi, the official filming location for **Home Town** on HGTV.
- ◆ Tour and **dine at the private home** of David Gardner, **Choctaw Hall in Natchez, Mississippi.**
- ◆ Enjoy the **Cajun jam session at Savoy's Music Center.**
- ◆ Tour **Prairie Acadian Cultural Center** in Eunice.
- ◆ Visit **Konriko Rice Mill**, the oldest operating rice mill
- ◆ Visit **Avery Island** where you'll learn how **Tabasco® hot sauce** is made, all the way from seed to sauce.
- ◆ Enjoy a thrilling **airboat ride through the bayou.**
- ◆ Spend **three nights in the French Quarter** in New Orleans.
- ◆ Dinner at **Palm Court Jazz Café.**
- ◆ Visit Gallier House for a **Creole Death & Mourning Tour.**
- ◆ Visit **Jackson Square** and enjoy a beignet and café au lait.
- ◆ Visit **St Joseph's Plantation**, an **active sugar cane plantations** plus tour the Manor House with an actual family descendant.
- ◆ Dinner at the legendary **Court of Two Sisters.**
- ◆ Tour **Mardi Gras World** and see the enormous warehouses filled with floats.
- ◆ Take a guided **driving tour of New Orleans.**
- ◆ Enjoy a Creole and Cajun meal with a pinch of history, tall tales, and recipe tools at the **New Orleans School of Cooking.**
- ◆ Tour Mobile, Alabama's **Carnival Museum**, featuring the costumes from the pomp and pageantry of past coronations.
- ◆ Visit **Gibbs Gardens** and their spectacular gardens that have been featured on PBS shows.
- ◆ Visit the **Bavarian village of Helen, Georgia**

Included Meals:

7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 9 Dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$2,934 | TPL \$2,636 | QUAD \$2,498 | SGL \$3,497

FULL PAYMENT: September 16, 2024

Pickup locations: Suffolk & Emporia, VA

CHRISTMAS IN VERMONT DECEMBER 2-7, 2024



Imagine standing in the middle of a picturesque village that is right out of a Hallmark movie. Well, that's what we will be doing when we visit the charming town of Manchester, VT.

Highlights:

- ◆ Enjoy a driving tour of **Bethlehem, Pennsylvania**, known throughout the world as the "Christmas City".
- ◆ **Tour the Vanderbilt Mansion**, the summer home of Frederick Vanderbilt (brother to George of the Biltmore Estate).
- ◆ Spend three nights at our boutique hotel in Manchester.
- ◆ Enjoy an informative driving tour of the area.
- ◆ Visit the popular **Vermont Country Store.**
- ◆ **Tour Hildene, home of Robert Lincoln**, the only surviving child of President Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln.
- ◆ **Tour the American Museum of Fly Fishing.**
- ◆ **Enjoy time on your own to explore the village.**
- ◆ Enjoy a **dinner and Christmas show in Lancaster, PA**
- ◆ Step back in time, at **the National Christmas Museum.**

Included Meals:

5 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$1,816 | TPL \$1,659 | QUAD \$1,574 | SGL \$2,209

FULL PAYMENT: October 16, 2024

Pickup locations: Suffolk & Colonial Heights, VA

CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK CITY DECEMBER 9-13, 2024

Christmas in New York City is absolutely magical! We will be staying at the **Belvedere Hotel**, a fabulous boutique hotel and **centrally located to shows, museums and shopping.**



Highlights:

- ◆ **Two Broadway shows** (announced this summer).
- ◆ A one-hour carriage ride through Central Park.
- ◆ **The Rockettes** at Radio City Music Hall .
- ◆ **Radio City Music Hall Tour** plus *meet one of the Rockettes.*
- ◆ Dinner at Carmines
- ◆ Another optional play will be announced this summer

RATES PER PERSON:

DBL \$ 2,154 | TPL \$1,941 | QUAD \$1,734 | SGL \$2,794

\$600 DEPOSIT PLUS INSURANCE: August 1, 2024

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: October 15, 2024

Pickup Locations: Suffolk & Colonial Heights



Daytrips

"EASTER JUBILEE" AT RUDY THEATRE APRIL 4, 2024



We had such a wonderful time at the Rudy Theatre last Christmas and before we could begin our

travels home, folks were asking to **come** back in 2024 for the **Easter Jubilee**, and so we are!

We will enjoy lunch at the popular **Robbin's Nest restaurant** before the show. Enjoy contemporary and classic songs performed by a live cast of ten, and a hilarious comedian. It's good clean entertainment that will lift your spirits and feed your soul.

After the show, we'll stop for an hour to shop at **Carolina Premium Outlets**. We will enjoy a boxed dinner on the way home.

RATE PER PERSON: \$197 (show, lunch, and dinner)
(Due within 10 days of booking the trip.)

