TRAVEL TALKS, 2017
A special thanks to all of you who attended our travel talks in January. I was overwhelmed by the number of reservations we received...especially for our ‘overnight’ tours. There are only 12 overnight tours that are not definite for 2017...amazing!! I hope you will join us on one of them. Many of our one day tours are definite or sold out, too...but there are quite a few that still need your attention. See pages 3-5 for details on our one day tours.

ALL THESE ‘OVERNIGHT’ TOURS ARE “A GO!” & STILL HAVE LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE.

- Island Getaways, 5/9-11
- Holland Tulip Festival, 5/10-15
- Mackinaw Island, 5/19-26
- Taste of the Gulf Coast, 5/29-6/2
- Las Vegas, 6/4-8
- Relaxin’ on the Mississippi, 7/16-22
- Eastern Canada, 8/1-10
- Door County, Wisconsin, (2 spaces) 8/12-20
- The Creation & The Ark, 8/28-31
- Tennessee Treats, 9/7-11
- Cape Cod, 9/22-10/1
- Niagara Falls, 10/3-8
- New England Fall Foliage, 10/13-22
- Pensacola, 11/13-18
- San Antonio Christmas, 11/26-12/3
- Christmas at Graceland, 12/4-8
- New York at Christmas, 12/10-15

CALL US RIGHT AWAY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.

VIEWS & VISTAS OF THE WEST
AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 15, 2017
WE NEED 6 MORE FOLKS TO MAKE THIS TOUR ‘A GO’.

This is it!! Your opportunity to see the Grand Canyon not just once, but twice, plus so much more...see page 9. Plan to attend our presentation for this “2017 PREMIER TOUR” when all details have been finalized. Limited to 22 participants, this tour will provide memories that will stay with you forever!

Wingate by Wyndham, US 378, March 19th at 2:30 pm.

‘Norwegian Breakaway’
April 15-27, 2018
Trans-Atlantic Sailing with FANTASTIC PORTS OF CALL
* Ponta Delgado, Azores
* Cork (Cobh), Ireland
* Portland, England
* Paris (LeHavre), France
* London (Southampton), England

FREE GRATUITIES AND MORE! LIMITED # OF CABINS STILL AVAILABLE...

Don Myrick
The End of the Trail...
August 17, 1947-December 10, 2016

For Don Myrick, the trail that began for us in March, 1992, ended with the onset of his cancer, in December, 2015. His 2nd career as a motor coach operator, after retiring from the Air Force as a flight engineer and flight simulator instructor, touched my life and the lives of many of you, in indescribable ways. I always said that if Don could teach pilots what to do in an emergency, he could certainly keep us safe. There can be no doubt that ‘keeping us safe’ was his primary goal and he accomplished that effortlessly year after year. During the 23 years we worked together, Don drove a total of 1,190,874 miles and 4,221 days—averaging 49,619 miles and 179 days a year. Throughout this time, he held to his often-voiced philosophy, “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”

RIP, Don
'SOMETHING SPECIAL' TOURS—
ONLY DISCOUNTED TOURS STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2017!
No other discounts will apply and credit cards may not be used for these 'specially' discounted tours. Discounts are based on per person/double occupancy.

GOING TO THE DOGS!  June 24-25, 2017
Join us on the fun little getaway as we travel to Jacksonville to the Greyhound Racing Park...
Your tour will include:
*1 night, Hilton Garden Inn     *Jacksonville Budweiser Brewery Tour with free tasting  
*buffet dinner and live racing at the Greyhound Racing Park  
to include clubhouse admission, official race program and tip sheet, plus a fun-filled class on wagering and a reserved seat for the races   *time in historic Savannah  
*Harbor Cruise of Savannah, with deluxe Sunday Brunch  
*$1 buffet dinner  *deluxe motor coach transportation with amenities  
*services of an experienced tour director
$349 PP/DROPLE  $335 PP/TRIPLE  $329 PP/QUAD  $425 SINGLE

RAILROADING IN WEST VIRGINIA  July 27-30, 2017
IF YOU LOVE TRAINS...IF YOU LOVE THE MOUNTAINS... 
AND, IF YOU LOVE SURPRISES...THIS TOUR IS FOR YOU!!
Highlights of this tour include:
*1 night at Hawk’s Nest State Park to enjoy the New River Gorge area.  
*The New River Gorge/Bridge Visitors Center and scenic overlook  
*A tram ride down to the river from the lodge  
*2 nights at the Holiday Inn Express, Elkins, WV.  
*2 shows: the American Mountain Theatre and The Gandy Dinner Theatre.  
*2 train rides—on the Durbin Rocket and the Cheat Mountain Salamander.  
*Spectacular views of the Monongahela National Forest and the “High Falls of Cheat.”  
*Meals include 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners.  
$799 PP/DROPLE  $774 PP/TRIPLE  $749 PP/QUAD  $999 SINGLE

