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#### **BLUEBIRD**

#### **POLICY INFORMATION**

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#### Payment Policy

A reservation must be confirmed immediately with a check, money order, or credit card. in the amount of \$5 for a one-day tour and \$10 for an overnight tour to hold your space. The balance will be charged for one-day trips two weeks prior to the trip and for overnight trips, 30 days prior to trip. When making a payment, request a receipt by providing an active email address. Quality Tours requires deposits for certain trips at the time of booking and is noted in that trip's description. The deposit would be refundable if the trip does not run.

#### **Refunds and Cancellations**

There is a "No Refund" policy in place unless and if, when you cancel there is a standby list and from it, we can find a replacement. If you need to cancel your reservation, please call Quality Tours and speak to one of our agents handling the Bluebird Tour Program. All cancellations are subject to an administration fee of \$5.00 for one-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 overnight tours and it is highly suggested.

#### Schedule and Trip Information

All tours may take place on a Quality Tour Transport motor coach. Schedules for the Bluebird trips can be printed from the web page located at: www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours. You will be added to the maintained address book. For trip information, pleases send an email to <a href="mailto:BB4information@aol.com">BB4information@aol.com</a> and you will be added to the email address book, maintained by the Advisory Board. You may contact Quality Tours at dcreek@dctrails.com for immediate information. NOTE: 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 \$3-\$4 per day. The gratuity for sightseeing guides is included in the 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. Insurance is available to everyone through Travelguard.com 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 fees. Contact Dee Creek at (703) 339-0333 for further information, or go online to travelguard.com

#### 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 9401 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 Richmond 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. It will be based on factors that affect driving.

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

#### Alcohol

No consumption of alcohol is permitted on the bus.

#### Note

The trip escort is permitted to make changes as deemed necessary to trip itineraries while on the road.

#### RESERVATIONS

Reservations commence immediately on the date the new schedule is up on the following internet sites: www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-

aging/bluebird-tours- or BB4information@aol.com or www.qualitytour.com or www.dctrails.com or printed copies of the program distributed to the two senior centers as well as at the McCoart Building or Ferlazzo Building or your local libraries. Beginning then, reservations are accepted by telephone only at (703) 339-0333 beginning at 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Reservations can be made for up to four persons for multiple tours per phone call. One-day tours will require twenty-five participants if the trip is within our local area and thirty participants if the trip is outside our local area. Overnight trips will require thirty participants. Note: At the time of reservation any special accommodations, including but not limited to seating and dietary restrictions, should be mentioned.

Note: Two weeks after the new brochure has been distributed any remaining space will be opened to residents over 18 years of age and individuals or groups from Prince William County or surrounding counties. Installment payments may be arranged for any tour with the reservationist at the time of booking. For single or multiple tour reservations, an individual check or money order is required for each trip and made payable to Quality Tour Transport, Inc. and mailed to:

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

Credit cards will be run and trip monies in the form of checks or money orders will be deposited as soon as the minimum number to operate any tour has been met and you will be advised of the date of deposit. Please refer to the Bluebird Tour Program Policy Manual for full details of the policies governing the Bluebird Program.

### BLUEBIRD NAME TAGS ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF \$12.50. CONTACT CHESTER SMITH AT 703-282-4043

If anyone is interested in having a group presentation about The Bluebird Trips for your church, social organization, etc.
please contact:

Gerry Nowinski 703-494-5489

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#### **BLUEBIRD OPEN MEETING**

Friday, November 7, 2025, 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers of the McCoart Building.

1 County Complex Ct. Woodbridge, VA



#### **BLUEBIRD SOCIAL**

Monday, September 8, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in Woodbridge at the United Buffet 2942 Prince William Pkwy, Woodbridge.

A COURTESY BUS will be PROVIDED DEPARTING Manassas at 11:00 a.m. from Walmart on Liberia Ave (park near Wawa). Return time is 2:30 p.m.

