

# Bluebird Tours

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**SUMMER 2024**



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**BLUEBIRD**  
**POLICY INFORMATION**

The current **Bluebird Policy** manual is online at [www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours](http://www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours). **It is your responsibility to make yourself aware of important information concerning your Bluebird experience.**

**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. 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](http://www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours). You will be added to the maintained address book. For trip information, please send an email to [BB4information@aol.com](mailto:BB4information@aol.com) and you will be added to the email address book, maintained by the Advisory Board. You may contact Quality Tours at [dcreek@dctrails.com](mailto: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 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](http://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](http://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**

**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-](http://www.pwcva.gov/department/area-agency-aging/bluebird-tours-) or [BB4information@aol.com](mailto:BB4information@aol.com) or [www.qualitytour.dctrails.com](http://www.qualitytour.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 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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**or also at**

[www.qualitytour.dctrails.com](http://www.qualitytour.dctrails.com)

#### **BLUEBIRD OPEN MEETING**

**Friday, July 12, 2024, 10:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers of the McCoart Building.**



#### **BLUEBIRD SOCIAL**

**Monday, May 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. in Manassas at 12 p.m. at the Golden Corral 10801 Bulloch Dr. Manassas. Cost: \$15.05 includes drink, and tax. It does not include tip. A COURTESY BUS will be PROVIDED DEPARTING Featherstone Shopping Center at 11:30 a.m. from behind McDonald's. Return time is 2:30 p.m. Call Quality Tours for reservations at (703) 339-0333**

**MAY**

*Wednesday, May 1*

**Riverside Dinner Theatre presents**

***They're Playing Our Song***

**Fredericksburg, VA**

**Cost: \$135 pp**

In a story based on the real-life relationship of Marvin Hamlisch and Carole Bayer Sager, an award-winning wisecracking composer finds a new, slightly disorganized, offbeat lyricist, but initially the match is not one made in heaven. Professionally, their relationship works beautifully, but personally they hit a few bumps: romance blossoms, conflict rears its head, comic sparks fly, and of course, there is a happy ending. This Tony nominated musical makes for an upbeat and entertaining evening filled with laughs, love and catchy tunes that are likely to get stuck in your head. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

*Friday-Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>*

**CELEBRATE SPRINGFEST**

**Ocean City, MD**

**Cost: \$690 Single & \$493 Twin pp**

Springfest boasts two live stages with enticing bands. Over 20 groups from across the globe showcase many musical styles from rock, country, and R&B. Many of the performances are free! In addition, the festival brings together exceptional artisans and exhibitors from coast to coast featuring works of art and fine crafts presented by more than 200 artists. A wide variety of handmade art will be available in many mediums, including clothing, textiles, glass, jewelry, metal, painting, photography, pottery, specialty foods, and wood. The array of food vendors will make sure you do not go hungry. From the eastern seaboard, you can experience an incredible range of delicious eats. We are spending **two nights** at the **Oceanfront Days Inn**. Our tour will include **2** breakfast vouchers, **dinner** the night of arrival at **Bonfire**, and the **Assateague Explorer Boat cruise**. **Two 1 way passes** on the **Boardwalk tram** plus dinner enroute home at the **Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card)**. You explore at your leisure and there is plenty of time to enjoy the beach and ocean. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

*Wednesday, May 8*

**DOGWOODS & PATRIOT'S**

**ADVENTURE**

**Valley Forge, PA**

**Cost: \$122 pp**

A tour in **Valley Forge National Park** offers not just the chance to walk in the footsteps of some of the most important figures in American history and also fantastic scenery hopefully with the Dogwood trees in full bloom. Our first stop is at the information center to meet our guide and then proceed on a journey into history! Our guide will take us on the 10-mile driving loop of Valley Forge Park, providing interpretation of the 6-month winter Washington's army endured from 1777-1778 as well as the evolution of what was farmland and industry into a National Park. We will see all points of interest in the Park including the **National Memorial Arch** and **Washington's Headquarters** as well as **Muhlenberg's Brigade** which was the site where several regiments from predominantly Virginia stayed during the Valley Forge Encampment. Explore several reconstructed soldiers' huts built to Washington's specifications and learn about what life was like for members of the Army on the ground level. At **Washington's Head-quarters** visit the original building George and Martha Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and the rest of Washington's "military family" stayed during the Valley Forge Winter Encampment. We will also visit the **Grand Parade Ground** where **Baron Friedrich von Steuben** began retraining Washington's troops and formed the foundation of the United States' Army. We also have a great **buffet lunch** planned at the **Black Powder Tavern**. Following lunch, we will depart for home. We will depart Manassas at 5:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, May 11*