Fall Foliage through the Appalachian Mountains
and in Niagara Falls will be spectacular!
NIAGARA FALLS, PLUS FALL FOLIAGE!  October 3-8, 2017
NIAGARA FALLS IS RATED AMONG THE TOP 10 NATURAL ATTRACTIONS IN THE WORLD!
Don’t miss this great opportunity to travel to Ontario, Canada. Whether you are a first-time visitor to the Falls or if you are returning for the 10th time...it is a sight that never fails to take your breath away! Join us as we travel to the Canadian side of the Falls—staying at the beautiful Embassy Suites Fallsview. Your room will have a fabulous view of the Falls and the hotel is in an ideal location! Because we will spend 3 nights in Niagara Falls, there will be plenty of time to explore the countryside, too. In addition, we will visit Niagara on the Lake, tour a winery in the Wine District, have dinner in the Skylon Tower and, enjoy 4 attractions with our Canadian Parks Pass—the Maid of the Mist, The Butterfly Exhibit, White Water Walk and The Journey Under the Falls. You will also have hop-on/hop-off privileges with your Canadian Parks people mover pass!
Other highlights of your tour will include our first night in route...at the very lovely Carlisle Inn in the Ohio Amish country, plus our last night in route...at one of our favorites, the Embassy Suites Charleston (WV). Breakfast included each morning, plus 1 dinner, and 4 Managers’ Receptions.
$1349 pp/double  $1299 pp/triple  $1265 pp/quad  $1699 single

CALL 803-356-3000 OR 888-74TOURS TODAY!
### Spirit of Old Book

**Backyard Tours...just for you!**

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<td>Springtime in Beaufort! We will begin our day in Beaufort with a brief musical introduction, “Spirit of Old Beaufort.” Also included, a carriage tour of the historic district, plus a coach tour of the city with time for browsing the shops of downtown Beaufort. Lunch, included, at the historical and award-winning Beaufort Inn.</td>
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<td>Did you know there is a small community of Mennonites living in Blackville, along the SC Heritage Corridor? Today, we will enjoy a local guide who will give us special insights into the Mennonite community and will make sure all our questions are answered about the Mennonite faith. In addition, we will enjoy lunch, included, at a local Mennonite restaurant. And, right off the main road we will find God’s Acre Healing Springs, an artesian well where we will stop to fill our water bottles. Not to be missed is a visit to Terry King, one of the most well known of the SeaGrove potters. Enjoy his demonstration, shop in his studio, and receive a $5.00 coupon toward your purchase! Lunch, included, at a local restaurant you won’t want to miss! We did this last year as a mystery tour...it was an immediate success!</td>
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<td>We always start a taste trip with something special...this tour will be no exception! We visited Greenville on our April Fool’s Taste Tour in 2013 and knew immediately that we would have to offer it again...and again! Our tastings and tour (and freebies) made this a tour one that everyone rated a 5 diamond experience...so here it is for those of you who may have missed it or just want to go back!</td>
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<td>Mount Airy, a designated All-America City, is listed as one of the top 100 places to live in the United States...come and see why! Our step-on guide will give us a guided tour of Mount Airy, the hometown of Andy Griffith and the inspiration for the fictional town of Mayberry. Mayberry fans will enjoy seeing the Old Mayberry Jail, Floyd’s City Barber Shop, the Andy Griffith Playhouse, and Andy’s home place. Lunch today will be at Snappy’s Lunch, one of Surry County’s historical landmarks. We understand their pork chop sandwich is a must, but you can order from the menu and it’s on us!</td>
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<td>Experience a 200 year-old tradition as potters in SeaGrove, create a lasting heritage. Nestled here in the countryside of North Carolina, you will find the largest concentration of working potters in the United States. A highlight of our tour...visit Terry King, one of the most well-known of the SeaGrove potters. Enjoy his demonstration, shop in his studio, and receive a $5.00 coupon toward your purchase! Lunch, included, at a local restaurant you won’t want to miss! We did this last year as a mystery tour...it was an immediate success! Come and experience the diversity of North Carolina pottery.</td>
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<td>This tour was our mystery tour several years ago...and it was such a success, we have offered it several times since. Today we will step back in time with a tour and lovely lunch at the historic Lake Lure Inn. The owner’s music box collection will amaze you as we are treated to demonstrations of many of his music boxes. Lunch in their beautifully-restored dining room is a must. Then we will enjoy a relaxing cruise on Lake Lure as our captain narrates the history of the area. The movie, ‘Dirty Dancing,’ was filmed here and he will point out many of the movie sites!</td>
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<td>First, we will experience Aiken’s grace, charm and elegance during this 2 hour guided tour aboard our trolley. On the tour, you’ll see and hear about Aiken’s historic homes and churches, equestrian sites, the Live Oak Canopy on South Boundary, plus enjoy a stop at the Thoroughbred Racing Hall of Fame &amp; Museum (weather permitting). Lunch today will be at the historic Wilcox Hotel, then it is on to Augusta for a tour of Augusta’s Historic Downtown. You will see historic homes, hear about the bones in the basement of the Medical College of Georgia, see where a President lived as a boy, get a glimpse of the Augusta Canal, and hear the legend of the famous Haunted Pillar! We are sure you will give us an A+ on this ’2 in l’backyard tour!</td>
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*Also, the Southern Christmas Show is available with limited space available.*

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Mepkin Abbey Creche Festival  November 30, 2017  $95 per person
You are invited to a special exhibit of Nativity Sets from around the world, held annually at Mepkin Abbey. You have to see this exhibit to believe it, plus you will have time to enjoy the Abbey Store. They will have many nativity sets (and fruitcake!) for sale, too. Hopefully, our favorite volunteer, Julie Yaeger, will be on hand to greet us and give us the inside scoop! We will also have time for lunch and shopping in Charleston!