Call Quality Tours for reservations at (703) 339-0333

#### **SEPTEMBER**

### Wednesday, September 3 EARLY DAYS OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Jamestown & Williamsburg, VA Cost: \$ 185

We will go back in time to 1607 with the landing of the 3 ships from Europe to what would be called Jamestown, later named the Colonial Capital of Virginia. We will learn how the colonists survived those first few years and later would move inland to form a larger more prominent area for a Capitol: Williamsburg. Our tour guides will walk us through the town various buildings for a comprehensive intake. Time in Merchant Square at the end of the tour for some light shopping. A Colonial-style lunch is included at Shields Tavern, which dates back to 1750 Choose: Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Pot Pie or Roast Turkey with stuffing & gravy. Wear comfortable shoes as a moderate amount is walking on this tour. Some of it on slightly uneven terrain. We will depart Manassas at 6:00 AM and Woodbridge at 6:45 AM. Return time is approximately 8:00 PM

#### Thursday, September 11

#### FARMERS MARKET & CRAB FEAST KENT NARROWS, MD Cost: \$150

Enjoy a beautiful day on Kent Island with a stop first at an authentic Amish Market for fresh fruit, baked goods, and meats. (you are welcome to bring a small cooler) candy, seasonings, and crafts. Then on to Fishermans Village for a sit-down Crab Feast with all-you-can-eat: Crabs, crab soup, coleslaw, hush puppies chicken tenders, corn on the cob, fountain sodas and draft beer! After 2 hours of feasting, we depart for a 1-hour scenic boat cruise around Kent Island. Depart Manassas at 7:00 AM and depart Woodridge at 7:45 AM. Approximate arrival back in the area 5:00 PM

#### Tuesday, September 23 SIGHT & SOUND

Presents: "NOAH"
Ronks, Pa
Cost: \$189

On arrival, we will proceed directly to Sight & Sound Theatre for the return of **NOAH**. With a catastrophic storm on its way, Noah is given a monumental task: build a boat big enough to save his family from a flood that will cover the entire earth. As Noah endeavors to live faithfully in the midst of an increasingly chaotic world, can he trust that God's promises run deeper than the rising waters around him? Returning for one season only, this landmark production takes you on board one of the world's best-known voyages as live animals fill the stage and aisles. Set sail inside the enormous ark as this extraordinary story comes to life in this special 30th anniversary season! Then we are off to enjoy a late lunch following the performance at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m. We will make a short stop en route for a quick snack and/or you are always welcome to bring one. We have a late lunch!

## Sunday, September 28 Dorchester Seafood & Wine Tour Dorchester, MD Cost \$132

We will meet our **step-on tour quide** at the **Dorchester County Visitor Center in** Cambridge, MD. After a brief restroom stop, we'll make our way to Hooper's Island, passing by scenery, which includes lush pine forests and waterways, while your tour guide educates and informs about the way of life in Dorchester County.- When we get to Hooper's Island, we'll go by where the Phillips Seafood empire began, and over the Narrows Ferry Bridge, where you'll see the Chesapeake Bay in all of its glory! -On Hooper's Island, enjoy a buffet-style meal at Old Salty's restaurant. The meal features seafood items like crab cakes, fish, and clam strips, but also non-seafood items like chicken, tossed salad, vegetables, and more. Enjoy a slice of homemade pie for

dessert.- After lunch, we'll stop at Emily's Produce, a produce market that is operated by a family that has farmed the fields of Dorchester County for seven generations! They offer a wide variety of fruits and vegetables, meats, plants, and other items.-This will be followed up with a ride over to Dorchester County's first and only winery.- At Layton's Chance Vineyard & Winery, you will learn the art and science of winemaking, complete with several samples of wine to enjoy. Wine will also be available for purchase.- On the way back to Cambridge, we'll stop at Kool Ice & Seafood, where you'll have the opportunity to purchase seafood to take home! Bring your coolers if you want to do this! -We cannot leave the area without allowing you to purchase a hand-dipped ice cream cone as a sweet memory of this tour. We will depart Manassas at 7:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

#### **OCTOBER**

Wednesday, October 1 **SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION** MUSEUM OF AMERICAN **HISTORY / AFRICAN** AMERICAN HISTORY & **CULTURE** Washington D.C.