**Fulton Theatre presents:**

***SOUTH PACIFIC***

**Lancaster, PA**

**Cost: \$160 pp**

On a South Pacific Island during World War II, Ensign Nellie Forbush, a spunky nurse from Arkansas, falls in love with Frenchman Emile de Becque. When Nellie learns that the mother of Emile's children was an island native, she refuses Emile's proposal of marriage, unable to overcome the prejudices with which she was raised. Meanwhile, the strapping Lt. Joe Cable falls in love with a Tonkinese girl named Liat, but he, too,

denies himself a future due to the same fears that haunt Nellie. Lunch will be determined. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

*Tuesday - Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>*

## **ROCHESTER LILAC FESTIVAL**

**Rochester, NY**

**Cost: \$1161 Single & \$871 Twin pp**

Back in 1890, Rochester's finest horticulturalists planted several thousand flowering shrubs on the south slope of Highland Park. Imagine their delight on a sunny Sunday in May 1898 when a spontaneous festival broke out in the park! More than 3,000 people flocked to see the magnificent display of blooms, especially the bright purples, whites, and pinks of the park's first lilac gardens. Now 134 years later, with its star status of presenting the largest lilac collection in the United States, a visit to Highland Park offers a rare opportunity to experience the incredible beauty and intense fragrance of more than 500 varieties of lilacs on 1800 plants. Tour includes **3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.**

### **The Itinerary**

#### Day One:

Today you depart on your deluxe motorcoach for a scenic ride to Rochester, NY, where you have accommodations at the **Holiday Inn Express** for the next three nights. This evening we will enjoy dinner at the **Golden Corral**.

#### Day Two:

This morning after a full breakfast at your hotel, you take a 2.5-mile drive to nearby **Highland Park**, where you have **four hours to enjoy the Lilac Festival**. Here you will find over 1800 lilac bushes with over 450 varieties of this beautiful, fragrant spring flower, including rare yellow lilacs. There are also many types of lovely flowers in the park with many types of pansies, tulips and trees. However, the queen of the show is the huge collection of lilacs. There is a lot of free music with local bands and choirs and special admission to the indoor Lambertson Conservatory is also included. Within its glass walls are many plants not hearty enough to survive Rochester's temperate climate. Under the main dome of the facility is a tropical floral display. Other climate-controlled rooms contain collections of exotic tropical plants, desert plants, economic plants (such as banana and coffee trees), as well as carnivorous and house plants. Among the most popular attractions at the Conservatory are fauna and seasonal floral displays. Lunch is on your own from one of the many vendors in the park. Why not try a favorite

Rochester dish for lunch – a plate of macaroni salad with your choice of 2 hamburgers or 2 hot dogs. For a special treat, get a bag of delicious cinnamon almonds. Have fun! In the afternoon, you tour the city's Susan B. Anthony home. Though she did not live to see women get the right to vote, her efforts were so instrumental in getting the bill passed that the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment (passed in 1920) is officially known as the Susan B. Anthony Amendment. **Dinner** tonight is included at **Delmonico's Restaurant** next to your hotel (**With reservation advise your choice of Delmonico steak, salmon or chicken marsala**).

#### Day Three:

This morning after a full breakfast your hotel, you have admission included at the **George Eastman Museum** that focuses on the man who founded the Kodak Company. On display is the beautiful Victoria home the Eastman family lived in with many original furnishings. On the property is a wonderful exhibit on the history of Kodak. including a rare "camera obscura", early cameras, and of course Kodak's world-famous Brownie camera, the first camera that was so inexpensive it was affordable to the masses. Next, it's on to Pittsford, just eleven miles away where you are treated to a **private cruise** just for you and your tour group, on board the **Sam Patch**, a replica of an 1800s packet boat. During your 1 ½ hour cruise, you will learn all about the history of the Erie Canal - how "canal locks" work, etc., and of course no cruise on the Erie Canal would be complete without singing "15 Miles on the Erie Canal"! Your cruise guide will lead everyone in the song before docking at Schoen Place, a historic village on the Erie Canal with lots of shops, cafes, and ice cream parlors. A **box lunch is included** today with an afternoon wine tasting at the beautiful **Casa Larga Winery** in the nearby village of Fairport. Following **dinner**, we will enjoy an evening performance of "**Cabaret**" at the nearby **Blackfriars Theatre**.

