# Bluebird Tours

TRIPS FOR THE "OVER 55" - Prince William Area

### Fall - Winter 2021



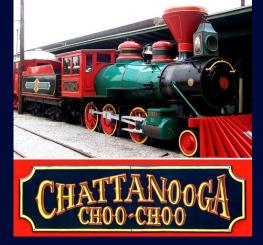












### **FOR RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION:**

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### BLUEBIRD POLICY INFORMATION

The current **Bluebird policy** manual is on line at <a href="https://www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours">https://www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours</a>. It is your responsibility to make yourself aware of important information concerning your Bluebird experience.

### Payment Policy

Payments for trips are due within two weeks of making the reservation. Check, exact cash, money order or credit card is accepted. If you do not make your payment within those two weeks your name can be dropped from the reservation list without notice. Receipts for payments can be emailed. When making your payment, request a receipt by providing an active email address. If you don't have email, request a confirmation be mailed.

### Refunds and Cancellations

If you need to cancel your reservation, please call Quality Tour Transportation and speak with one of the agents handling the Bluebird Tour program. All cancellations are subject to an administrative fee of \$5.00 for day trips and \$10.00 for overnight trips. A refund will only be given if there is someone on the "standby list" to take your space Trip cancellation insurance is available only for the overnight tours and it is highly suggested.

### Schedule and Trip Information

Schedules for the Bluebird trips can be printed from the web page: <a href="www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours">www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours</a>. To receive trip information via email, send a request to <a href="decreek@dctrails.com">dcreek@dctrails.com</a>. Call 703-792-7433 (RIDE) to check if a current trip is operating as scheduled.

### **Guidelines for Tipping**

The suggested gratuity for a driver is \$2-\$3 per day. The gratuity for sightseeing guides is included in cost of tour. A docent is usually not tipped for their service. If a meal is included in a tour, all taxes and gratuities have already been included in the tour cost (excluding alcoholic beverages). Tour Escorts do not expect tips, but do appreciate them.

### Trip Insurance

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON OVERNIGHT TOURS AND IS NOT INCLUDED in the price of the overnight trips. However, insurance is

available through Our Travel Guard Chartism and is available for everyone. Rates are based on the cost of the tour and your age. The insurance provides trip cancellation coverage, trip interruption coverage, baggage up to \$500, emergency accident/sickness medical expenses up to \$2,500, and emergency evacuation repatriation of remains up to \$25,000. The insurance must be paid for with your first deposit or payment on the trip. The cost will be provided on request.

### Seating Policy for One Day Trips

Passengers boarding in Manassas sit on the Driver's side of the bus. Passengers boarding in Woodbridge sit on the Door side of the bus.

### **Departure Points**

Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before trip departure time.

### One Day Tours

Manassas at Wal-Mart located at 940I Liberia Avenue. We load in the parking lot on your right close to Wawa. No parking overnight.

Woodbridge at Featherstone Shopping Center located at 14527 Jefferson Davis Highway. We load in the rear of McDonald's. No parking overnight.

### **Overnight Tours**

Manassas at the public parking lot next door to the Manassas Sr. Center located at 9320 Mosby Street, Manassas, VA 20110.

Woodbridge at the A. J. Ferlazzo Building located at 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191. For this pickup point you will receive a parking permit in with your baggage tags and itinerary.

### **Return Times**

The bus driver and/or escort will make the decision as to which location will be dropped off first. The decision will be based on the factors that affect driving.

**Note:** All return times are approximate. The driver will provide a more exact time on the return day of the trip.

### **Alcohol**

No consumption of alcohol is permitted on the bus. All tours may take place on a Quality Tour Transport motor coach.

### **RESERVATIONS**

Reservations commence on the date listed under each tour destination in this schedule. On that date, reservations are accepted by telephone only at (703) 339-0333 beginning at 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. On reservation day, reservations can be made for up to four persons per phone call. One-day tours must have a minimum of twenty persons to run and an overnight tour must have a minimum of thirty persons to run.

At the time of reservation any special accommodations, including but not limited to seating and dietary restrictions, should be mentioned.

Three (3) days after the initial reservation date, remaining space will be opened to residents over 18 years of age as well as groups from Prince William County and neighboring counties. Installment payments may be arranged for any tour with the reservationist at time of booking.

Checks are to be made payable to Quality Tour Transport, Inc. and mailed to:

### Quality Tour Transport, Inc. P.O. Box 1520 Lorton, VA 22199

We ask that you issue a check for each tour booked and indicate the date of the tour on each check. If you pay by cash, you must present the exact amount. Payment can also be made by credit card. Trip money will be accepted as soon as the reservation has been confirmed. Please refer to the Bluebird Tour Program Policy Manual for full details of the policies governing the Bluebird Program.

NOTE: The trip escort is permitted to make changes as necessary to trip itineraries while on the road

BLUEBIRD NAME TAGS ARE AVAILLABLE AT A COST OF \$10. CONTACT CHESTER SMITH AT 703-368-9552

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### **BLUEBIRD QUARTERLY MEETING**

Friday, November 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers of the McCoart Building.



### **BLUEBIRD SOCIAL**

September 20, 2021, at the Manassas Golden Corral at 12:00 p.m.

(\$12.28 pp inc drink, gratuity not incl)

A COURTESY BUS will be PROVIDED DEPARTING Woodbridge at 11:15 a.m. on

Monday September 20, 2021.

Call Quality Tours for reservations.

**NEXT BLUEBIRD SOCIAL** 

TBD 2022 in Manassas

**Location & time TBD** 

### **AUGUST**

### Monday, August 9 CHESAPEAKE CRAVINGS Annapolis, MD Cost: \$133 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Start your tour with a historically attired guide at Ram's Head Tavern & Brewery. While enjoying your Maryland inspired soup you will hear about the Chesapeake Bay with spicy and sweet tales of the area including this 300 year old Brewery. We will also visit the Historic District including the WWII Memorial. This will be followed by lunch at the Blackwall Hitch Restaurant in Annapolis to feast on a Chesapeake inspired lunch with all the trimmings. We will end our tour with dessert at the historic Paca home and gardens. This will be followed by free time to shop along the Annapolis Dock before boarding our boat for a delightful cruise along Annapolis Harbor past the US Naval Academy. What a wonderful outing enjoying history and great food. We will depart Manassas at 7:45 a.m.and Woodbridge at 8:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:15 p.m.

# Wednesday, August 11 Riverside Dinner Theatre Presents GRUMPY OLD MEN Fredericksburg, VA Cost: \$130 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Two aging neighbors have been feuding for most of their lives. Their new across the street neighbor, beautiful, eccentric, and charming, invigorates their feud and they face-off as romantic rivals until their hilarious shenanigans finally bring about a resolution to their long-standing differences. Based on the 1993 film, starring Jack Lemmon, Walter Matthau, and Ann-Margret, this stage adaptation captures the lovably crotchety characters through twinkling humor, great songs, and the affectionate depiction of a small town that feels like home to everyone. We will depart Manassas at 9:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

### Friday, August 13 SCHAEFERS' CANAL HOUSE Chesapeake City, Maryland Cost: \$124 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Welcome to **Schaefer's Canal House** in Chesapeake City, Maryland. Schaefer's is conveniently tucked away in one of the most eye-catching regions of the Upper Chesapeake Bay, along the historic C & D Canal. Here you will enjoy a fantastic crab cake buffet lunch consisting of steamed Maryland crabs, fried chicken, corn on the cob, roasted red skin potatoes, cole slaw, beer battered hush puppies vegetable crab soup, dessert, iced tea, soda and coffee.

Relax and enjoy the restaurant's panoramic views overlooking the C & D Canal as you gaze at the ships and yachts passing through. Lunch will be followed by a two-hour cruise aboard the **M/V Breeze** that takes you along the C&D Canal and onto the Oak and Elk River. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m. **NOTE: This tour is limited to 47 passengers.** 

## Monday, August 16 THE NATIONAL'S VS. BRAVES Washington, DC Cost: \$130 pp \*\*Grandchildren Welcomed\*\*

Reservations Open: Immediately

We have great seats out of the direct sunlight in **Section 135**. You will also be in the area with easy access to the restrooms and the food vendors. The game starts at 1:35 p.m. Be there to encourage our home team for the season that perhaps will take them to a national championship. We will depart Manassas at 11:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 12 Noon. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m. Note: There is no food included.