**Cost: \$70** 

Whichever type of American History you enjoy, this will offer both, as these museums are right next to each other. We have tickets for the African American History and Culture Museum, which opened in 2016. It offers quite a cultural experience, including their "Sweet Home Café" for lunch. One block over is the American History Museum which offers the 1st Ladies ball gown collection, Judy Garland's ruby red slippers, the original flag that flew over Ft. Mc Henry during the War of 1812, to name a few exhibits. They also have a cafeteria with a large selection of food. Lunch is on your own. We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Manassas at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

#### **Monday - Thursday** October 6-9 **AUTUMN IN THE WHITE** MOUNTAINS CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE **Cost \$1087 Single / \$877 Twin**

The White Mountains in New Hampshire consistently rank as one of the top destinations for fall foliage, and it's easy to see why. The 800,000-acre forest comes alive each autumn with a stunning array of colors, from vibrant reds and oranges to golden yellows. Visitors can take in these breathtaking views along the Highway as we make our way to Concord, NH. The mountains provide a perfect backdrop for autumn's natural spectacle. We have so much packed into this tour from a Castle in the Clouds to a railroad journey thru the countryside to a relaxing cruise on Lake Winnipesaukee. Lodging is at the Fairfield Inn by Marriott. The tour also includes 3 buffet breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m.

#### Day One:

Today we depart on our deluxe motorcoach for a scenic drive through the New England countryside to Concord, New Hampshire. Here you have 3 nights lodging at the lovely Fairfield Inn by Marriott. Dinner is right next door at the Common Man restaurant, [With reservation, indicate a choice of Yankee Pot Roast, Haddock or Apple Walnut Chicken]. Don't miss the gift shop here with favorite New England items for sale, including delicious maple syrup and maple sugar candy. Day Two:

After a full buffet breakfast at our hotel, you take a relaxing drive to Castle In The Clouds. which sits high on top of the White Mountains area. This beautiful turreted estate, with its breathtaking scenic views, was built in 1913 for the wealthy Plant family. On display, you will find original handmade furniture with rare woods as well as innovations in the home that were rare at the time, such as a central vacuuming system. While here, you will have a chance to view many one-of-a-kind art pieces and charming landscaping, too. Now, after a lunch stop on your own, it's "All Aboard!" the North Conway Scenic Railroad as you step into a historic period train car and take a one-hour ride through the White Mountains area. During your trip, you will pass

some of New England's most picturesque scenery. Later, a relaxing **dinner awaits** you. **Day Three:** 

This morning, after a full breakfast at our hotel, you make a stop at Concord's most famous landmark: The State House, with its gilded 1819 dome. Upon arrival, you will be given a private tour of the building, which is the only state house in America still used for its original purpose. Included will be the historic chambers, where the 400-member legislature has met for over two centuries and the magnificent Hall of Flags. Next, you take a 45-minute drive to Lake Winnipesaukee, once the home of the Abenaki Tribe before becoming a famous tourist destination in the Victorian era. Here at Weir's Beach you will have a chance to enjoy some browsing and shopping time at the boardwalk before embarking on a two-and-a-half-hour luncheon narrated buffet luncheon cruise aboard the **MS Mount Washington Ship.** 

Later, you have dinner at Hart's Turkey Farm Restaurant, a local landmark that has been owned by the same family since 1954. You will not only enjoy the delicious cooking here but the beautiful gift shop as well. Please indicate your choice of: Turkey with stuffing, Ham or Roast Beef.