Christmas at the Biltmore  December 2, 2017  $140 per person
Remember the childlike wonder you once felt as Christmas approaches? It's waiting for you at Biltmore this Christmas season. Add a new tradition to your list of season's activities...a visit to the magnificent Biltmore Estate. At Christmastime, more than 45 magnificent trees, hundreds of wreaths and poinsettias and over 10,000 feet of evergreen adorn Biltmore Estate. We'll also enjoy a Christmas luncheon, included, at Deerpark and a tour of the Estate’s Winery.

A Narroway Christmas  December 9, 2017  $105 per person
Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas and enjoy Christian-themed entertainment at its best. Have a themed dinner at NarroWay’s Theatre and then enjoy reservations for Narroway’s Christmas matinee, “The Real Christmas Story.” Guaranteed snowfall at every performance! See your favorite Christmas scenes! Hear your favorite Christmas songs! Then watch in awe-stricken wonder as NarroWay Productions beautifully recreates the Real Christmas story. Lunch included.

Christmas at the Speedway!  December 7, 2017  $89 per person
Speedway Christmas is returning to Charlotte Motor Speedway and their Christmas light show is even bigger and better in its seventh year. It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and you can get into the yuletide spirit at a place not necessarily associated with the holidays at first thought: Charlotte Motor Speedway. The massive motor-sports complex’s Carolina Christmas light display is now open, featuring more than 600 of your favorite holiday characters and figures, illuminated by more than 3 million lights. And, yes, we will take our motor coach out onto this famous track to view the lights. In addition, we will visit Charlotte’s most famous store at this time of year...the Peppermint Forest. An early dinner at a local Cracker Barrel will be included.

Flat Rock Christmas Spectacular  December 16, 2017  $110 per person
Enjoy this entertaining one day getaway! We will travel first to Biltmore Village for lunch, not included—there are several restaurants from which to choose, plus have a little time for shopping! Biltmore Village will be all decked out in Victorian-style for Christmas, too. This afternoon we will enjoy reserved seating for Flat Rock’s matinee performance of one of their best Christmas shows, “A Christmas Spectacular.” You will especially enjoy this lively and entertaining show...filled with singing, dancing and all your ‘Christmas favorites’!

Ohio Amish of Holmes County  April 17-21  SOLD OUT...WAITING LIST ONLY!

Island Getaways!  May 9-11, 2017  NOTE: MODERATE WALKING
WOW...we are going to visit 3 islands off the SC/GA coast!  10 Spaces Still Available!
Jekyll Island: The southernmost island of the Golden Isles, Jekyll Island was purchased in 1886 by a group of wealthy families as a private retreat. By 1900, the Jekyll Island Club membership included the Rockefellers, Morgans, Cranes and Goulds and represented over one-sixth of the world’s wealth. We will spend 2 nights at the historic and iconic Jekyll Island Club Hotel.
Cumberland Island: Cumberland Island National Seashore is the largest and southernmost barrier island in Georgia offering visitors over 17 miles of secluded, white, sandy beaches. We will catch a ferry and enjoy a walking tour of the island.
Daufuskie Island: Daufuskie Island offers a glimpse of what other sea islands were like before bridges and causeways opened them to development. The subject of Pat Conroy's novel, The Water Is Wide, Daufuskie Island has a timeless quality and is still accessible only by boat. We will enjoy a ferry ride and guided tour of this intriguing island.
Includes 2 nights’ accommodations, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 roundtrip ferry rides, guided tours of Cumberland Island and Daufuskie Island...a new tour not to be missed! Space now limited.
$619 PP/DBL  $575 PP/TRPL  $559 PP/QUAD  $799 SINGLE  (INSURANCE NOT INCLUDED).
**HOLLAND TULIP FESTIVAL**

**MAY 10-15, 2017**

**BILLED AS ONE OF THE TOP 100 EVENTS IN THE UNITED STATES!**

**8 SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

**PLUS RESERVED SEATS FOR VINCE GILL CONCERT!**

The Tulip Time Festival is a celebration of Dutch heritage and culture, a multi-generational event that has a little bit of something for everyone including visits to Veldheer’s Tulip Farm, and the Windmill Island Gardens. We will enjoy the Muziekparade, an amazing parade showcasing Dutch dancers, many bands from throughout the U.S., and many local performers as well. We will even have bleacher seating for this parade, the longest and most colorful parade of the festival. We will enjoy multiple Dutch Dance performances, 3 shows/concerts including the Brett Family Show from Branson, country music legend, Vince Gill, and ‘Suds’, A Rocking ‘60’s Show. Dutch arts and crafts and food at the Dyutch Marktplaats, a guided tour and so much more! Meals in Holland will include the Bretts’ Dinner, dinner at the Beechwood Inn, and dinner and entertainment at the ‘Twist on Tradition’ dinner. Includes 5 nights’ accommodations, 5 breakfasts, 5 dinners. Rest assured, we will be staying in Holland, MI, right downtown in the midst of all the ‘tulip time’ festivities...no driving 30 miles every night after our evening show for us! We will also spend 2 nights (1 night going to Holland and 1 night returning to SC) at a 4 star hotel with buffet dinner and a full buffet breakfast! Don’t miss ‘Tulip Time’ in Holland, MI!