### Thursday, August 19 DOLPHIN WATCHING CRUISE

Virginia Beach, VA Cost: \$116 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Come experience an unforgettable trip to see incredible views of the world's largest and most beautiful marine mammals. Our knowledgeable captain and crew of experts will lead us on an educational journey along the Atlantic coast in search of dolphins, seals, and several species of birds. The highlight of these trips is spotting dolphins leaping out of the water suspended in air. Captain Skip, the local dolphin whisperer, has 40+ years of experience navigating these coastal waters and is sure to give us the experience of a lifetime. Our boat is ADA compliant, equipped with two bathrooms, a snack bar, a full bar, a heated indoor cabin with comfortable seating, and a spacious upper deck that is perfect for spotting Virginia's magnificent marine wildlife. Following our cruise, we will enjoy a late lunch at Waterman's Surfside Grille [With reservation advise choice of Broiled Fish of the Day, Chesapeake Bay Crab Cake or Honey Citrus Grilled Chicken]. Time allowed for a stroll along the Boardwalk. We will depart Manassas at 6:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. Note: This tour is limited to 40 persons.

# Saturday, August 21 THE TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE PRESENTS: I DO! I DO! Fayetteville, PA Cost: \$117 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

This production is a musical valentine and celebration of a marriage. Written by Harvey Schmidt and Tom Jones (The Fantasticks), the original Broadway production received seven Tony Award nominations. This touching story of two soulmates navigating the perils of life is set to a tuneful, charming score, including "My Cup Runneth Over." The story spans 50 years as it focuses on the ups and downs experienced between Agnes and Michael throughout their marriage. Before the show enjoy a delicious family style lunch at Hickory Bridge Farm featuring Open Pit Pork with apple butter barbeque sauce, oven fried chicken, crab imperial. All three entrees are passed family style with many sides. We will depart Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. and Manassas at 9:45 a.m. Return time is approximately is 6:30 p.m.

# Thursday, August 26 FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT PRESENTS FALLINGWATER Mill Run, PA Cost: \$110 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Enjoy Summer in the Pennsylvania countryside as we journey to see the architectural phenomenon called Fallingwater. Fallingwater was designed in 1935 by renowned American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Today, the public can tour this iconic symbol of people living in harmony with nature. On arrival enjoy a pre-ordered box lunch [With reservation provide choice of the following sandwiches: Ham and brie, or Lemon-roast chicken, or Smashed black beans, broccoli-slaw with lime vinaigrette and chipotle mavo. Seating is available at the Café. This will be followed by your self-guided tour of the home built over a waterfall. On the return trip, we will stop for dinner at the Cracker Barrel in Hagerstown, MD using your \$18 gift card. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:15 p.m. NOTE: This tour is limited to 30 persons.

### **SEPTEMBER**

### Wednesday, September 1 SUICIDE BRIDGE CRAB FEAST CRUISE

Hurlock, MD Cost: \$108 pp

**Reservations Open: July 6** 

Spend an exciting three hours on a cruise aboard the Choptank Riverboat Company's reproductions of an authentic 80-foot turn-of-the-century paddle wheeler. The menu includes all-you-can-eat crabs, MD crab Soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn on the cob, Cole slaw, non-alcoholic beverages, and assorted cheese cakes .(Alcoholic beverages are offered for sale). We will depart Manassas at 8:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m.

## Saturday, September 4 BUS, TRAIN & SHOW Strasburg, PA Cost: \$104 pp

Reservations Open: July 5

All Aboard!! We are off on our journey to Strasburg for a scenic train ride through the glorious Lancaster County countryside as an authentic steam locomotive travels past working farms, their Amish neighbors and provides tranguil beauty as far as the eve can see. Upon return to the station. visit the Railroad Store and Gift Shop to take a piece of train memorabilia along home. Next, we will enjoy a hearty smorgasbord lunch at the Bird-In-Hand Restaurant. Our last stop of the day will blow your mind and keep you asking, "How does he do that?" Visit the new Magic & Wonder **Theatre** for this all-new variety magic show – Mystery – in which illusionist Brett Myers and his cast explore mysterious worlds that spark wonder in all of us. Discover the magic of never growing old in "Neverland", the excitement of the "Roaring 1920's", mysteries behind the "Masquerade Ball" and the daring escapades of a "Secret Agent". Brett and his cast captivate their audiences with more large illusions, more circus acts, and more dynamic variety than ever before while reminding us of the true magic that exists around us. Enjoy a variety of magic, comedy, themed segments, dazzling costuming, aerial acts and more. After this edge-ofyour-seat performance, we will return home after a brief fast food stop along the way. We will depart Manassas at 6:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:00 p.m.

### Monday-Thursday, September 13-16 COUNTRY INN & SEASIDE RESORT

Cost: \$880 Single & \$695 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

This New England tour provides for one night at the **Publick House Historic Inn** in Sturbridge, MA and two nights at the **Nantasket Beach Oceanfront Resort** in Hull, MA. Also included are three full breakfasts, two complete dinners including one with a historian, one Boston lunch cruise, and the services of a guide. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m. **Tour Trip cancellation insurance** is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation An initial commitment deposit \$150. may be requested at the time of reservation.

### The Itinerary

<u>Day One</u>: Arrive at the Historic Publick House Inn, Sturbridge, MA. The warmth and charm of this 1771 New England Inn captures your senses with crackling fireplaces and New England country. Nestled in the village amongst acres of beautiful countryside, the Inn has hosted both George Washington and Benjamin Franklin. Your Public House Dinner will be with an Historian. The Inn serves hearty New England fare coupled with warm Yankee hospitality and your historian will delight you with stories of the Inn and its famous quests.

Day Two: Full Breakfast at hotel

**Plymouth Harbor Cruise** – Experience Plymouth's stunning shoreline from the water with views of the "Rock", jetties and the estate-dotted coastline. You'll set sail aboard the Pilgrim Belle and sail the waters of our Forefathers 400 years after their arrival.

**Plymouth Waterfront** – Spend time in "America's Hometown", Plymouth on the waterfront. See the Plymouth Rock, the Pilgrim's landing site and views of the Mayflower. Time to explore and have lunch on your own.

**Hull Lifesaving Museum** – Schooners and nor'easters, shipwrecks, and rescues! The maritime history of Boston Harbor abounds at the historic 1889 Point Allerton U.S. Lifesaving Station with engaging exhibits and spectacular views of Boston Light from the observation cupola.

Arrive at **the Nantasket Beach Oceanfront Resort**, Hull, MA. Take a seaside retreat and bask in the panoramic views of the Atlantic and Boston Harbor Bay at this luxury accommodation. Dinner is at the Resort.

<u>Day Three</u>: Full Breakfast at the resort. Resort Time – Take a stroll along the beach, a soak in the pool, hot tub or just relax this morning at your special hotel.

Spirit of Boston Luncheon Cruise with/ entertainment – Enjoy the music as we enjoy a delicious lunch aboard the Spirit of Boston, cruising Boston Harbor, as picturesque as it is historic. Cruise past the Boston Harbor Islands, historic forts, the Tea Party site, harbor lighthouses and more.

**Boston City Tour** – Meet your guide and see the sites that make Boston famous – USS Constitution, Beacon Hill, The Boston Common, Bunker Hill, Boston Public Garden, Olde State House and more.

Faneuil Hall / Quincy Market – Take time to explore and have dinner on your own at this historic center filled with shops, eateries and carts of hand-crafted gifts.