#### Day Four:

Today, after a full **buffet breakfast** at our hotel, you depart with wonderful memories! We will make a luncheon stop at a **Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card)**. Rest stops and a fast-food stop will also be made on our way home. Don't "leaf" anything behind!! Return time is approximately 8:30 pm

Sunday, October 12
Candlelight Dinner Theater
Presents:
"RAGTIME"
Wilmington, DE
Cost: \$152

It's the dawn of the 20th century in New York and everything is possible. Three uniquely American tales are woven together and united by their shared belief in the promise of the future. Together, they confront history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair... and what it means to live in the "land of opportunity". Nominated for an astounding 13 Tony's and written by the award-winning

composer/lyricist team of Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens, sit back and enjoy a wonderful musical and lunch! We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, October 22 A TRUE AMISH EXPERIENCE Lancaster, PA Cost: \$153

We arrive in Lancaster County for a short film on the history of the Amish, tour an Amish house & one-room schoolhouse, then pick up our tour guide and head into the farmlands for a tour. We will enjoy lunch at the Lapp family home, hosted by Samuel & Ruth Lapp with home-cooked chicken and roast beef with gravy and home-baked bread with home-made jam. The Lapp family also has a small gift shop (please bring cash for purchases). We will spend a little time in Kitchen Kettle Village before heading home for those last-minute goodies. We depart Manassas at 7:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:45 p.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Thursday October 29 - 30 LEXINGTON-NATURAL BRIDGE-MONTICELLO Cost: \$557 / \$499 Twin pp

Thomas Jefferson owned millions of acres in Virginia back in his day, and one of the more beautiful sights outside of his home was this majestic 215-foot high Natural Bridge, and of course, we will visit his home. We will also enjoy some of the other attractions in the Lexington, VA area. We will depart Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. and Manassas at 7:45 a.m.

#### Day One:

Upon arrival, we will get a guided tour of Lexington, VA, stopping at Washington & Lee University, including the chapel where Robert E. Lee is buried. Lunch will be at the Pink Cadillac Diner. This afternoon, let's go for a 1-hour horse-drawn carriage ride through town and also visit the Virginia Military Institute Museum. We check into the Natural Bridge Historic Hotel, where we have dinner (included)

for the night. There will be no luggage service on this trip.

#### Day Two:

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After a full breakfast at the hotel, we depart for the Natural Bridge. A shuttle will take us from our motorcoach down to the bridge site and back. We then head to Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello for tour! but not without first stopping at the wonderful Michie Tavern for lunch with their famous 'fried chicken' served in the ordinary, a true 1784 pub! Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

#### **NOVEMBER**

# Wednesday, November 5 The Peoples House The White House Experience Washington D.C. Cost \$75

Come with us to see the newest museum in town. Just opened September 2024! The new "White House Experience" takes us on a technology-rich immersive experience where you go into spaces and due to the miracles of modern tech, those spaces will become White House rooms around you. You will also enter a full-scale replica of the Oval Office and so much more. A stop for lunch on your own will follow at the Pentagon City Mall Food Court. Departure from Manassas will be at 8:30 a.m. and from Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 8
RADIO CITY MUSIC
HALL
FEATURING THE ONE AND ONLY
ROCKETTES
New York, NY
Cost: \$265 pp

This is perhaps a "once-in-a-lifetime, extravagant tour with one day in the Big Apple. Not only will you have front center orchestra seats to the 2025 fabulous **Christmas Spectacular** featuring the Renowned

Rockettes, but also lunch at Dallas BBQ (Chicken & Ribs). A fast-food rest stop on the return trip home will be made. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:15 p.m.

#### November 12 -15 Wednesday-Saturday Not Quite Winter Yet! LET'S GO MYRTLE BEACH!! Cost: \$798 Single / \$633 Twin pp

Start the holiday season with great holiday entertainment, ocean view rooms, and great food! Myrtle Beach has so much to offer, including wonderful weather! Departure from Manassas is 7:00 a.m. and from Woodbridge, 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:00 p.m. on Saturday.