FINAL DAY TO BOOK THE TRIP: March 1, 2024

Pickup Locations and times (Depart/Return):

Suffolk VA: 7:15 AM/7:45 PM

Franklin VA: 7:45 AM/7:15 PM

Emporia VA: 8:40 AM/6:30 PM

Travel protection insurance is not included in the price of motorcoach trips. If you would like insurance added, please notify us when we contact you for your payment and we will give you a quote for travel protection insurance.

On any trip where travel protection insurance is automatically included (cruises, riverboats, and trips that include air) we will remove it upon written request.

"RUN FOR YOUR WIFE" AT SWIFT CREEK MILL MAY 22, 2024



Travel to Swift Creek Mill Playhouse in Colonial Heights for a **delicious lunch and an afternoon of laughter** as we enjoy the play, **"Run For Your Wife"**. An ordinary taxi driver gets away with keeping his two marriages a secret because of his irregular working schedule until an act of heroism threatens to burst his bubble.

Complication after complication begins to pile up as he tries to keep his double life from exploding. Two storylines are played out in separate locations at the same time. Sounds impossible but it's hilarious to watch!

RATE PER PERSON: \$147 - Due within 10 days of booking
(includes transportation, lunch, play & snacks on way back)

FINAL DAY TO BOOK: April 18, 2024

Pickup Locations:

Suffolk & Wakefield, VA

"CHRISTMAS JUBILEE" AT RUDY THEATRE DECEMBER 14, 2024



Join us this Christmas as we travel to Rudy Theatre. They are the number one live variety show theatre in North Carolina. Their **Christmas Jubilee show** is a special treat filled with music and laughter,

and guaranteed to get you into the spirit of the holidays.

We will enjoy lunch at the popular **Robbin's Nest restaurant** before the show. Afterwards we will stop at **DeWayne's Christmas Land** to browse, shop, and enjoy the decorations before returning home with a boxed dinner along the way.

RATE PER PERSON: \$169 (lunch and dessert included)
Due within 10 days of booking the trip.

FINAL DAY TO BOOK THE TRIP: November 1, 2024

Pickup Locations and times (Depart/Return):

Suffolk VA: 7:15 AM/7:45 PM

Franklin VA: 7:45 AM/7:15 PM

Emporia VA: 8:40 AM/6:30 PM



European Land Tour

TREASURES OF IRELAND
MARCH 25—APRIL 2, 2025



From the dramatic coastlines to the abundance of lush green landscapes, interesting history, lively heartwarming music, and the friendly people, there's just nowhere quite like the Emerald Isle. Come join us as we explore the many treasures of Ireland.

March 25—Overnight flight to Ireland

March 26—Arrive in Dublin – Meet our guide and check into our hotel for a two-night stay in Ireland's capital city. Tonight enjoy a Welcome Dinner. (D)

March 27—Enjoy a Dublin City Tour to see **Grafton Street, statue-lined O'Connell Street, and Phoenix Park**. Visit the famous **Christchurch Cathedral and Trinity College** where the 1,200-year-old *Book of Kells* is housed. Take a tour of a whiskey distillery and sample the **famous Irish Whiskey**. End the day with dinner in a **local pub**. (B, D)

March 28—Visit the **Guinness Storehouse**, telling the tale of Ireland's most famous beer and enjoy a tasting. Next, travel to **Limerick** to see the attractive **St. Mary's Cathedral, King John's Castle, and the Treaty Stone**. Check into our hotel for a two-night stay. In the evening enjoy the **Bunratty Castle Medieval Banquet** featuring dinner and entertainment at a **15th century castle**. (B, D)

March 29—Travel to the spectacular **Cliffs of Moher** situated on the Wild Atlantic Way. The cliffs ascend to over 700 feet and boast **the most breath-taking scenery in Ireland**. Then we'll travel through the **Burren Region, an area known for its limestone beauty**. Later enjoy a visit to **Galway, a vibrant city featuring St. Nicholas Cathedral and Eyre Square**. Return to Limerick. (B)

March 30—This morning we'll stop in **Adare, renowned as**

Ireland's prettiest village and designated as a heritage town by the Irish government with its picturesque location on the banks of the River Maigue. Later, arrive in the charming town of **Killarney** and embark on a **Jaunting Car Ride into Killarney National Park** The horse drawn Jaunting Car experience ends at the **Muckross House and Gardens, a 19th century Victorian mansion**. After touring Muckross we will check into our hotel for a two-night stay. Killarney is famous due to its **colorful 19th century buildings, beautiful national park, and epic shopping**. Tonight enjoy a fun filled evening with traditional Irish entertainment and dinner. (B, D)



March 31—Drive along the **Ring of Kerry, one of the most gorgeous coastal routes in the world**. As you travel along there will be plenty of stops for photos. Drive through **Glenbeigh** where the cliff road affords panoramic views of the Dingle Peninsula and Bay. Pass through the peat bogs and continue to **Sneem Village, famous for its brightly colored houses**. Then, its on through the mountains to **Molls Gap and Ladies View** with superb views of the **famous Lakes of Killarney**. Return to our hotel. (B)



April 1—Travel to **Kilkenny** and enjoy exploring or shopping in this medieval town. Kilkenny features an historic castle, great shops, traditional pubs, cobblestone lanes and secret alleys.