<u>Day Four</u>: Full Breakfast at the resort before departing for home. Return time is approximately 8:00 PM

### Sunday, September 12 SHENANDOAH CAVERNS Quicksburg & Luray, Virginia Cost: \$112 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Today we will travel through the Shenandoah Valley to Quicksburg, VA where will visit Shenandoah Caverns that has been thrilling visitors since 1922. Be sure to have a sweater as the temperature inside is only 54 degrees in the caverns. This is the only cavern with elevator service, making it one of the easiest caverns to tour. The famous bacon formations are so unusual they were featured in National Geographic. We will have a personally guided tour through 17 soaring rooms. This will take us one hour so be sure to have your comfortable walking shoes on. We will then return to our bus and the short trip back to Luray and our buffet lunch at the historic and fabulous Mimslyn Inn. After lunch we are off to Cooters, the Dukes of Hazzard Museum and Replica of Cooter's Garage with General Lee, Cooter's Tow Truck and Boss Hogg's Caddy. On our way home, we will stop in Sperryville at Roy's Farm Market to purchase fresh picked apples or some homemade cider. We will depart Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. and Manassas at 8:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 15 Sight & Sound presents QUEEN ESTHER Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Cost: \$146 pp
Reservations: Immediately

Set in the opulent vet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production! On arrival we will visit Kitchen Kettle for homemade Pennsylvania Dutch jelly and jam plus check out their 42 other shops. Then, we are off to enjoy lunch at Miller's **Smorgasbord** with time to walk around and visit their shops. We are scheduled for the 3:00 p.m. matinee performance of Esther. We will depart Manassas at 6:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:30 p.m. There will be a rest stop going and returning. Note: This tour must be paid in full with reservation.

## Friday, September 17 VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL & EXECUTIVE MANSION Richmond, VA Cost: \$66

Reservations Open: Immediately (Based on availability)

Come to Richmond, VA to tour our beautiful State Capitol that houses the oldest elected legislative body in North America, the Virginia General Assembly, first established as the House of Burgesses in 1619. Our guided tour lasts about one hour and includes two newly restored rooms that were not previously on tour. In addition to the Rotunda, Old House and Old Senate chambers, tour groups usually see one of the 1906 legislative chambers located in the wings (when the General Assembly is not in session). Our next stop will be a guided tour of the Executive Mansion that is the home of the Governor of Virginia. The final stop of the day will be a unique experience with lunch at the Capitol Waffle Shop .(Not the same as the chain Waffle House) We will depart Manassas at 7:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m. Note: This tour is limited to 36 persons.

Sunday, September 19
THE NATIONAL'S VS.
COLORADO ROCKIES
Washington, DC
Cost: \$130 pp
\*\*Grandchildren Welcomed\*\*
Reservations Open: Immediately

We have great seats out of the direct sunlight in **Section 135**. You will also be in the area with easy access to the restrooms and the food vendors. The game starts at 1:35 p.m. Be there to encourage our home team for the season that perhaps will take them to a national championship. We will depart Manassas at 11:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 12 Noon. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m. **There is no food included.** 

Wednesday, September 29
TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE
PRESENTS
GODSPELL
Columbia. MD
Cost: \$110 pp
Reservations Open: July 1

Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," *Godspell* took the world by storm. Based on the Gospel of Matthew, *Godspell* features large doses of comedy, creative storytelling and an eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville to gospel, all helping deliver the timeless messages of kindness, tolerance and love. We will immediately be seated at assigned tables to enjoy lunch followed by the production. We will depart Manassas at 8:45

a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:45 p.m.

### **OCTOBER**

# Sunday, October 3 FALL BAY LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE Annapolis, MD Cost: \$113 pp

Reservations Open: July 20

Welcome aboard Watermark Cruises luxury custom yacht for a Chesapeake Bay Lighthouse Cruise. A "Lighthouse Keeper" dressed in 19th-century costume will narrate your cruise on the Chesapeake Bay tour and take you back to the days when the Sandy Shoal Lighthouse, Thomas Point Lighthouse and Baltimore Shoal Lighthouse were "manned" in order to keep the vessels warned of danger. The words of the Lighthouse Keeper will entertain, educate, and engage you with humor, anecdotes, music, tales of famous keepers and even a ghost story or two! A friendly crew will greet you when you board the Lady Sarah which is handicapped accessible, has onboard restrooms, climate controlled conditions on the lower deck, open air and covered areas on the upper deck and a cash bar. A box lunch is included. Provide a meal choice when making your reservations. Your choices are ham, turkey, tuna, roast beef, Italian or vegetarian. The Chesapeake Bay Lighthouses Cruise promises you a memorable time on the We will depart Manassas at 9:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:15 p.m. .

# Wednesday October 6 NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM Washington, DC Cost: \$108 pp Reservations Open: July 20

The National Law Enforcement Museum is unique. It's not simply a collection of artfully arranged objects; it's an experience. Visitors will interact with exhibits that let them see and feel what it's like to be a law enforcement professional. You will hear stories from real officers about life on the job. By comparison to some other museums in the nation's capital, this one is a comfortable 57,000 square feet; smaller than some museums, but definitely big on content. The museums smaller size makes for a more intimate and engaging experience that can easily be accomplished in a few hours. Their philosophy of providing a "walk in the shoes" experience mean each visitor will have a uniquely personal experience. The museum features 21,000 objects and artifacts to peruse from their collection and offers the kind of immersive, hands-on and interactive educational experience that you will find in no other museum. We will

have a docent to provide a Just the Facts overview tour of the museum followed by free time on your own but first, we will have lunch, included at The Tavern at Ivy City Smokehouse. [With reservation, provide your choice from the following: One dozen Char-Grilled Shrimp, Grilled Chicken or a Half Rack House Smoked NC Heritage Pork Spare Ribs]. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 8
THE POTOMAC EAGLE
Romney, WV
Cost: \$180 pp
Reservations Open: July 20

The historic Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad is one of America's most beautiful train rides. For three hours, enjoy a narrated excursion through a tranquil and pristine mountain valley. View historic farms and lush mountain greenery. Around every curve you are rewarded with the splendor of native wildflowers, evergreens, and mixed hardwoods in an unspoiled countryside environment. Experience "The Trough," which is a spectacular narrow mountain valley. Below you runs the South Branch of the Potomac River, where the water is so clear that you can see fish as they lie resting in the shade. Above you the high mountain walls and thick forest help keep a secret few have discovered. This is a three-hour journey booked aboard the Superior Club Car. As you roll along the tracks enjoying the beautiful scenery and perhaps sighting an eagle or two, you will be served a four-course lunch. [With reservation provide your choice of Beef Tenderloin-grilled and topped with a fresh seasonal potato and vegetable, Chicken cordon Bleu-served with chef's choice potato and vegetable, Lemon steamed salmon-with a ginger teriyaki sauce served with a fresh seasonal potato and vegetable or lightly breaded Eggplant Parmesan]. We will depart Woodbridge at 8:15 a.m. and Manassas at 9:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m. There will be no rest stop going or returning. Restrooms are available at the train depot and aboard the train.

Wednesday, October 13
BRIGHT STAR
Riverside Dinner Theatre
Fredericksburg, VA
Cost: \$130 pp
Reservations Open: July 10

Inspired by a real event Broadway's *Bright Star* is a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past – and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives. Propelled by an ensemble of onstage musicians and dancers, the story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep

emotion, beautiful melodies and powerfully moving performances. An uplifting theatrical journey that holds you tight in its grasp, *Bright Star* is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful. We will depart Manassas at 9:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

### Saturday-Tuesday, October16-19 VERMONT SAMPLER Rutland & Lake Chaplain Cost: \$804 Single & \$694 Twin pp

Reservations Open: Immediately

Your Vermont Sampler trip includes: 3 nights lodging at the Comfort Inn Trolley Square in Rutland, VT., 3 full breakfasts at hotel, 3 full dinners (including 1 dinner at the Lilac Inn in Brandon and 1 dinner at the Red Clover in Mendon), 1 box lunch, and touring as follows: Admission to the Maple Museum in Rutland, admission to the Shelburne Museum in Burlington, scenic one and a half hour cruise on Lake Champlain on the Spirit of Ethan Allen boat, admission to the Calvin Coolidge Museum, one hour train ride from Chester, VT. To Ludlow, VT. Stop at Queechee Gorge and the Quechee gift shop, plus: all admissions, baggage handling, taxes and restaurant gratuities. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. Tour Trip cancellation insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation An initial commitment deposit \$250 may be requested at the time of reservation.

### The Itinerary

### DAY ONE:

Today you depart on your deluxe motorcoach for a scenic drive to Rutland, VT. We will stop at Applebees Restaurant for dinner before checking in the Comfort Inn.