#### Day One:

Travel day to Myrtle Beach, making the necessary comfort stops along the way, but save some of your appetite for the all-you-caneat seafood buffet at the Giant Crab this evening. Check into our ocean view suites at the Beach Cove Resort for three nights.

#### Day Two:

After a full breakfast at our hotel, we head to Murrells Inlet for a one-of-a-kind eco tour (by boat), followed by lunch on your own in Murrell's Inlet or Hammock Village—a little downtime at the hotel before Dinner at Chesapeake House & Show at Carolina Opry tonight.

#### Day Three:

After breakfast at the hotel, shopping and lunch at Barefoot Landing, dinner at Chucks Steakhouse, then entertainment at The Alabama Theater.

#### Day Four:

After breakfast and checkout, we head home, making all the necessary comfort stops along the way. Approximate arrival in the area is 6:00 p.m.

#### Friday, November 21 Bird-n-Hand Restaurant & Stage Lancaster, PA Cost: \$120

Candy store owner Sadie Graber is a longtime prankster, so when two men try to steal her coveted candy recipe and kidnap her instead, no one believes the ransom note is real. The ensuing exchanges between the kidnappers and the community are hilarious, and the conversations between Sadie and the kidnappers are insightful and enlightening, as each discovers that their lives didn't turn out the way they expected. It will leave you laughing while you ponder the paths your life has taken and what happens when you cry "wolf" once too often. Lunch will be before the show at the newly rebuilt Smorgasbord, and after the show, shopping at their farmer's market before departure, An all-in-one stop! We will depart from Manassas at 7:15 a.m. and depart from Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, November 22 HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH PRESENTS

The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Oyster & Ham Dinner Cost: \$80 pp

If you love fried oysters and real baked ham served family style, and all you can eat (except oysters, which you are allowed a dozen (12). You will be served potato salad, turnips, green beans, apple sauce, and rolls. Then this is the tour of your dreams. You will also find a bake sale, handmade butter candy, and a twice-new sale. It is held at the church where George Washington was often worshipped! We will depart Manassas at 11:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 11:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 3:00 p.m. (There is one flight of stairs to reach the bake & the twice new sale)

#### Happy Thanksgiving!

Wednesday, November 26
RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE
presents:
"WHITE CHRISTMAS"
Fredericksburg, VA

**Cost: \$140 pp** 

Everyone's favorite Christmas musical is coming to Riverside Theater! Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters en route to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. Will the show go on?

With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean," and the perennial title song, *White Christmas* is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages. We will depart Manassas at 10:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 11:00 a.m. Return to the area is approximately 5:00 p.m.

# Saturday, November 29 The Kennedy Center Presents: THE SHAMROCK TENORS: CHRISTMAS IN BELFAST Cost \$160

Get ready for the festive season with Irish PBS favorites, the Shamrock Tenors, and their all-new show Christmas in Belfast. Described as "one of Northern Ireland's greatest ever exports," this groundbreaking group brings a fresh energy to Irish music. The guys will bring holiday classics to life with an injection of Irish tradition. With a mix of cheeky Irish charm, stellar vocals from some of the country's most renowned stars, and electrifying multi-instrumental and dance performances, you are invited to experience the Emerald Isle at Christmas like never before. We will depart Manassas at 11:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 12:15 p.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m. There is no food stop on this tour. You are welcome to bring a sandwich to eat on the bus.

#### DECEMBER

Thursday - Sunday
December 4 – 7
Colonial Christmas
Concord, Massachusetts
Cost: \$959 Single / \$789 Twin pp

We will travel to where the very first battle of the American Revolutionary War started, Concord, MA! This is where the shot heard around the world was fired. Also, the home of some literary greats; Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and others. We will drive through the New England countryside to the Hampton Inn in Waltham, MA, for a 3-night stay.

We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m.