This afternoon check into your **Dublin area Castle Hotel** for a **unique overnight experience in one of the area's top castle hotels**. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our fellow travelers. (B,D)

April 2—Transfer to the airport and fly home filled with wonderful memories for your experiences in Ireland. (B)

RATE PER PERSON:

DBL \$4,399 | SGL \$5,149

Deposit \$600

Insurance due at time of booking: \$399

*CALL US IF YOU'D LIKE
THE DETAILED IRELAND BROCHURE.*



Cruises & Majestic Explorations

CANADIAN ROCKIES OCTOBER 3—11, 2024

From the lush green Pacific coast of Vancouver, Canada you'll board VIA Rail for a once-in-a-lifetime overnight train journey. Relax in the dome car and enjoy panoramic views of snow-capped mountains, glacial lakes, rushing rivers and the unspoiled wilderness of Canada. Tour Banff, Jasper, and Lake Louise. We'll also be in search of the Northern Lights for September through November is the best time to view this spectacular phenomenon in the Canadian Rockies!



Itinerary

- October 3 Fly to Vancouver, Canada—**passport required**
- October 4 Tour **Vancouver** & board **VIA Rail**
- October 5 From the train, see **Monashee Mountains, Pyramid Falls** cascading down **Mt. Cheadle**, and the **glistening glaciers of the Albretha Icefields**. Arrive in **Jasper**, heart of the Canadian Rockies.
- October 6 Travel to **Maligne Lake**, the largest natural lake in the Canadian Rockies, and see the **dramatic Maligne Canyon**.
- October 7 Travel to **Lake Louise**. Journey along the unforgettable **Icefields Parkway**. Waterfalls, rushing rivers, glacial peaks, imposing cliffs, and snow-capped peaks paint a breathtaking canvas. Stop at **Athabasca Falls**. Ride across **glacier ice** or **walk on the Glacier Sky walk**. In Lake Louise, **stay at the world-famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**.
- October 8 View spectacular **Moraine Lake** and the **Valley of the Ten**. Arrive at the grand **Fairmont Banff Springs**, known as the "**Castle in the Rockies**," for a **luxurious 2-night stay**.
- October 9 Explore **Banff** featuring the powerful **Bow Falls** plus learn about **ammolite, a rare gemstone found only in Alberta**.
- October 10 Travel to **the prairies of Alberta** and visit a ranch before continuing on to the vibrant city of **Calgary**.
- October 11 Fly home

Call for pricing and availability.

Space on this trip is limited to 35 people.

**CALL FOR A SEPARATE BROCHURE
ON THE CANADIAN ROCKIES**

A passport is required for this trip.



SCANDINAVIAN CRUISE SEPTEMBER 14-27, 2025

A European Capital cruise that includes Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Belgium, Germany, France and the Netherlands plus the possibility of seeing the Northern Lights . . . wow!

2025 Itinerary:

- September 14 Fly to **London**; spend the night/explore
- September 15 Set sail: **Southampton (London), England**
- September 16 **Brussels, (Zeebrugge), Belgium**
- September 17 **Rotterdam, The Netherlands**
- September 18 At Sea
- September 19 **Oslo, Norway**
- September 20 **Gothenburg, Sweden**
- September 21 **Copenhagen, Denmark**
- September 22 **Aarhus, Denmark**
- September 23 At Sea
- September 24 **Hamburg, Germany (for Berlin)**
- September 25 At Sea
- September 26 **Paris/Normandy (Le Havre), France**
- September 27 **London, England/Disembark & fly home**

RATE PER PERSON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

STARTING AT:

Inside Stateroom - \$3,542 | **Oceanview Stateroom** - \$3,877
Stateroom with a Balcony - \$4,392 | **Mini-Suite** - \$5,267

Included: cruise including taxes, fees and port expenses associated with the ship, onboard meals and entertainment, Princess Plus Package (Wi-Fi, gratuities, classic drink package) and transfers to/from the airport. *(If you do not want the Princess Plus package, you can reduce the cost of the cruise by approximately \$800 but you'll pay gratuities of \$192 and have no Wi-Fi on the ship.)*

Not Included: airfare plus travel protection. I will be able to secure airfare in November 2024 but at this point it looks like airfare will be between \$1,200 - \$1,300 per person roundtrip. Also, a hotel in London the day prior to the cruise is not included (available mid-2024). Arriving a day early is optional.

DEPOSIT: \$900 per cabin. You may cancel at any time until final payment with a full refund from Princess Cruises. After final payment, cancellation would come under insurance.

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: June 1, 2025

FINAL DATE TO BOOK: April 18, 2025, based on availability

Ship: Emerald Princess



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