What a great opportunity! **$1249 PP/DOUBLE  $1126 PP/TRIPLE  $1071 PP/QUAD  $1722 SINGLE**

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**Michigan’s Mackinaw Island**

**May 19-26, 2017**

**Step back in time...and enjoy being pampered at this world-class resort!**

**Only 6 spaces still available!**

A return to Mackinaw Island with 2 nights at the Grand Hotel, 2 nights in the Bavarian town of Frankenmuth, 1 night in Dearborn, MI, admission to the Henry Ford Museum, many meals, tours, and inclusions! If you’ve never stayed at The Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island, you just don’t know what you’re missing! You will also enjoy a tour of the island in an old-fashioned horse-drawn surrey with a fringe on the top and have time to just relax and enjoy the views from the front porch of your 4 star hotel! We will also visit Frankenmuth, a lovely Bavarian village and home of the famous Bronner’s Christmas Shop—the largest Christmas store in the world! A special treat...we enjoy 2 nights here...just across the covered bridge at Zehnder’s Bavarian Inn. We will especially enjoy a guided tour of the historic town and will even participate in a pretzel rolling! Our last night on the way home will be spent at Belterra Hotel & Casino...their buffet is better than Beau Rivage!!

**$1950 PP/DOUBLE  $1725 PP/TRIPLE  $1669 PP/QUAD  $2699 SINGLE**

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**A RETURN TO ABINGDON AND ‘THE MARTHA’!**

**MAY 27-28, 2017**

Nestled in the Blue Ridge Highlands of Southwest Virginia, The Martha Washington Inn, located in Abingdon’s historic district, offers antique furnishings, fine dining, intimate parlors and the utmost in Southern hospitality. Originally built in 1832 as a private mansion, "The Martha" opened as one of Virginia’s finest hotels in 1935. Today it still provides an ambiance of understated Southern charm and is a memorable experience for its guests.

The Barter Theatre, just across the street from our inn, is the State Theatre of Virginia. We’ll have reserved seating for that wonderful musical, “Footloose,” too. Tour also includes breakfast, and tour of the hotel, after show ‘sherry’ at the hotel, plus something special in route home.

**$355 PP/DOUBLE  $329 PP/TRIPLE  $487 SINGLE**

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**LAS VEGAS**

**JUNE 4-8, 2017**

**6 SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Join us as we travel to Las Vegas. We will be staying at the 4 Diamond/4 Star Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino, located right downtown and right in the center of the Fremont Street Experience! Only 6 spaces left... send in your deposit of $400 today!

**$899 PP/DOUBLE  $881 PP/TRIPLE  $1039 SINGLE**

**YOUR TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:**

* 4 nights’ accommodations
* 2 for 1 breakfast coupons (2)
* optional activities and tours (Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam)
* Round-trip airfare
* baggage handling and taxes
* Services of tour director
* Does not include insurance

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Taste of the Gulf Coast

**May 29-June 2, 2017**

**Delicious with a Tasty Side of Mouthwatering...**

“Eat Y’all” is an authority on Southern cuisine...and has made several recommendations for our Gulf Coast Taste Tour! Our heritage of great Southern cooks and sumptuous servings runs as deep as the Gulf! Check out what we have planned for you—3 nights in Biloxi at the magnificent Beau Rivage and 1 night at Wind Creek, just above Mobile, AL. We will drive US 90 through Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Gulf Port, etc...sampling Gulf Coast delicacies throughout! Enjoy beignets, a shrimp boat excursion, followed by lunch at the famous McElroy’s, a tour of the Hurricane Hunters on Keesler Air Force Base with lunch on the base (pending confirmation), a tour of Beauvoir with afternoon tea/dessert on the Confederate Presidential Mansion’s Porch with Southern Parlor Music...and then we will stop in Mobile, AL, too. Included in our tour of Mobile will be a stop at their Mardi Gras Museum, a tasting of the Mardi Gras king cake, a tasting of Conecuh sausage—the state’s unofficial smoked link, and a stop at Visitation Monastery Gift Shop, where the cloistered nuns make the best Heavenly Hash this side of the confessional. Creamy milk chocolate, pecans, and their secret weapon—homemade marshmallows. Your Gulf Coast tour includes 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners. This taste trip promises to be the best yet!

$893 PP/Dbl  $859 PP/Trpl  $799 PP/Quad  $1099 Single

Mamma Mia!

**June 15-16, 2017**

**A Mother. A Daughter.  3 Possible Dads.**

**And a Trip Down the Aisle**

You’ll Never Forget!

Over 60 million people all around the world have fallen in love with the characters, the story and the music that make **Mamma Mia!** the ultimate feel-good show! The story-telling magic of **ABBA**’s timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship! Includes 1 night’s hotel, 1 lunch at the Blue Willow, Mamma Mia and a tour of Atlanta Botanical Gardens, plus a little shopping, too!

$399 PP/DBL  $375 PP/TRPL  $360 PP/QD  $477 SGL

Relaxin’ On the Mississippi!