#### Day One:

Bring a book or listening material for our daylong scenic drive through New England with comfort stops along the way, to our home for three nights in Waltham, MA Dinner (included) TBA

#### Day Two:

After breakfast at the hotel, we begin our tour of Concord at The Old North Bridge, where the "shot heard around the world" was fired that started the Revolutionary War. On display here is Daniel Chester French's famous Minuteman Statue. Next, it's on to Orchard House, where Louisa May Alcott lived and wrote "Little Women". On display you will find Louisa's personal writing desk as well as Victorian era Christmas decorations, such as table trees in the dining room and cheerful garland on the stair bannisters and mantles. After having time for lunch on your own on Concord's main street, you will take a drive to Brookfield, where an early evening of fun and festivity awaits you. On arrival at the Salem Cross Inn, you enjoy a 20-minute horse-drawn wagon ride on the ground before enjoying a prime rib dinner cooked in the inn's original fireplace. (Stuffed boneless chicken also available). Yes, you can see the roast turning in the iron cauldron over the fire. For dessert. it's deep-dish apple pie with fresh whipped cream. Later, you take a ten-mile drive to Old Sturbridge Village, where you experience Christmas by Candlelight. All 47 of the Villages' historic colonial buildings are open in the evening and lit by candlelight. The evening will end with a 30-minute Choir concert in the visitor theater here, featuring traditional colonial Christmas carols.

#### Day Three:

After breakfast at the hotel, we are off to tour Lexington, including the historic Buck Tavern and a special private tour of the Hancock Clarke Home, where Paul Revere met with Samuel Adams and John Hancock before he began his famous ride to warn the colonists of the British advance toward Concord in April of 1775. Later, you have lunch and shopping

time on your own before seeing "A Christmas Carol". A yearly tradition, this special abridged version uses Charles Dickens's own script, which he wrote when he performed in the original 19th-century production. See this Christmas classic the way Dickens himself envisioned it! Dinner is included at Concord's Colonial Inn, where Louisa May Alcott, Henry David Thoreau, and other Concord writers used to meet. Enjoy the period Christmas decorations and Victorian décor here as you feast on a delicious buffet.

#### Day Four:

Today, after breakfast at your hotel, you depart with wonderful memories of Concord. We will make a luncheon stop at a **Cracker Barrel** (\$20 gift card). Rest stops and a fast-food stop will also be made on our way home. Return time is approximately 8:30 pm

## Saturday, December 6 U.S. Army Band Pershing's Own Washington D.C. Cost: \$70

It has become a Washington DC tradition to attend the United States Army Christmas celebration concert. 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 12:15 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:00 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. There is no meal stop on this tour.

## Saturday, December 13 US Air Force Band Christmas Concert Washington, D.C. Cost: \$70 pp

Join the United States Air Force Band for their annual holiday concert featuring the Airmen of Note and Singing Sergeants 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 12:15 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:00 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. **No meal stop on this tour.** 

# December 15 – 17 Monday - Wednesday Oglebay Resort & Festival of Lights Wheeling, WV

Cost: \$704 Single / \$564 Twin pp

Once home to wealthy industrialist and philanthropist Earl W. Oglebay and family, this 750-acre estate is now a museum and is lavishly decorated for the holidays! Here you will journey into the past, entering a virtual treasure house of antiques and history that is dressed in all its holiday glory. The trip includes 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, and 1 lunch. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Manassas at 7 a.m. (There is a considerable amount walking on the grounds of the resort if you choose to do so)

#### Day One:

We will stop for lunch on your own before arrival at Oglebay. Once we arrive, we will start with a tour of the Mansion Museum, once home to Mr. Oglebay, dressed for the holidays! We then check into our rooms at the Oglebay Resort, where you have some downtime to rest and freshen up for dinner and enjoy the lively, heartwarming festive production that will be put on. We then board our coach to enjoy a guided drive-through experience along the six-mile Festival of Lights Tour.