#### Day Four:

After a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, we will board our bus for our return journey. We will stop for **lunch** at a **Cracker Barrel** en route (\$18 gift card).

*Sunday, May 19*

**THE MEDIA THEATRE presents:**

***LEGALLY BLONDE***

**Wilmington, DE**

**Cost: \$129 pp**

Come and enjoy this high octane, feel-good story of ***Legally Blonde***, the film that captured hearts finally comes to the stage in this explosive, hilarious and high energy production. Follow Elle as she learns that being herself never goes out of style. This Spring blockbuster is perfect for audiences who are ready to leave the

theatre with a smile and new found sense of self confidence! Prior to the performance, we will enjoy **lunch** at the **Grand East Buffet** followed by our matinee performance in Wilmington at 3:00 p.m. We will depart Manassas at 8:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, May 22*

**PENN'S PEAK presents:**  
**BILL HALLEY & THE COMETS**  
**Jim Thorpe, PA**  
**Cost: \$125 pp**

Come with us to the beautiful Lehigh Valley and Pocono Mountains to the premier entertainment venue known as **Penn's Peak** that overlooks the beautiful Beltzville Lake. The views alone are worth this trip. We are going to enjoy a great lunch prior to our trip back in time to the late 50's when the entire country began to **Rock Around the Clock** with this group. Return to those teen years of your life and remember the impact this group's music had on each and every one of us. We will depart Manassas at 6:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:30 p.m.

*Friday-Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>*

**EXPLORE MOONSHINE, MOUNTAINS  
& MUSIC**  
**Breaks, VA & Pikeville, KY**  
**Cost: Single \$908 & Twin \$724 pp**

It's about time we present a tour that features the beautiful states of Kentucky with Virginia. We will be spending three nights on the Kentucky side in the Breaks Interstate Park while visiting in Pikeville located in eastern Kentucky. It is a small town with a big past. Known as "**McCoy territory**" from feud lore. Pikeville is the central hub for the region, and a short drive from everything with a wealth of history to be discovered during our visit. We will explore the sites where the **Hatfields & McCoys** lived, worked and feuded. See bullets that were fired in the feud and other artifacts from feud lore. We will also see the gravesites of the feudists, the Hog Trial Cabin, McCoy Well and much more. We will also **dine in Randolph McCoy's** home in this hands-on heritage experience that you'll never forget. Our lodging for three nights is in Kentucky in the park itself. Tour includes 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners. We will depart from Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Manassas at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:00 p.m.

**The Itinerary**

Day 1: Friday May 24

You have a day to relax and unwind as we make our way thru Virginia to the Eastern region where the two states of Virginia and Kentucky become neighbors with some of the most beautiful scenery you can imagine. We will be checking in at the **Chafin Lodge** inside **Breaks Interstate Park** on the **Kentucky** side for **three** nights. But first, we will make a stop for our group to have a photo opportunity of "**The Grand Canyon of the South**" and east of the Mississippi River. After checking in, we will enjoy **dinner** at the **Rhododendron Restaurant**. Your dinner **choices** are **meat loaf or flounder** with three sides of your choice, full salad bar and dessert and of course, coffee, tea or soda. We will also enjoy the **live music** of **Rachel Messer** and **Connor Dale**. Following our meal and entertainment, we will enjoy the **Pauley Hollow Distillery** with tasting and the educational components involved.

Day 2 - Saturday May 25

Start the day with breakfast before our departure for an exciting day. We will pick up our guide for a tour of the historic sites including the Hatfield and McCoy historic sites - **Hog Trail Site, The historic McCoy Well Site, the Pawpaw Tree site and Aunt Betty's & the Historic Williamson Coal House. The Coal House** in Williamson, West Virginia is a unique building built of coal masonry. The bituminous coal was quarried as blocks and dressed as stone using 65 tons of coal from the nearby Winifrede Seam. Located adjacent to the Mingo County Courthouse, it houses the Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce. We will make a lunch stop in South Williamson for a **buffet lunch** at **South Side Steak House**. This will be followed by the **Dueling Barrels** tour. We are going to leave that to your imagination! Returning to our lodging you will have some down time before we depart for our **evening** adventure. We are headed for our **picnic meal in the woods** as we scout for **Elk**. Restored to the area in 2011, they now number over 13,000. Have your camera to catch one of these beautiful animals in their natural setting.