**July 16-22, 2017**

**Highlight: The ‘Celebration’ Cruise!! Space Now Limited!**

What could be better than a relaxing holiday...and relax you will as we take 3 riverboat cruises on the Mississippi. We will spend our first night at the Drury Suites in Paducah, KY. Our second day will find us in St. Louis where we will enjoy our first riverboat cruise on the Mississippi. You will also marvel at the view from the top of the Arch, plus have time to visit the Museum of Westward Expansion. The third day we travel to Hannibal, MO, where we will visit Mark Twain’s boyhood home and see the house of his sweetheart, Becky Thatcher. Our second cruise will be aboard the ‘Mark Twain’, an authentic Mississippi River paddle wheeler. Then, we travel to Dubuque, IA...stopping on the way to visit the picturesque Luxembourger Village of St. Donatus. Later this afternoon, we arrive in Dubuque, Iowa...located right on the mighty Mississippi. The highlight of our tour...a full day cruise on yet another paddle wheeler...complete with breakfast, lunch and prime rib dinner, entertainment, etc. This cruise is offered only during the summer season and is already sold out on many days...it is that popular! The next morning we will have time to visit the John Deere Pavilion, right across the street from our hotel. Our last night will be spent in Louisville, KY at the world-class Galt House. Includes 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners.

$1399 PP/Dbl  $1275 PP/Trpl  $1229 PP/Quad  $1885 Single

Exploring the Pacific Northwest

**June 16-July 10, 2017**

**This tour promises to be our greatest Western adventure yet...sold out! Waiting List Only.**
A TASTE OF EUROPE...EASTERN CANADA  AUGUST 1-10, 2017

Spend 5 nights in two of the Premier Castle Hotels of Canada, 3 nights in ‘French’ Quebec at the Chateau Frontenac and 2 nights in the very ‘English’ Ottawa at the Chateau Laurier!

Tour Highlights: Three nights at the Frontenac in Quebec—the perfect location within the gates of the Walled City on the mighty St. Lawrence! 2 nights at Chateau Laurier in Ottawa, the capital city of Canada, 1 night in Niagara Falls, and 1 night in the Finger Lakes, plus a boat cruise on Lake Skaneateles!

This fairytale tour to Canada will take advantage of the excellent values currently available in our neighbor to the north to explore some of her most historic cities and her lovely countryside as well. There will be flowers, flowers, flowers...everywhere we turn! In addition to accommodations in the premier ‘castle’ hotels of Canada...you will also enjoy the Finger Lakes and Niagara Falls. We will include guided tours of Ottawa and Quebec...you will especially enjoy our guide in Quebec—he has a charming French accent! Also included will be dining experiences that you will be talking about long after you return home—7 meals, including dinner in a revolving restaurant overlooking Niagara Falls!

Niagara Falls! $2679 PP/DOUBLE $2495 PP/TRIPLE $2255 PP/QUAD $3999 SING.
VIEWS AND VISTAS OF THE WEST!  AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 16

THIS IS IT!!  YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE GRAND CANYON NOT JUST ONCE, BUT TWICE!  WE WILL SPEND 2 NIGHTS IN THE GRAND CANYON AT THE SOUTH RIM AND 1 NIGHT AT THE LESS WELL-KNOWN NORTH ENTRANCE!  THE SOUTH CANYON VIEWS ARE THE ONES YOU THRILL TO...AS SEEN ON TV AND IN THE MOVIES. THE NORTH CANYON VIEWS ARE EVEN MORE SPECTACULAR. THIS IS THE ONLY TOUR PACKAGE DESIGNED TO OFFER THE 'VIEWS AND VISTAS' OF BOTH!!

MAKING OUR WAY TO THE GRAND CANYON: We will take 5 days to cross the United States, viewing the changing landscape of our vast country. This trek, done in the comfort of our deluxe motor coach with only 23 folks on board, will be far different from that of our ancestors who traveled in wagon trains, on foot and on horseback for months! We will have time to enjoy a tour of Fort Worth, cross the famous Abilene Trail, and head to El Paso!  On the 5th night, we will stay at the beautiful Embassy Suites just outside Tucson. You won’t believe the views we will have from this hotel!

CANYONLANDS AND NATIONAL PARKS: Before entering the Grand Canyon National Park at the South Rim, we will enjoy 1 night in Sedona, AZ, known for its array of red sandstone formations that appear to glow in brilliant orange and red when illuminated by the rising or setting sun. From there, it is only a short drive to the South Rim of the Grand Canyon. We will stay in the park for 2 nights….doing a driving tour first, and then you will have free time to make use of the South Rim’s shuttle service. You won’t want to miss the spectacular sunrise and sunset that will showcase the beauty of the canyon! And now it will be time for the absolute best part of the tour...spending the night at the North Rim of the Grand Canyon! We did this in 2015 and all agreed its natural beauty exceeded that of the South Rim. You can judge for yourself! From here, we will continue on to Lake Powell, spending the night at a hotel right on the lake. You will especially enjoy the views of Lake Powell if you take the optional dinner cruise this evening. The next day it will be time to continue to Monument Valley...we plan to take a jeep tour of this national park, including a steak dinner cookout that you will not believe!

BEFORE LEAVING THE WEST: We can’t be this close and not spend a little time in Colorado!  We will spend 2 nights in Durango; and, of course, take the Durango/Silverton Narrow Gauge train for ‘views and vistas’ of the real West that can’t be seen by car or motor coach. Then, it is on to Colorado Springs. The last Western landmark that we will view will be Pike’s Peak. Over 14,000 feet in elevation, we will have to take a special tram to reach the top. You will definitely understand why Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write “America the Beautiful” from the top of Pike’s Peak.