#### Day Two:

After breakfast, we will visit Oglebay's Institute of Glass Museum and witness the largest piece of cut lead crystal ever made. "The Sweeny Punch Bowl." standing 5 feet tall and weighing over 225 pounds, this remarkable piece of Victorian artistry is worldrenowned. The museum has over 3,000 examples of Wheeling glass made from 1829-1939. Farmhouse Sweets & Treats is right next door to find your next favorite Christmas decoration and indulge in a sweet treat. We will then head downtown to visit the Center Market for lunch on your own. The upper market house was built in 1853, the oldest cast iron market house in the country. The lower market house was added in 1890. The two structures still function as market houses and the entire neighborhood is enjoying a renaissance as a hub of activity and is brimming with food, artwork, antiques, and more! We return to the resort for dinner at The Wilson Lodge and then enjoy entertainment in the Hickman Lounge

#### Day Three:

After breakfast at the hotel and check out we visit the Winter Fantasy Good Zoo for the Christmas light show. This attraction includes an exciting animated music and LED light show on the patio, all of which is choreographed to beloved holiday music. As we head home, we will stop at Cracker Barrel for lunch (\$20 gift card included). Approximate arrival back will be 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 18
American Music Theater
Presents:
"Deck the Halls"
Lancaster, PA
Cost: \$150

"Deck the Halls" 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. Check in at the decked-out St. Nicholas Hotel, where we find dashing dancers and Bubbly bellhops in preparation for a visit from Old Saint Nick. The extraordinary costumes 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 Shady Maple Smorgasbord. You are welcome to bring a snack on the bus to hold you over until lunch, which will be approximately 1:00 pm. We will depart Manassas at 6:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:45 a.m. A quick rest stop will be made en route. Return time is approximately 6:15 p.m.

## Saturday, December 20 US NAVY BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT Washington, D.C. Cost: \$70 pp

It has become a Washington DC tradition to attend the United States Navy Christmas celebration concert. 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 12:15 p.m. and Woodbridge at 1:00 p.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m. **There is no meal stop on this tour.** 

#### Happy New Year!!!

Saturday - Friday
December 27, 2025 - January 2,
2026
CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S EVE IN
BRANSON, MO
Cost: \$1631 Single \$1292 Twin pp

Welcome to the Ozark Mountains, where we find a huge collection of Entertainment theaters and the site of The Branson Cross, the largest cross monument in North America! Pack an overnight bag for the en route stay. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:00 a.m. and Manassas at 6:45 a.m., making comfort and rest stops along the way to our en-route hotel.

#### Day One:

After our day of travel and dinner at a Cracker Barrel (\$25 included) rest up for the next day of travel (Pack a small tote for the overnight)

#### Day Two:

After making the necessary rest and comfort stops, we arrive in Branson, check into our hotel, freshen up, and head out for dinner and holiday entertainment aboard the Showboat Branson Belle featuring a 3-course meal with fantastic views around Table Rock Lake. (Hotel name will be announced once we have 20 confirmed reservations)

Day Three:

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, then meet your local guide for a tour of the Branson area, including the Branson Cross. Lunch is on your own. Return to the hotel to relax and freshen up before departing for dinner at a popular restaurant in Branson. This evening, we will enjoy the Baldknobber's Christmas Show at The Hughes Brothers Theater. Enjoy the best of the year's show during the first half and your favorite holiday tunes during the second half. Return to the hotel for a restful sleep.

#### Day Four:

After breakfast at the hotel, you spend the morning exploring Historic Downtown Branson where you can do some shopping and have lunch on your own. This afternoon we will make a stop at the Hollywood Wax Museum to see all of our favorite Hollywood figures in wax! Dinner at another popular restaurant before the Pierce Arrow Country Christmas Show at the Pierce Arrow Theater with a variety of classic, modern hits and a touch of Gospel.

#### Day Five:

After breakfast at the hotel, spend the morning at Branson Landing for some shopping and lunch is on your own here. (Some may choose to remain at the hotel or go off on their own). In the mid-afternoon, we will arrive at the Grand County Music Hall for the Comedy Jamboree featuring family-friendly comedy, dancing, and audience participation.