### DAY TWO:

Today, after a full breakfast at your hotel, we will explore Vermont, "The Green Mountain State." Begin your day at the Maple Museum, where you learn all about the history of maple production, from the Native Americans to the colonial period to the present. Don't miss a chance to buy some real homemade Vermont Maple Syrup in the gift shop. Yum! Now, you travel on Route 7, one of the most picturesque routes in the nation, with white-spired churches, quaint New England homes and rolling, green hills. Next, you have admission included at the Shelburne Museum, with the largest collection of Americana in the country. On display here, you will find such treasures as: the oldest sidewall steamer in the nation, a 19th century private rail car with crystal chandeliers and mahogany interior, a working print shop, one room schoolhouse, colonial tavern, historic homes with period furnishings, an antique carousel and circus exhibit, plus dolls and antique guilts, too! You end your touring day with a one and a half hour cruise on the sparkling waters of Lake Champlain. Tonight, you have a very special evening in store for you when you dine in luxury in the grand ballroom of the Lilac Inn in Brandon. Yes, enjoy

white-linen tablecloths, flickering candles, fresh flowers and - of course - fabulous New England cuisine!

### **DAY THREE**:

This morning, after a full breakfast buffet at your hotel, you drive through Woodstock and stop at Queechee Gorge, Vermont's "Little Grand Canyon", with its wonderful gift shop. Now, you travel south to the little village of Chester and step back into time! Before you is a vintage 1850's train station and antique caboose. Now, it's "All Aboard!" as you embark on a one hour train ride to nearby Ludlow, passing through quiet streams and rivers, towering mountains and lush scenery. A box lunch is included. Next, it's on to the Calvin Coolidge Homestead, where you explore the town the President grew up in, preserved exactly as it looked in the 1920's, complete with general store, filling station, church and cheese shop. The lovely Victorian home where Coolidge took the oath of office when he was sworn in as President is also display. Don't miss the museum and fascinating movie. Now, you have another evening of fine dining in store for you when you relax at the Red Clover Inn, one of the best restaurants in Vermont. Here, you savor delicious country cooking in this typical Vermont Inn with its priceless antiques and crackling fire in the fireplace.

### DAY FOUR:

Today, after a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, you depart with wonderful Vermont memories!

# Thursday, October 21 CHRYSANTHEMUM FESTIVAL LONGWOOD GARDENS Kennett Square, PA Cost: \$118 pp Reservations Open: August 2

Longwood's Chrysanthemum Festival is one of the oldest and grandest in North America. Surround yourself with the beauty and splendor of the Chrysanthemum flower on a delightful tour to Longwood Gardens. This is one of the most magnificent displays of these flowers you are likely to see. Autumn is in full swing and so is the much-anticipated Chrysanthemum Festival at Longwood Gardens, when the 4-acre grand Conservatory is bursting with fall's quintessential flowers. From the thousands of colorful Chrysanthemum blooms to the one-of-a-kind Thousand Bloom Chrysanthemum, the Chrysanthemum Festival showcases the traditional Asian art of cultivating chrysanthemums into grand artistic shapes. A highlight of the display is the Thousand Bloom Chrysanthemum, a single chrysanthemum plant grown to produce as many perfect blooms as possible. This year, the amazing plant features 1,443 uniform blooms and measures at an impressive 12 feet wide and nearly 8 feet tall. Our first stop will be lunch at the Texas Roadhouse in Glen Mills. PA. We will then continue to Longwood Gardens to enjoy the festival and beautiful floral displays. We will depart Manassas at 7:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:45 p.m.

### Saturday, October 23 OLD DOMINION AUTUMN TRAIN BUCKINGHAM BRANCH RAILROAD

Dillwyn, VA Cost: \$132 pp Reservations Open: July 20

Join us for a nostalgic journey! The Buckingham Branch Railroad collaborates with the Old Dominion Chapter of the National Railway Preservation Society to offer seasonal fall rail excursion train journeys from the picturesque Dillwyn Station in Central Virginia. A vintage diesel-powered train winds through the rolling hills and deep forests of an unspoiled landscape in the heart of Central Virginia. A round trip typically lasts 31/2 hours and travels from Buckingham County to New Canton, then circles back to the railroad station. The train travels through brilliantly changing trees in view of fields and forests and features a breathtaking view of the James River from the bridge at New Canton. Prior to our excursion we will enjoy the Dogwood Buffet at Charley's Waterfront Café in Farmville, VA. Featured will be shrimp & scallop alfredo English sliced prime rib & chicken marsala along with a salad bar. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

### Monday –Friday, October 25-29 CHATTANOOGA CHOO CHOO Chattanooga, TN Cost: \$1227 Single & \$991 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

Welcome Aboard! Throughout the day you will be viewing the last leaves of fall as we make our way through the southern countryside of the Blue Ridge Mountains towards the "Scenic Center of the South," Chattanooga, Tennessee. We will depart Woodbridge at 7:15 a.m. and Manassas at 8:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation An initial commitment deposit \$250 may be requested at the time of reservation.

### The Itinerary

### DAY ONE:

Welcome Aboard! Today is a travel day to just relax aboard the bus and view the last of the fall foliage as we make our way through the southern countryside of the Blue Ridge Mountains towards the "Scenic Center of the South," Chattanooga, Tennessee. The usual rest stops and lunch stop will be made en route to Kodak, Tennessee where we will overnight at the Fairfield Inn & Suites. Before checking in, we will enjoy the dinner of our choice at the Cracker Barrel. A \$20.00 gift card is provided for you. DAY TWO:

### After a buffet breakfast we depart for Chattanooga, Tennessee for a day of sightseeing. We begin at **Ruby Falls**, America's deepest commercial cave, which features the highest, most-visited underground waterfall in the United States. Enjoy a **guided tour** through this fascinating

attraction with its 145-foot waterfall, and extraordinary natural geological formations. At the tour's conclusion enjoy the panoramic view from the Lookout Mountain Tower and visit the newly renovated gift shops. Our next stop will be a visit to Rock City. Located atop Lookout Mountain in Georgia, Rock City showcases soaring rock formations, a 100-foot waterfall that cascades down the mountain, the famous Swing-A-Long Bridge that spans nearly 200-feet, and the world-famous lover's leap and lush gardens. Enjoy a self-guided tour along the brow of Lookout Mountain. which offers you a sweeping bird's eye view of the surrounding area. We enjoy an unhurried lunch in Rock City today, (a lunch voucher is included). Next, we take a ride on "America's Most Amazing Mile," the Incline Railroad. Sit back, and relax as trolley-style railcars slowly carry you up historic Lookout Mountain, and Chattanooga's surrounding peaks and valleys come alive through the clouds. The railway achieves an incline of 72.7% at one point along the way, making The Incline Railway one of the steepest railways in the world, and it is also designated as a National Historic Site and a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark, Following our train ride, we continue on to downtown Chattanooga, where we will spend the next two nights at the Chattanooga Double Tree Hotel. Tonight, we are treated to a delicious dinner at Sticky Fingers Ribhouse, a barbecue restaurant specializing in Memphis Style barbecue.

### DAY THREE:

After a buffet breakfast we climb aboard the **Chattanooga Ducks** for a 1-hour adventure tour onboard an original WWII DUKW amphibious vehicle. The tour will take you through historic downtown Chattanooga before splashing into the Tennessee River for a fun ecological and historical tour of the river and the Chattanooga Waterfront. Our tour will terminate at the 5 Guys Restaurant for lunch on your own. It is then a short walk to the outstanding **Tennessee Aquarium** where you are free to **visit** at your own pace. We will return to the hotel to relax and change for the **evening**. Tonight, we climb aboard the **Southern Belle Riverboat**, for a 2-hour **dinner cruise** on the **Tennessee River**. **B,D** 

After a buffet breakfast we are off for a fall foliage train adventure to Chickamauga, Georgia. Lunch will be served during the ride. Our bus will meet us there to take us to the Chickamauga Heritage Museum in Fort Oglethorpe, GA. On arrival we will see the orientation film, The Campaign for Chattanooga: Death Knell of the Confederacy. It lasts 26 minutes and is a newly produced "Hollywood" documentary just like you would see on the History Channel, complete with actors and battle scenes. Following the film proceed on your own to see the Chickamauga Battlefield Museum exhibits, a 7-minute automated, lighted map presentation that explains the battle strategies, and the Fuller Gun Collection with hundreds of muskets and rifles. We will board our bus and return to downtown Chickamauga for shopping at The Shops of 1910 and Sophie's. We will then proceed to the lively town of Pigeon Forge, TN. Our lodging will be at the **Twin Mountain** Inn & Suites. Dinner tonight is at the Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant followed by the exciting Country **Tonight Show**.