ON THE WAY HOME: We will travel through Kansas, Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina with opportunities for more ‘sightseeing’ in route before returning to our homes in South Carolina. This tour is only 19 days long, but it is jam-packed with the never-ending and always changing ‘views and vistas’ of our vast country!  $4878 PP/DOUBLE  $4299 PP/TRIPLE  $3995 PP/QUAD  $6883 SINGLE

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**SEPTEMBER 7-11, 2017**
**LYNCHBURG, MEMPHIS, & NASHVILLE!**

- **Memphis Highlights**
  - *1 night at the brand-new Graceland Hotel, adjacent to Graceland and decorated ‘Elvis’ style!*
  - *Tour of Graceland*
  - *Pro Bass Pyramid & Glass Elevator*
  - *Time on Beale Street*

- **Nashville Highlights**
  - *2 nights at the Opryland Hotel*
  - *Grand Ole Opry*
  - *Tour of Nashville*
  - *Time for Tootsie’s & downtown*

Your tour includes motor coach and amenities, 4 nights’ hotel accommodations, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, all tours/admissions, and the services of an experienced tour guide.

**Nashville** $949 PP/DBL  $859 PP/TRPL
$719 PP/QUAD  $1233 SGL

**Lynchburg Highlights**
- *1 night, Hampton Inn*
- *Tour of Jack Daniels Distillery*
- *Mary Bobo’s Boarding House Dinner*

**Lynyburg**

**Heroes & Legends!**
**September 14-18, 2017**

**Clarksville, TN, Salutes America with Three Big Events. First a Tribute to the USO Shows of Bob Hope, focusing on the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Show. Then 'The Welcome Parade,' one of this nation’s largest annual veterans parades, and finally a concert or stage show yet to be announced.**

**Heroes...**

“Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another!”
Come celebrate the Military Service of our travelers...our veterans may even march or ride in the Welcome Home Parade if they wish. We will cheer as they and hundreds of others recall with youthful pride their days in uniform.

**Legends...**

Step back in time...pay tribute to one of our greatest entertainers, Bob Hope. You’ll enjoy a 50th Anniversary Tribute to the 1967 USO Show that featured Bob Hope’s Troupe of Hollywood Gypsies at Da Nang, Cu Chi, Pleiku, Saigon and Cam Ron Bay.

It stars Bill Johnson as Bob Hope and a cast of characters, mixed with real film, and live music. Following the show, we will have an “after show” reception at the hotel for our guests.

Tour includes Bob Hope Tribute Show, Celebrate the USA Show, Welcome Home Veterans Parade, Post Parade Lunch, Tour of local tobacco farm, Tour & Tasting-Beachaven Winery, 4 nights’ first class lodging, Booth Museum of Western Art, Mary Bobo’s Boarding House dinner, Jack Daniels Distillery, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, roundtrip motor coach transportation with amenities, and services of experiences tour director.

$1099 PP/DOUBLE  $1025 PP/TRIPLE
$976 PP/QUAD  $1595 SINGLE

**CAPE COD & NEW ENGLAND**
**SEPT. 22-30, 2017**

**The Atlantic crashes on a coastline strewn with quaint harbors, windswept beaches, glorious dunes and blinking lighthouses. Explore Cape Cod National Seashore, ride past cranberry bogs on the Rail Trail or saunter around Sandwich, the Cape’s oldest town.**

*Many areas are architectural and culinary gems - full of weathered shingles, whaling captains’ mansions, chowder shacks and upscale dining delights.*

Tour Highlights: Cape Cod is where America began! It will stir your emotions with nostalgia as it continues to hold a special place in America’s landscape, history and collective imagination. Enjoy Hershey, PA, the fall foliage of New England, Boston, Newport, as well as 4 nights on Cape Cod where we’ll enjoy seeing the scenic villages and beaches of Cape Cod through the eyes of an experienced tour guide. Also included while staying on the Cape, an exciting whale watching excursion and ferry boat ride to Nantucket, New England’s beautiful lighthouses, and visits to the JFK Memorial, St. Francis Xavier Church, plus much more! You can be sure we will have lobster on the menu, too! Also includes 8 breakfasts and 5 dinners.

$1999 PP/DOUBLE  $1889 PP/TRIPLE  $1849 PP/QUAD  $2749 SINGLE

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NEW ENGLAND FALL FOLIAGE 
OCTOBER 13-22, 2017

Remember, this tour sells out early almost every time we offer it... 
Don’t wait, send in your reservation today... space now limited!

Explore the Rocky Coast of Maine plus New Hampshire and Vermont when the White and Green Mountains are ablaze with the reds and golds of autumn! Fall foliage peaked at this time of the year in 2015—we’re hoping for a repeat in 2017! We’ll spend 2 nights in Ogunquit, Maine, at the 4 Diamond Anchorage by the Sea...right on the Atlantic ocean, 1 night at the Inn at Mill Falls, New Hampshire...in the heart of the White Mountains, and 2 nights at our favorite, the Trapp Family Lodge, in Stowe, Vermont...in the heart of the Green Mountains! Highlights of this tour will be a visit to Kennebunkport, Squam Lake, Lake Winnipesaukee Railroad, Ben & Jerry’s and much, much more!

This tour includes 6 breakfasts, 5 dinners, tours of each area and admissions as needed.