After the show, we return to the hotel to relax and prepare for the New Year's Eve Celebration. This evening, we will arrive at the Clay Cooper Theater for dinner and a combination of entertainers at the Clay-Goods Jambor-Eve Show, a family-friendly show with a mix of live music and comedy that will leave your heart full of joy! Enjoy the versatile Clay Cooper entertainer and The Haygoods, who will bring the house down with incredible harmonies, energetic choreography, incredible special effects, and amazing performances. After ringing in the New Year, we will return to our hotel and get ready for departure back home.

#### Day Six:

After breakfast, we will depart for our overnight hotel, making the necessary comfort stops along the way. Dinner at Cracker Barrel again (\$25 included) (Pack a small tote for the overnight)

#### Day Seven:

Early morning breakfast at the hotel and departure as we head for home. Approximate arrival in the area 8:00 p.m.

#### **JANAURY**

# Saturday, January 3 The Kennedy Center Presents: Monty Python's "SPAMALOT" Cost \$160

Everything that makes a great knight in the theater is here, from flying cows to killer rabbits, British royalty to French taunters, dancing girls, rubbery shrubbery- and of course, the Lady of the Lake. Spamalot features well-known songs such as "Always Look On The Bright Side of Life," "The Song That Goes Like This," "Find Your Grail," and more that have become beloved classics in the musical theater canon. We will depart Manassas at 11:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 12:15 p.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m. There is no food stop on this tour. You are welcome to bring a sandwich to each on the bus.

#### Saturday, January 10 HISTORIC HANOVER TAVERN PRESENTS: "DEATH TRAP"

**Cost: \$121** 

A comic thriller that's funny until it's fatal! A washed-up playwright, desperate for a hit, sees a chance for success in a student's brilliant new murder mystery. But as the lines between reality and fiction begin to blur, a deadly game of cat and mouse unfolds! Enjoy a wonderful lunch of fried chicken and pulled pork at the Hanover Tavern before the performance! We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Approximate arrival back will be 6:30 p.m.

DATE	TOUR NOTES	COST	BOOKED
	SEPTEMBER		
3	Early Days of The Commonwealth	\$185	
11	Farmers Market & Crab Feast	\$150	
23	Sight & Sound "Noah"	\$189	
28	Dorchester Seafood & Wine Tour	\$132	
	OCTOBER		
1	American History / African American History Museums	\$70	
6 - 9	Autumn In The White Mountains	\$1087 / \$877	
12	Candlelight Theater "Ragtime"	\$152	
22	A True Amish Experience	\$153	
29 - 30	Lexington – Natural Bridge – Monticello	\$557 / \$499	
	NOVEMBER		
5	The People's House / The White House Experience	\$75	
8	Radio Center Music Hall featuring The Rocketts	\$265	
12 - 15	Not Winter Yet: Myrtle Beach	\$798 / \$633	
21	Bird-n-Hand & The Stage	\$120	
22	Christ Church Oyster & Ham Dinner	\$80	
26	Riverside Diner Theater Presents: White Christmas	\$140	
29	Kennedy Center Presents: The Shamrock Tenors – Christmas in Belfast	\$160	
	DECEMBER		
4 - 7	Colonial Christmas in Concord, MA	\$959 / \$789	
6	U.S Army Pershing's Own Band Christmas Concert	\$70	
13	U.S Air Force Band Christmas Concert	\$70	
15 -17	Oglebay Resort & Festival Of Lights	\$704 / \$564	
18	American Music Theater Presents: "Deck The Halls"	\$150	
20	U.S. Navy Band Christmas Concert	\$70	
12/27-1/2	Celebrate New Year's in Branson, MO	\$1631/ \$1292	
	JANUARY		
3	Kennedy Center Presents: Spamalot	\$160	
10	Hanover Tavern Presents: Death Trap	\$121	