**We encourage you to** wear long pants, season appropriate clothing in earth colors, and bring your own cameras/binoculars. You are also encouraged to refrain from wearing heavily scented perfumes or body sprays as elk have a very developed sense of smell and may run from strong scents. Imagine joining our experienced guides for a trip into the heart of Virginia's elk restoration zone. In addition, we will witness the full splendor of the spring season in Central Appalachia. Time to return to Breaks Park for a restful night.

Day 3 - Sunday May 26

Enjoy breakfast. We will be departing at **8:30 a.m.** Our first stop will be at the **Webb Grocery** then onto **Butcher Hollow**. We will visit the Van Lear Museum where we will enjoy a **Coal Miners Lunch bucket with**

**Homemade Beef Veggie soup and salad, Chicken salad and Bologna sandwiches, desert and drinks.**

This will be followed by a tour of this living museum. While at the **Mayo Church** tour the **organist will play the pump organ** donated by Andrew Carnegie. From here, we continue to the **Country Music Highway Museum** for a visit. Our final visit will be the 1850s **Mountain Home Place** tour before **dinner** at the **Paintsville Lake Pavilion** overlooking the beautiful lake. Enjoy **Hot Pulled pork, Pulled chicken, baked beans, Cole slaw, drinks and dessert. Dinner is followed** by Live local music at the Pavilion and if rain we will have dinner and entertainment at the auditorium building at the 1850s mountain home place. Return to Breaks Park for our last night.

Day 4 - Monday May 27

Enjoy an early breakfast from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. We are scheduled to be aboard our coach by 8:00 a.m. Our first stop is the **Big Sandy Museum** where on display are the *Hatfield McCoy Relics*. The Big Sandy Heritage Museum serves two audiences: Hatfield McCoy Feud enthusiasts, and those who wish to learn more about Pike County/Appalachian culture. While the Hatfield McCoy exhibits are the most popular, the Appalachian culture exhibits, which include exhibits on **Daniel Boone, President Garfield**, the coal and railroad industry, and the "8th Wonder of the World" Pikeville Cut-Thru, a marvel of man conquers-earth engineering, are also quite popular. The Hatfield McCoy Feud exhibit includes life-size wax mannequins of the two clan leaders, "Devil Anse" Hatfield and Randolph McCoy. These mannequins were custom-made in Philadelphia, and include authentic reproductions of the firearms they would have used during the feud era. Framed paintings of the two men by the late Bert Diamond, a Pikeville resident, are another museum display that you won't see anywhere else. Printed articles on the feud are also on display, such as local newspaper cartoons depicting the two clans as hillbillies wallowing with pigs, and as well as other articles that contributed to the sensationalism of the feud.

Next on our agenda is the **Pike County Historic Court House** just next door. Here members of the Hatfield family were tried found guilty of the murders of Tolbert, Randolph, Jr., Pharmer, Alifair, and Calvin McCoy. In September 1889, the bloody results of the feud brought many of the participants into the courthouse in Pikeville. Here, eight members of the Hatfield group were convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison. These legal proceedings effectively moved the feud from the hills and hollers into the judicial system and newspapers. From here we travel to **the Pikeville Cut-Through Project**, an astonishing engineering wonder that has been called "the eighth wonder of the world" by The New York Times. Its purpose was to relieve the barrage of

flooding that the City of Pikeville experienced each year. The Cut-Through Project also provided the City of Pikeville with more room for development, due to the relocation of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River away from downtown Pikeville, and relieved the city of congestion caused by the railroad and the three major highways that passed through it. **Group photo at the Cut.** We will then enjoy **early catered Italian lunch at The Pikeville Event Center** featuring baked spaghetti, baked lasagna, salad, bread stick, desert and drinks catered at the event space. By 12:15 p.m. we will depart for home.