$2399 PP/DOUBLE $2245 PP/TRIPLE $3475 SINGLE (quad space not available)

Visit Victorian Cape May
October 26-November 1, 2017

America’s Oldest Seaside Resort City has welcomed visitors for generations with its hospitality and Victorian charm. This Victorian community is not just for summertime. Combine Cape May’s location, architecture and hospitality with its year round appeal and it’s clear that this is a destination for all seasons. In addition we will travel south and spend our last night at the Holiday Inn Capitol in Washington, DC. Enjoy a full day in our nation’s capital...we will be staying only 1 block from the Smithsonians. For fun and history, we will spend 2 nights in the ‘first state’s’ capital city, Dover, Delaware. While there we will include a tour of the city, the famous Monster Mile racetrack and have lunch at the Flying Pig! This tour is filled with ‘must-see’ stops...but our time in Cape May will be the highlight of your trip. We will stay at the world-famous Congress Hall Hotel, America’s oldest seaside hotel, located on the beach and right in the historic district! Again, a flyer on this incredibly-priced tour will provide much more information.

$1349 PP/DOUBLE $1239 PP/TRIPLE $1190 PP/QUAD $1948 SINGLE

Helen’s Oktoberfest
October 29-30, 2017

Longest-running Oktoberfest Celebration in America!

Join us as we travel through the North Georgia mountains at a beautiful time of the year.

Highlights: Taccoa Falls, the Dillard House family-style dinner, tour of Helen and surrounding area with many tastings included. Also admission to the Oktoberfest Fest Halle for the largest Oktoberfest celebration in the United States. With all of this scheduled, we will try to make time for shopping, and just relaxing on the river.

We will spend the night at a hotel within walking distance of the Fest Halle. Meals: 1 breakfast, 1 dinner.

$299 PP/DBL $275 PP/TRIPLE $265 PP/QUAD $390 SINGLE

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**Pensacola Beach & The Blue Angels November 13-18, 2017**

Pensacola Beach is world famous for its sugar-white sand beaches and emerald-green waters. In fact, Pensacola Beach was recently selected as one of Trip Advisor’s Top 25 Beaches in the U.S.

If you love the beach, this tour is for you! In route, we will stop at Weeks Interpretive Center on the Alabama Gulf Coast, plus enjoy an excursion into the Gulf aboard the Schooner Joshua. Dinner at Lambert’s Throwed Rolls is also a must. Upon arrival in Pensacola Beach, we will enjoy beach front rooms at a resort rated in the top 3 hotels in Pensacola for the next 3 nights. Highlights include a visit to the Naval Aviation Museum, plus a thrilling practice session of the Blue Angels, and an Imax Theatre movie. We will also enjoy a trolley tour of Pensacola Beach and a dolphin cruise aboard a Gulf Coast crusier.

On the way home...we’ll overnight at Callaway Gardens and get in the Christmas spirit early, as we enjoy a holiday dinner, plus a trolley tour of 8 million lights and 15 dazzling scenes! “Fantasy In Lights” is not only the South’s most spectacular holiday light and sound show, it is one of the world’s “Top 10 Places to See Holiday Lights” as named by National Geographic Traveler.

On our final day, we will have time to tour the Gardens and then have lunch at the Blue Willow!

$1199 pp/dbl  $1034 pp/triple  $997 pp/quad  $1599 single

**MYRTLE BEACH’S DICKENS CHRISTMAS November 10-11, 2017**

**We will put you in the Christmas spirit for sure!**

We'll stay at the very lovely Embassy Suites—rated among the top 20 hotels in Myrtle Beach! You’ll enjoy all the amenities this hotel has to offer, including the Manager’s Reception and a cooked-to-order breakfast on the morning of departure. We also have reserved seating for Alabama’s Christmas Show. And, there's more, we will also include admission to Myrtle Beach’s Annual Dickens Show and enjoy a Victorian Luncheon Tea before leaving for home. In addition, there will be a little time for shopping at the outlets and enjoying the Grand Strand.

$318 pp/dbl  $302 pp/triple  $293 pp/quad  $368 sgl

**San Antonio, Christmas on the Riverwalk November 26-December 3, 2017**

**San Antonio is a magical place to visit anytime of the year, but, during the holiday season, the city really puts on the charm! Over 122,000 multi-colored lights hang from the tall cypress trees that line the river, reflecting off the water’s surface!**

On this tour we will travel first to Beau Rivage. It will be magnificent decorated for Christmas! We will then continue to New Orleans for a look at how the Creoles celebrate Christmas. On the third day, we will arrive at our destination, San Antonio, TX. We will spend the next 3 nights at fabulous Hilton Hotel situated right on the Riverwalk. While in San Antonio, we will enjoy a barge dinner; also, the Alamo and the Imax movie are both located within walking distance of our hotel. One day we will have a guided tour of the area, traveling to the Hill Country for a tour of LBJ’s ranch. And, of course, we will have one day free to enjoy the carolers that perform along the Riverwalk, the festive lights and any other Christmas celebrations that may be going on while we are there. Also included in this tour, an overnight in Lafayette—Martin’s Accordians is amazing—and Mobile, AL to spend this evening at Bellingrath Gardens, viewing the most magnificently-done light display in the South. This will be a Christmas tour you will never forget!