Day 5

After breakfast, we will board our coach for the journey homeward traveling up the Shenandoah Valley to enjoy the lovely and colorful fall foliage. Rest stops and a leisurely dinner stop will be made along the way. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

### Sunday, October 31 A DAY & A PLAY AT THE BEACH Rehoboth, Delaware Cost: \$140 pp

Reservations: July 20

Locals and guests to the City of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware claim the quaint and charming mile long boardwalk as one of the City's best attractions. Flanked by eclectic shops, restaurants, business and family amusements, the boardwalk is one of the reasons Rehoboth Beach was named "The Best Family Beach on the East Coast". Enjoy your shopping time before arriving for a fantastic lunch at the Big Fish Grill [With reservation provide choice of: [crab cake platter, chicken fajitas, fried shrimp, fish and chips or Carolina pulled pork platter]. Then we proceed to The Clear Space Theatre and orchestra seats for the production of Rocky's House of Horrors. (a parody of the original Little House of Horrors). In this cult classic, sweethearts Brad and Janet, stuck with a flat tire during a storm, discover the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter, a transvestite scientist. As their innocence is lost, Brad and Janet meet a houseful of wild characters, including a rocking biker and a creepy butler. Through elaborate dances and rock songs, Frank-N-Furter unveils his latest creation: a muscular man named "Rocky." This could be your Halloween nightmare! We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:30 p.m. Note: Because of licensing not yet settled, it is possible the play will be Little Shop of Horrors.

### **NOVEMBER**

Wednesday, November 3
Sight & Sound presents
QUEEN ESTHER
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Cost: \$146 pp Reservations: Immediately

Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production! On arrival we will visit Kitchen Kettle for homemade Pennsylvania Dutch ielly and iam plus check out their

42 other shops. Then, we are off to enjoy lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord with time to walk around and visit their shops. We are scheduled for the 3:00 p.m. matinee performance of *Esther*. We will depart Manassas at 6:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:30 p.m. There will be a fast food rest stop going and returning. Note: This tour must be paid in full with reservation.

### Saturday, November 6 RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL New York City Cost: \$206 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

For those short on time, we are offering this one-day trip to New York City to attend Radio City Music Hall for the fabulous Christmas Spectacular featuring the renowned Rockettes. On arrival you will have ample time for lunch on your own and shopping. Our orchestra seats at Radio City Music Hall are for the 2:00 p.m. matinee. Following the show,- we will depart New York City making a fast food rest stop on the return trip home. We will depart Manassas at 5:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 10:00 p.m.

## Tuesday November 9 MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE Washington, DC Cost: \$70 pp

**Reservations Open: August 2** 

Learn about the Bible's presence throughout American history and how it has guided debate, impacted pivotal events, and influenced the views of prominent historic figures. Discover how Americans have turned to the Bible to justify or support their beliefs. A docent-led tour will explore the ways the Bible has impacted our history and culture. Our tours take visitors on a journey through the galleries and artifacts, through the World of Jesus of Nazareth, and other museum spaces. Discover the Bible's history, from hand-written scrolls to mobile devices through rare artifacts spanning 3,500 years of history. Walk through the stories of the Hebrew Bible, immerse yourself in first-century Nazareth and listen to the story of how followers of Jesus grew into a thriving community. Enjoy coffee and a snack at Milk + Honey Café or enjoy a Mediterranean meal at Manna, either or both on your own. We will depart Manassas at 8:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:30 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, November 11-14
A DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS
ON THE GRAND STRAND
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Cost: \$818 Single & \$692 Twin pp
Reservations Open: June 2

Myrtle Beach is the crown jewel of South Carolina's Grand Strand, a 60-mile stretch of white sand beaches along the Atlantic seaboard that draw crowds from around the world. Fantastic southern cooking and exciting live shows are the icing on the cake. Our tour includes three breakfasts, two lunches and three dinners. You will enjoy three outstanding shows highlighting Christmas. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Trip insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation An initial commitment deposit \$250 may be requested at the time of reservation.

### The Itinerary

### Day ONE:

Travel day arriving in Myrtle Beach in the late afternoon to check in the **Beach Cove Resorts for three nights. Beach Cove Resorts** is located along the best coastline of the Grand Strand. Walk from your accommodation to wide sandy beaches great for a morning stroll. This evening we will enjoy dinner at **Benjamins Original Calabash buffet** – **72 feet of seafood, steak, pork and chicken with all the trimmings!** We will top the evening off with the fabulous **Christmas** production at the **Carolina Opry.** 

### Day TWO:

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you have the entire day to enjoy the **Dickins Festival** The Dickens Christmas Show & Festivals is a unique national award-winning event comprised of a multitude of shopping and entertainment options, for individuals and groups alike. Visit the Victorian Holiday Marketplace held in the 100,800 square. Foot. Exhibit hall of the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Here one will find hundreds of period clad vendors hawking everything from jewelry, gifts, toys, arts and crafts, gourmet foods, holiday décor, and much much more. There probably is truly something for everyone on your holiday list. As a special treat we have scheduled a **Victorian luncheon tea**. Our bus will return everyone to the hotel to refresh before proceeding to our buffet dinner at Preston. Dinner will be followed by the beautiful Christmas on Ice production.

### Day 3

Enjoy a breakfast at the hotel. This morning we are going to the low country to visit Hopsewee Plantation for a tour of this historic home locater in Georgetown, SC. Built circa 1740, some 40 years before the American Revolutionary War, Hopsewee Plantation was one of the South's major rice plantations and the birthplace of Thomas Lynch, Jr., one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. We will also have the privilege of enjoying lunch while here. We will then proceed on a two-hour adventure aboard the Saltwater March Explorer. Our boat will enable us to discover the amazing ecosystem alive in the marshes! Our marine biologist narrators show you an astonishing variety of marine life - crabs, sea urchins, fish, and much more. Placed on-board in touch tanks, you can observe, and, when appropriate, even touch them. There is also a fishing demonstration and a beach walk along a barrier island not accessible by car. Not every time, but frequently bottlenose dolphins can be seen at play... a real treat. Returning to the hotel, we will enjoy a fantastic

buffet dinner at the Giant Crab. Our show tonight will be at the amazing Christmas production at the Alabama Theatre,

Day 4

Breakfast at hotel. Depart for home. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 17
AMERICAN MUSIC THEATRE
PRESENTS
WINTER WONDERLAND
Lancaster, PA
Cost: \$133 pp

Reservations Open: July 20

Winter Wonderland recaptures the Christmas spirit! This highly anticipated and critically acclaimed live music production will ignite your spirit and set your heart aglow! Once you enter the doors, you'll gaze upon the magical sights and sounds of the season and be transported to a wonderland of music and enchantment - from a Bavarian mountain village to the festive, holiday excitement at the North Pole. The extraordinary costumes, gorgeous gowns, and stunning sets will make you feel like you're really there. This newest original show features the secular and sacred holiday songs you know and love, with all-live performances by a sensational cast of singers and dancers, as well as the remarkable AMT Orchestra. We have an early show, then we will enjoy lunch after the performance at Miler's Smorgasbord. You are welcome to bring a snack on the bus to hold you over until lunch, which will be approximately 1:30 p.m. We will depart Manassas at 6:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:45 a.m. A quick rest stop/ will be made enroute. Return time is approximately 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, November 20 HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTS

The 92<sup>ND</sup> Annual Oyster & Ham Dinner Accokeek, MD
Cost: \$55 pp

**Reservations Open: August 18** 

If you love fried oysters and real baked ham served family-style and all you can eat, then this is the tour of your dreams. Held at the church where George Washington often worshipped, you will also find a bake sale, handmade butter candy, and a twice-new sale going on. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 2:45 p.m.

Sunday, November 21
MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS
Riverside Dinner Theatre
Fredericksburg, VA
Cost: \$130 pp
Reservations Open: July 10

Based on the heartwarming MGM film, *MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS* is a rare treasure in the musical theatre; a wholesome and delightful portrait of a turn-of-the-century American family. It is the summer of 1903, and the Smith family eagerly anticipates the opening of the 1904 World's Fair. Over the course of a year, the family's mutual respect, tempered with good-natured humor, helps them through romance, opportunity, and heartbreaks. The musical includes seven of the best-loved songs from the film, plus ten additional Martin and Blane songs written specially for the stage. Memorable musical numbers include "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Boy Next Door," "The Trolley Song," and "Whenever I'm with You." We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m.