Thursday, May 30

**LADEW Topiary Gardens &  
Manor House  
Monkton, MD  
Cost: \$90 pp**

Named one of "10 incredible topiary gardens around the world," and called "The most outstanding topiary garden in America" and also one of the "Top 5 North American Gardens Worth Traveling For," Ladew Gardens is a must-see. After our **guided walking tour** of the gardens, we will enjoy a catered luncheon in the café. **With your reservation, please advise your choice for lunch from the following: chicken sandwich, chicken salad sandwich, or Berry salad.** Following lunch, we will tour the home. We will depart from Manassas at 7:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:15 p.m.

**JUNE**

Saturday, June 1

**STEP BACK IN TIME TO STRATFORD  
HALL & THE LEE FAMILY  
Westmoreland VA  
Cost: \$94 pp**

Travel with us to the beautiful ancestral home of the Lee family of Virginia. Richard Henry Lee and Henry Lighthorse Lee had the honor to sign the Declaration of Independence for the colony of Virginia. "Lighthorse" Harry Lee was a hero in our War for Independence and his son, Robert E Lee was graduated head of his class at West Point, fought gallantly in the War with Mexico and was the commandant of West Point. Though he served as the General of the Army of Northern Virginia during the War Between the States, he is to this day considered one of the greatest generals our country has ever produced. Following the conflict, he spent the remainder of his life educating those remaining young men of the South at the small Washington College later changed to what is now Wahington & Lee University.

Our **late lunch** will be at the **Cracker Barrel** in Fredericksburg (**\$18 gift card**). We will depart Manassas at 7:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:15 p.m. We **strongly encourage** you to get a hearty breakfast to go at the McDonald's in Woodbridge.

*Monday - Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>*

**CAPE COD ADVENTURE Featuring  
Nantucket Island  
Cost: \$1471 Single & \$1201 Twin pp**

Join us on a packed itinerary as we visit possibly the most popular destination in all of New England and that is the area known as Cape Cod. Our tour includes three nights lodging at the Best Western Aiden at Cape Point in Yarmouth and one night at the Holiday Inn in Stonybrook on Long Island. For meals we are including four breakfasts, one lunch and 4 dinners including a lobster bake where you have a choice of prime rib or lobster. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

**The Itinerary**

DAY ONE: MONDAY

Today you depart on your deluxe motorcoach for a scenic drive through New England to Cape Cod, crossing the widest man-made canal in the world. Upon arrival our dinner will be at the Daniel Webster Estate. Then it is off to our hotel for the next 3 nights, you have accommodations at the lovely and restful **Best Western Aiden at Cape Point**

DAY TWO: TUESDAY

This morning, after a full **buffet breakfast** at your hotel we depart on our all-day trip to Provincetown on the tip of Cape Cod. Enroute we will be traveling passing quaint Cape Cod homes and white-spired churches. A stop will be made at the **Cape Cod Natural History Museum** where you have a chance to see rare scrimshaw work and Victorian-era whaling harpoons. Now, you embark on a **one-hour dune buggy tour** over the sand dunes in Provincetown, passing the remains of the famous "writer shacks" that inspired such authors as Eugene O'Neil and Henry David Thoreau. Later, you enjoy lunch and shopping on your own here before departing. Before returning to the hotel, we will stop for a **cafeteria-style dinner** at the **Cream & Cone** utilizing your **gift certificate** good for **\$20**. Be sure to leave a tip at the table.

DAY THREE: WEDNESDAY

This morning after a full **buffet breakfast** at your hotel, we will make a stop at the **JFK Memorial** and then proceed to catch the boat service to **Nantucket Island** where a guided tour and fantastic shopping and restaurants are available. Later, we return across

**Nantucket Sound** back to the Cape and, **Dinner** tonight is at the **Yarmouth House Restaurant [With reservation indicate your choice of lobster, prime rib or pasta primavera]**.