$1863 pp/double  $1729 pp/triple  $1659 pp/quad  $2569 single

**CHRISTMAS AT THE OPRYLAND HOTEL November 18-21, 2017 Reduced rates for 2017!!**

Stay at this magnificent hotel for 3 nights during Christmas when they “deck the halls and every place in-between” for a holiday celebration unlike any other! Your package includes admission to their Craft Fair; a ticket to the hotel's Fantasy in Ice, a luncheon cruise aboard the General Jackson, the Opryland Christmas Dinner and Show (Diamond Rio), 1 breakfast, 1 lunch (dinner) cruise; 1 dinner, plus free shuttle service to get around the Opryland complex, and their fantastic Hall of Trees. How can you resist? Optional, reserved seating at ‘Opryland’s Christmas Show at the Opry House.

$819 pp/dbl  $766 pp/trpl  $725 pp/quad  $1099 single
A BLUE CHRISTMAS EXCLUSIVE…

CHRISTMAS AT GRACELAND!  DECEMBER 4-8, 2017
JOIN US IN MEMPHIS, TN, FOR AN EXCLUSIVE HOLIDAY TOUR
THAT FEATURES A PRIVATE VISIT TO THE PRESLEY MANSION AFTER DARK
AND AN ELVIS HOLIDAY SHOW LIKE YOU’VE NEVER SEEN.

Highlights of our tour will include a private visit to Elvis Presley’s home, Graceland. By special arrangement, the entire complex will open exclusively to select groups for the evening…and you should definitely “expect something special!” You will see traditional lights and decorations including hundreds of blue lights along the driveway, a life-size Nativity scene and Santa on his sleigh. The interior is decked out in Christmas décor and includes Elvis’ traditional red velvet drapes and the Presley family Christmas artifacts – just as they were displayed by Elvis. The evening also includes a buffet dinner in the Museum Complex. It’s a Memphis Barbecue Dinner with Elvis on the Big Screen. Another highlight will be a tour unlike any you’ve ever done before…the “Merry, Merry MoJo Tour” features a musician tour guide showing you the sights of the city while history sings. As you rock on down the road, you will also visit Sun Studios, the birthplace of Rock n’ Roll. Walk the halls where Elvis, Jerry Lee, Johnny, Carl Perkins and a hundred others made music. Also included is a visit to the Memphis Rock n’ Soul Museum, a Smithsonian Institution, which features the complete history of Memphis Music. And, enjoy a plated Southern Meal, typical of Memphis & the Mississippi Delta, with a dessert and beverages included. Following dinner will be our feature event, an Elvis Holiday Tribute Show. You’ll hear such great songs as “Merry Christmas Baby,” “White Christmas,” “I’ll Be Home For Christmas,” and his title song “Blue Christmas.” We will stay 2 nights at the fabulous Guest House at Graceland, adjacent to the Graceland complex…google it to check out this brand-new ‘Elvis-themed’ hotel!

In addition, we will spend the first night in route at the Opryland Hotel, all decked out for Christmas…and the last night on the road will be spent at the Inn at Christmas Place in Pigeon Forge. We’ll end our tour with the Hatfield & McCoys Dinner Show followed by the Smoky Mountain Opry Christmas Show! Your tour will include 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, and 3 shows.

$1335 PP/DROPULLE  $1261 PPP/TRIPLE  $1199 PP/QUAD  $1682 SINGLES

CHRISTMAS SWEETS AND SHOWS!  DECEMBER 12-15, 2017
What a great combo! Something sweet to start our holiday tour out right, as we will travel first to Columbia, Maryland. On this first night, we will enjoy reserved seating at the Toby Dinner Theatre for dinner and their production of a Christmas favorite, “Miracle on 34th Street”! On the next day, we will continue on to Hershey, PA, where we will spend 2 nights at our favorite hotel, the incomparable Hershey Lodge…all decorated for Christmas. While there, we must stop at Hershey’s Chocolate World for candy and then see the lights of this sweet city. We will also take a short drive to the Amish country…having lunch at the Good & Plenty, followed by reserved seating at Sight & Sound’s Christmas production, “Miracle of Christmas.” Witness the story that is central to the season, brought to life with high drama, awe-inspiring special effects, and live animals. Rejoice as the true meaning of Christmas unfolds right before your eyes! In addition, there will be time for a stop in York, PA, where we will sample ‘sweets’ at Sweet Willows Creamery and then enjoy dinner and the matinee performance of “White Christmas” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. Tour package includes 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, and 3 shows.

$848 PP/DBL  $799 PP/TRPL  $725 PP/QUAD  $1054 SGL

NEW YORK (BY COACH) AT CHRISTMAS  DECEMBER 10-15, 2017
VISIT "THE BIG APPLE" AT THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!

No other city in the United States has more to offer. We will be staying in the heart of the theatre district…at the fabulous Marriott Marquis Hotel. The Marriott Marquis is within walking distance of Rockefeller Center, the TODAY show, the shopping on 5th Avenue, Bryant Park’s tree & shopping, Central Park, Macy’s and the Empire State Building, and, of course, all the Broadway shows. Highlights: Radio City Christmas Spectacular, a guided tour of the city by Jim Dykes, a Christmas Lights evening tour, and optional walking tours conducted by Jim as well. Also included is your motor coach transportation and 2 nights’ accommodations in route. What better place to spend a few days at Christmas than in New York!? We hope you will join us! Space is now limited.

$1799 PP/DUBBLE  $1699 PP/TRIPLE  $1619 PP/QUAD  $2699 SINGLES

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