### Happy Thanksgiving!!

Thursday, November 25
TOBY'S DINNER THEATRE
PRESENTS
WHITE CHRISTMAS
Columbia. MD
Cost: \$110 pp

**Reservations Open: August 18** 

Two World War II vets have become partners in a song-and-dance act after the war. Looking for love, they follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters to a gig at a Vermont lodge, which happens to be owned by their former army commander. Based on the timeless film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features seventeen Irving Berlin songs including, "I Love A Piano," "Blue Skies," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial favorite, 'White Christmas". We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

# Friday-Monday, November 26-29 THE ARK & MUSEUM OF CREATION Covington & Williamstown, KY Cost: \$855 Single & \$650 Twin pp

**Reservations Open: July 14** 

At the Creation Museum, the pages of the Bible come to life with animatronic characters, a tranquil garden of Eden and more. You also explore the Museum's Christmas Town and the wonder surrounding the Savior's birth with a live nativity, spectacular light displays, and more. Then at the Ark Encounter, you are transported back in time to meet Noah and his family and gain an understanding of what life was like prior to the flood. The Ark's Christmastime event features an evening of festive lights, gift shopping, and more. This is a one-of-a-kind Christmas tour that will live in your memories. Do not miss out! Tour includes three breakfasts, one lunch and three dinners plus a luncheon

cruise. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Manassas a6 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m. Tour Trip cancellation insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation An initial commitment deposit \$250 may be requested at the time of reservation.

### The Itinerary

### Day 1

Our journey begins with meal and rest stops en route to Charleston, WV for overnight lodging at the Embassy Suite Hotel. On arrival we will meet our guide for a tour of the city highlights including a tour of the gold-domed State Capitol. This beautiful building had its beginning in 1869. Time permitting, we may also visit the **Executive Mansion**. Also on the agenda is the 1834 Craik-Patton House, Charleston's premier house museum. We will tour the museum and hear compelling stories of the house's early inhabitants. These inhabitants include James Craik, whose family's strong connection to George Washington is discussed; as well as Colonel George Smith Patton, founder of the Kanawha Riflemen and grandfather of the famed World War II general. After checking in our hotel you will have time to freshen up before dinner in the hotel (With reservation provide choice of grilled salmon or chicken cordon bleu).

Day 2: Breakfast and then we depart early for Newport, Kentucky where we board the BB Riverboat for a luncheon cruise on the Ohio River past the city of Cincinnati. Following our cruise, we return to our coach for the short trip to Williamstown, Kentucky, location of the unbelievable ARK of the Covenant. Be sure to have comfortable walking shoes as you have much territory to discover. It is possible to rent electric carts for use to get around the three floors of The Ark. Remember it is built according to the dimensions described in the Bible and is about one and a half football fields long and as high as a typical four-story building. There are three floors with various size cages capable of holding the tiniest of creatures to those of great size. When the sun sets, the Christmas lights come on to light your way along various paths of discovery. Using a voucher we will enjoy dinner on the grounds at the Emzara's Kitchen. We will then proceed to the Hampton Inn Dry Ridge for overnight.

### DAY 3

Enjoy a breakfast at the motel before we board our bus to **Petersburg, Kentucky** to visit the **Museum of Creation** that brings the pages of the Bible to life featuring 160 inspiring exhibits divided into uniquely configured spaces that allow for personal interactions. Marvel at the 12-foot topiary dinosaur that strike a fearsome pose in the rainforest amid the logs in the lake that provide a safe haven for the turtles. You will have a **voucher for lunch** at the museum. Departing the museum, we will continue to **Huntington, WV** and overnight at the **Delta Hotel**. Time to relax before your buffet dinner at the hotel. Following dinner, we are off to the **Mountain Stage Radio Show** to enjoy an evening of mountain music.

### DAY 4

Breakfast will be provided at the hotel before we check out and depart for home with meal and rest stops along the way.

### **DECEMBER**

### Friday-Tuesday, December 3-7 CHRISTMAS IN THREE STATES VIRGINIA-TENNESSEE-NORTH CAROLINA

### Abingdon-Nashville-Asheville Cost: \$2312 Single & \$1831 pp Twin Reservations Open: July 16

We have a five-star tour for all us "land lovers" to celebrate the season of Christmas. Take this opportunity to celebrate the season in Southwestern Virginia in Abingdon where you will spend the night in the historic Martha Washington Inn. Our overnight will be coupled with an evening at the Barter Theatre. Then it is onto Tennessee and two nights at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel, the center piece of Christmas decorations and shows in Nashville. This "five star" tour ends in North Carolina with overnight at the **Double Tree by Hilton** located at Biltmore Village. The highlight of our visit is dinner at Deerfield and the candlelight tour of the fabulous Biltmore Estate dressed in the finest of Christmas decorations from the past. Included are four breakfasts, one luncheon cruise with entertainment and four dinners. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Manassas at 7:00 a.m. Tour Trip cancellation insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation An initial commitment deposit \$250 may be requested at the time of reservation.

SPECIAL NOTE: Because the Martha Washington is an historic inn, rooms with 2 beds are limited. The remainder are king-bed rooms. We have the 11 two-bedded rooms available on a first come, first-serve basis for the first night only. The remainder of the tour's lodging will be the traditional 2 beds for 2 persons and a king for the singles.

### The Itinerary

### Day 1

### Abingdon, VA & Martha Washington Hotel

Today we travel south thru the Shenandoah Valley to Abingdon in time for lunch on your own and shopping along East and West Main Streets. We will then check in our rooms at the Martha Washington Inn resplendent in decorations for Christmas. This evening we will enjoy dinner at our hotel followed by a performance at the renowned Barter Theatre. Day 2

### **Gaylord Hotel**

Arrive in Nashville for a Country Christmas celebration at the **Gaylord Opryland Hotel** for a stay of two nights. Marvel at more than 3 million holiday lights and acres of magnificent decorations, plus spectacular holiday activities and events that are sure to get you in the spirit of the season and create lasting memories. On arrival we will drop our bags at the hotel and greet our step-on guide for a tour of the city. Tonight we will

enjoy dinner at Ole Reds followed by tickets to the Grand Ole Opry,

### Day 3

ICE! This morning you experience your favorite scenes from the beloved classic holiday movie "A Christmas Story" in magnificent hand-carved sculptures made from more than TWO million pounds of ice. This icy exhibit blends amazing frozen creations with thrilling ice slides, all enhanced by dramatic lighting and special effects. You will see these fabulous hand-carved sculptures made from more than 2 million pounds of ice posed in familiar scenes from the movie. We will also enjoy the General Jackson Showboat Luncheon Cruise. The balance of this day includes the Delta Boat Ride that cruises gently through the lush four -acre indoor garden while a guide offers unique facts about the Delta's plants and fish. You' can also have time to visit the Gaylord Shops, see the Christmas Fountain Show, or go to the outdoor nativity. This evening enjoy the Opryland Hotel Christmas Dinner & Show featuring the Oak Ridge Boys. This quartet is one of America's best-known Country & Gospel groups with a number of big hit songs including "Elvira and, "Bobbie Sue".

### Day 4

### Asheville NC

Following breakfast, we will board our coach for a morning departure. We will arrive in Asheville, NC with lodging at the Double Tree by Hilton at Biltmore Village. This evening we will enjoy a buffet dinner at the Deerpark Restaurant on the **Biltmore Estate**. Following dinner we will take the candlelight tour of the fabulous **Biltmore Estate** decked out for the Christmas holidays!

### Day 5

Depart for Home. Rest stops and leisurely lunch stop en route on your own. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

# Saturday, December 4 US Army Band Christmas Concert Washington, D.C. Cost: \$40 pp Reservations Open: September 8

It has become a Washington, DC, tradition to attend the United States Army Christmas celebration concert followed by a drive-by the National Christmas Tree and other illuminations within the city. Our tickets are not for reserved seating but on a first-come basis at the DAR Constitution Hall. We have allowed extra time to arrive early to ensure good seats and to see the Capitol and National Tree illumination. We will depart Manassas at 12:45 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:30 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m.

### Thursday, December 9 HISTORIC ROSEMONT MANOR

Christmas Tea Berryville, VA Cost: \$105 pp

**Reservations Open: September 8** 

Join us as we attend a "Manor House Tea" at Rosemont Manor. You will relax in a beautiful environment still

decorated for Christmas. Tea at Rosemont is a one-of-akind experience and the perfect way to spend an afternoon. The teas served are blended especially for Historic Rosemont Manor by Marsha G. Richards of *Tea for All Reasons* in Winchester, Virginia. We will depart Woodbridge at 10:15 a.m. and Manassas at 11:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m. Note: Tour limit is 38 passengers.

### Saturday, December 11 US Air Force Band Christmas Concert Washington, D.C. Cost: \$40 pp

Reservations Open: September 8

Join the United States Air Force Band for their annual holiday concert featuring the Airmen Note and Singing Sargents jazz inspired holiday music. Our tickets are not for reserved seating but on a first-come basis at the DAR Constitution Hall. We have allowed extra time to arrive early to ensure good seats. We will depart Manassas at 12:45 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:30 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. On the return, we will drive past the National & Capitol Christmas Tree Illumination.

### Sunday, December 19 US Navy Band Christmas Concert Washington, D.C. Cost: \$40 pp

Reservations Open: September 8

It has become a Washington, DC, tradition to attend the United States Navy Christmas celebration concert followed by a drive-by the National Christmas Tree and other illuminations within the city. Our tickets are not for reserved seating but on a first-come basis at the DAR Constitution Hall. We have allowed extra time to arrive early to insure good seats. We will depart Manassas at 12:45 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:30 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. On the return, we will drive past the National and Christmas Tree Illumination.

## Tuesday, December 21 CHRISTMAS AT HILLWOOD Washington, DC Cost: \$ 96 pp

**Reservations Open: August 18** 

The Mansion and Gardens provide a magical escape from the bustle of the holidays. Enjoy the seasonal decorations, find fantastic deals in the Museum Shop, and take the final opportunity to catch the special exhibit **The Roaring 20's** that explores the Jazz Age fashion, decorative art, jewelry, and design that made Marjorie Merriweather Post one of the most influential women of the 1920's. This exhibit celebrates her influence on the period that is focused on her impeccable attire, impressive art collection, and sumptuous design. The stylish French eighteenth-century furnishings and decorative

arts that once populated her multiple residences, the glamorous attire that typified the independent "new woman" and her astounding collection of exotic gems and jewelry tell the story of the roaring twenties through the lens of one of its most influential women. From the captivating life of Marjorie Post to the exquisitely maintained Mansion and Gardens, the experience of Hillwood outshines even the Fabergé Eggs. We will enjoy a **tea luncheon** following the conclusion of our **private guided tour.** After lunch, there will be time to explore the home and gardens on your own as well as visit the gift shop. We will depart Manassas at 8:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9::00 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 23
2 GARDENS 2 STATES
LONGWOOD & WINTERTHUR
Kennett Square, PA & Winterthur, DL
Cost: \$ 164 pp
Reservations Open: September 22

Look forward to Yuletide at Winterthur as we tour Henry Francis du Pont's ancestral home in its holiday splendor. Featured rooms are decorated to reflect various seasonal vignettes, including the perennial favorite, Winterthur's magnificent dried-flower tree. The tour will display the elegance of historical holiday celebrations of the past. You will have a docent tour. Following our tour and time at the gift shop, we will board our bus for lunch at the near by Texas Road House for a lunch of your choice off the early dine menu. We will then continue to Kennett Square, PA to visit Longwood Gardens where Christmas is spectacularly celebrated with carillon concerts, a sea of poinsettias of every color and size, beautifully decorated trees and thousands of outside lights turned on as we leave for home. We will depart Manassas at 5:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. You will need your walking shoes.



Thursday, December 30-Saturday, January 1

NEW YEAR'S EVE

CELEBRATION BASH

Myrtle Beach, SC

Cost: \$545 Single & \$445 pp Twin

Reservations Open: July 18

For those who want to get away for just a couple of nights, we have a fabulous New Year's Eve overnight tour. Our destination always has super shows and great food. Leave the

hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season behind you and get ready for a New Year filled with Bluebird tours. This tour includes oceanside lodging for two nights, a New Year's Eve buffet dinner and dance with a champagne toast, buffet dinner at Benjamin's Original Calabash, two breakfasts, and a luncheon cruise aboard the Barefoot Queen plus an outstanding show at the Alabama Theatre. This is a New Year's Eve tour you do not want to sleep thru. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m. Tour Trip cancellation insurance is available. Please refer to Page 1 for detailed information. Please request insurance at the time you make your reservation An initial commitment deposit \$150 may be requested at the time of reservation.

### Itinerary

### DAY ONE:

With rest stops and a leisurely luncheon stop en route, by later afternoon we will arrive in Myrtle Beach at the Beach Cove Resort. You will have ample time to check in the Beach Cove Resort in our oceanfront executive suites for two nights. Our hotel will also host our New Year's Eve Celebration. This evening we will enjoy a fabulous 72-foot long buffet dinner at Benjamin's Original Calabash. Next we are off to the Alabama Theater for this evening's very special show. We have reserved seats for the Christmas Extravaganza, an evening filled with spectacular entertainment, song and dance. DAY TWO:

Sleep in then enjoy a buffet breakfast and take a walk along the beach. Later this morning we depart for the **Barefoot Queen** on a North Myrtle Beach River Cruise that takes us along the beautiful Intracoastal Waterway. After the cruise we will take you to the **Tanger Outlet** for an opportunity to check out the "after" Christmas sales. Returning to the resort you will have time to rest, relax and change into your party dress. We begin the evening being seated at our tables and then enjoy a **buffet dinner**. Tables will be cleared while a **live DJ provides music for dancing** the evening away! When the clock strikes twelve, we can lift our **champagne toast** to bring in the New Year! **DAY THREE**:

Enjoy a buffet breakfast before our departure for home.

Friday, December 31
NEW YEARS EVE LUNCHEON CRUISE
ABOARD THE
SPIRIT OF WASHINGTON
Washington, DC
Cost: \$111 pp

**Reservations Open: September 22** 

Don't spend the last day of this incredible year at home. Come with us on a delightful luncheon cruise on the Potomac River. Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch with a wide variety of freshly prepared cuisine, as well as an unlimited coffee, hot tea, iced tea and water (other beverages are available for purchase). See fascinating views of America's great landmarks and Washington DC's historic waterfront and enjoy onboard entertainment with DJ music. We will depart Manassas at 9:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:15 a.m. Return time is approximate 3:15 p.m.



### BIG NEWS FOR 2022

Saturday, January 15 THE KENNEDY CENTER PRESENTS:

Washington, DC Cost: \$199 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Don't miss the electrifying musical about "the greatest R&B group of all time." With their signature dance moves and harmonies, **The Temptations** rose to the top of the charts, and their moving story still resonates five decades later. The show features such iconic hits as "My Girl," "Just My Imagination," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," and many more. We have orchestra seats for the 1:30 matinee. We will depart Manassas at 11:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 12 Noon. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m. **No food stop is included.** 

We had planned on a tour to the Hippodrome Theatre in Baltimore, MD to see the musical giant *HAMILTON* in July of this year. However, we recently received the bad news that because of the virus they were not going to take the chance of producing the play this year. It has been moved to the fall of 2022. Our tickets are for the matinee performance on October 29, 2022. We are taking reservations between now and August 1, 2022. A deposit of \$50 is due with your reservation. Your final payment must be in by August 1, 2022. We only have 49 available tickets on a first come, first serve basis. Please see the following for details:

Saturday, October 29, 2022 HIPPODROME THEATRE PRESENTS

HAMILTON
Baltimore, MD
Cost: \$244 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Lin-Manuel Miranda's Pulitzer prize-winning transformation of Ron Chernow's biography, *Hamilton*, into a hip-hop musical took the world by storm. At the center of this groundbreaking multi-award-winning new musical is the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton, whose ambition drove him from the position of Caribbean outsider and bastard child to American war hero and George

Washington's right-hand man. In the process, Alexander Hamilton powerfully shaped America as we have come to know it – and gave us all a template for what it means to pull ourselves up by our bootstraps and realize the American Dream. This exploration of Hamilton's political mastermind is being called "the most exciting and significant musical of the decade." David Brooks of the New York Times declared seeing Hamilton to be "one of the most exhilarating experiences I've had in the theatre." With heart, humor, and respect. Lin-Manuel Miranda's new musical breathes vibrant, colorful life into this story of America's founding fathers. Lunch is included before the performance at Phillips Seafood Restaurant in the Inner Harbor. [Advise with reservation your choice of pan-seared chicken breast or fried seafood trio of crab cake, fresh catch and shrimp]. We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m.

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	JANUARY		
	NO TOURS		
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	AUGUST		
9	Chesapeake Cravings	\$133	
11	Riverside Dinner Theatre presents <i>Grumpy Old Men</i>	\$130	
13	Shaeffers Canal House	\$124	
16	Nationals vs. Atlanta Braves	\$130	
19	Dolphin Watch Cruise Virginia Beach	\$116	
21	Totem Pole Playhouse "I Do I Do!"	\$117	
26	Fallingwater	\$110	
	SEPTEMBER		
1	Suicide Bridge	\$108	
4	Bus. Train & Show in Strasburg, PA	\$104	
12	Shenandoah Caverns	\$112	
13-16	Country Inn & Seaside Resort	\$880/\$695	
15	Sight & Sound presents <b>Queen Esther</b>	\$146	
17	Virginia State Capitol & Governor's Mansion	\$66 \$130	
19 29	Nationals vs. Colorado Rockies Toby's Dinner Theatre presents <b>Godspell</b>	\$130 \$110	
29	OCTOBER	\$110	
3	Fall Bay Lighthouse Cruise	\$113	
6	National Law Enforcement Museum	\$108	
8	Potomac Eagle Fall Foliage Excursion	\$180	
13	Riverside Dinner Theatre presents <b>Bright Star</b>	\$130	
16-19	Vermont Sampler	\$804/\$694	
21	Chrysanthemum Festival at Longwood Gardens	\$118	
23	Old Dominion Autumn Foliage Train Excursion	\$132	
25-29	Chattanooga Choo Choo	\$1227/\$991	
31	A Day and A Play at Rehoboth Beach	\$140	
01	NOVEMBER	ψιτο	
3	Sight & Sound presents <i>Esther</i>	\$146	
6	Christmas at Radio City Music Hall in New York City	\$206	
9	Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC	\$70	
11-14	A Dickens of A Christmas in Myrtle Beach	\$818/\$692	
17	America Music Theatre presents Winter Wonderland	\$133	
20	All You Can Eat Oyster and Ham Dinner at Historic Christ Church	\$55	
21	Riverside Dinner Theatre presents Meet Me In St. Louis	\$130	
25	Toby's Dinner Theatre presents White Christmas	\$110	
26-29	Christmastime at the Museum of Creation and the Ark	\$855/\$650	
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3-7	Christmas in 3 States – Virginia, Tennessee & North Carolina	\$2312/\$1831	

4	US Army Band Christmas Concert	\$40	
9	Christmas Tea at Historic Rosemont	\$105	
11	US Air Force Band Christmas Concert	\$40	
19	US Navy Band Christmas Concert	\$40	
21	Christmas at Hillwood	\$96	
23	Christmas at Longwood & Winterthur Gardens	\$164	
12/30-01/01/22	New Year's Eve Bash in Myrtle Beach, SC	\$545/\$445	
31	New Year's Eve Luncheon Cruise aboard the Spirit of Washington	\$111	
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15	Kennedy Center presents Ain't Too Proud	\$199	
	OCTOBER		
29	Hippodrome Theatre presents <i>Hamilton</i>	\$244	
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8/12 - 9/9	Hollywood Casino	\$40	
8/5 - 10/7	Maryland Live	\$40	
11/18 - 12/9	MGM Casino	\$40	
12/15 -16	Christmas in the Dutch Country featuring WIND CREEK CASINO HOTEL	\$436/\$368	

### TOURS BY QUALITY

### ONE DAY CASINO EXCURSIONS

PLEASE NOTE

REBATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES BY THE CASINOS OVERWHICH QUALITY HAS NO CONTROL

Thursdays: August 12 & September 9
HOLLYWOOD CASINO
Charles Town, WV
Reservations Open Immediately

Cost: \$40 pp

From Charles Town Slots to Broadway Casino, 5,032 gaming machines are featured along with 112 table and poker games. There is a daily buffet as well as a food court. You will have four hours and a rebate of \$20 to test your luck. (Minimum 30 passengers required for bonus.) Lunch is on your own at the Epic Buffet or food court. We will depart Woodbridge at 8:45 a.m. and Manassas at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

Thursdays: August 5 & October 7

MD LIVE CASINO

Arundel, MD

Cost: \$40 pp

**Reservations Open: Immediately** 

Located at Arundel Mills Mall, this casino spans twelve acres and includes 4,750 slot machines and electronic table games, acclaimed restaurants, and of course, the mall for first class shopping. It is one of the largest gaming, retail and entertainment destinations in the country. Come along to enjoy so much at one destination. You will have four hours and a rebate of \$20 to test your luck. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:00 p.m.

Thursdays: November 18 & December 9

MGM CASINO

National Harbor MD

Reservations Open Immediately

Cost: \$40 pp

MGM is a luxury resort, retail, dining, entertainment and gaming experience just minutes from Washington D.C on the banks of the Potomac River' Bigger means better. Being the largest gaming floor in the area means options, lot of options. We will proceed by bus to MGM for a four hour visit. We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:00 p.m.



### Wednesday-Thursday, December15-16 CHRISTMAS IN THE DUTCH COUNTRY

Bethlehem & Lancaster Cost: \$436 Single & \$368 Twin pp Reservations Open: Immediately

This tour combines the best of what the Dutch Country has to offer to put us in the Christmas mood. You have two live theatre performances, the best of Dutch country meals (two lunches, dinner and breakfast), a guided night tour of Bethlehem as a full morning seeing the fabulous Christmas Trees and the German Christmas market. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:30 p.m.

### DAY ONE:

This first time tour combines the Windy Creek Casino along with the lights of Bethlehem and some of the best of Pennsylvania Dutch Entertainment and fantastic food. This tour includes two shows, two lunches, two \$20 vouchers toward purchase of your buffet dinner and sit-down breakfast at Wind Creek and \$40 for slots. We will depart Manassas at 7:15 a.m. and Woodbridge, VA at 8:00 a.m. We will make a combination rest stop and quick breakfast-on-the-go stop at the discretion of the driver and escort. Passengers are responsible for seeing that they make this a timely stop. Use the toilet facilities, and grab a beverage and snack and return to the bus. We then continue to East Earl. PA to enjoy a Smorgasbord luncheon at Shady Maple. It is then only a short drive to the Fulton Theatre for the matinee Christmas show [to be announced]. We will then depart for BETHLEHEM, PA. where we will check-in the WIND CREEK CASINO HOTEL. Check in your room and immediately proceed to your buffet dinner at the hotel dining room. A visit to "Christmas City" will make this year's holiday season complete with spirit, lights, shopping in a German Christmas Market, and so much more, this is a trip you'll never forget! This evening our guide will meet us at the hotel to take the one hour driving night tour of Bethlehem. Sit back and experience the Christmas City on a trip back in time with our certified costumed guide. This tour includes a visit to the famous star atop South Mountain, a look at early and current local holiday traditions, and access to historic highlights in north and south Bethlehem. A beautiful sight to see all the homes and businesses with candle lights in their windows.

### DAY TWO::

Breakfast is served in the hotel. We will then board our coach to depart at 8:30 a.m. with our costumed private guide for the **Christmas Tree tour**. See the world in a dazzling array of Christmas lights with the Trees of Historic Bethlehem, and peruse aisles of handmade works by more than 150 of the nation's finest artisans at **Christkindlmarkt**, a genuine German Christmas market where you may find many fine gifts for friends and family. Returning to Lancaster, we will enjoy lunch followed by the matinee performance of **Miracle on 34**th **Street Dutch Apple Theatre.** Following the show, return to the coach for the trip home. A combination rest stop and fast-food stop will be made enroute.