DAY FOUR: THURSDAY

This morning, after a full **buffet breakfast** at your hotel, you head to **New London**, Connecticut where you take a **1 ½ hour ferry ride** to **Orient Point, Long Island**. Settled in the 17<sup>th</sup> century by Connecticut Yankees, this body of land is 118 miles long and just 15 miles wide, but is filled with magnificent scenery. Upon arrival, you re-board your motorcoach and stop for **wine-tasting** at one of the area's **famous wineries** before continuing to **Stonybrook**. Known as one of the wealthiest towns in New York and home to many celebrities, Stonybrook is famous for its New England clapboard architecture, quaint shops and historic gristmill. Our lodging overnight is at the **Holiday Inn**. **Dinner** this evening is at the **Mirabell Tavern** built in the colonial period and known for its superb cuisine [**With reservation advise your choice of chateau steak, salmon, or roasted breast of chicken**]. Later, you see a show at **Port Jefferson's Theatre Three Arts Center**, a fabulous 400-seat 1860s vaudeville theatre, where such well-known stars as Bert Lahr and Milton Berle once performed. Enjoy the production of the **Producers**.

DAY FIVE: FRIDAY

This morning, after a full **buffet breakfast** at your hotel, you take a scenic 20-mile ride to **Centerport**. Here, you enjoy a **tour** and **private luncheon** at the magnificent 1912 **mansion of William K. Vanderbilt**, with original family furnishings. Relive the opulence of the "The Great Gatsby" era as you **dine** with superb ocean views, overlooking breathtaking Long Island Sound. Later, admission is included at the beautiful **Old Westbury Gardens** before departing for home. We will make a stop enroute home for dinner on your own.

*Tuesday, June 11*

**The NASA Wallops Visitor Center & The  
Wild Ponies of Chincoteague  
Chincoteague, VA  
Cost: \$154 pp**

Today, you will be visiting the Assateague Island National Seashore. It is a serene, yet fun filled, tourist destination. Chincoteague Island is Virginia's only resort Island. It is located on Virginia's Eastern Shore and is the gateway to the Virginia portion of Assateague Island, home of the famous Chincoteague Wild Ponies. We will enjoy a leisurely two-hour cruise aboard the **Assateague Explorer** taking in the sights of the wildlife area and perhaps a close-up view of the wild ponies. We will enjoy **lunch** which is included at **AJ's At the Creek [With your reservation advise**



**your choice of Fried flounder or fried oysters with coleslaw and onion rings) plus the** dessert of the day. From here we are headed to take in the past, present, and future of **NASA's Flight Facility**. The Visitor Center offers many great exhibits as testimony to the amazing things done at Wallops in addition to serving as a prime viewing location for rocket launches by the cycles of the moon. We will depart Manassas at 5:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 6:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:30 p.m.

**NOTE: A fast-food dinner stop on your own will be made.**

**(PENDING!!)**

***This trip may be canceled because of the Key Bridge collapse***

*Thursday, June 13*

**MARYLAND FLEET WEEK 2024**

**Annapolis & Baltimore, MD**

**Cost: \$155 pp**

Enjoy a day on the water with this **one-way cruise aboard** the luxurious **Catherine Marie** at **Annapolis City Dock** and settle in for a scenic cruise **up the Chesapeake Bay**. Observe cargo ships traveling to the port of Baltimore. Learn about the importance and construction of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. As we cruise past the Sandy Point Shoal and Baltimore Harbor lighthouses, your narrator will share stories of life along the Chesapeake Bay, including its role in the Underground Railroad. Enjoy a **deluxe boxed lunch** as we enter the Patapsco River, cruising past historic Fort Carroll and under the Francis Scott Key Bridge **[With reservation provide your choice from the following: Cranberry Chicken Salad on Croissant or Smokehouse Turkey Club on Sourdough Bread or Cranberry Pecan Salad with Balsamic dressing or Southwest Salad with ranch dressing]**. With the skyline of Baltimore, welcoming you in the distance, see Fort McHenry National Monument and a variety of U.S. and international naval ships docked around **Baltimore Harbor** in celebration of **Maryland Fleet Week**. Our vessel will dock in the beautiful **Inner Harbor** within walking distance to several ships open for public tours. You will have two hours to visit the ships or enjoy other attractions at the Inn Harbor. We will depart Manassas at 7:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, June 15*

**KENNEDY CENTER presents:**

***Bye Bye Birdie***

**Washington, DC**

**Cost: \$179 pp**

The year is 1958, and the much-adored rock and roll idol -- Conrad Birdie -- has been drafted into the US Army. His songwriter and agent, Albert, and Albert's secretary and sometime girlfriend, Rosie, hatch a plan for a farewell performance to take place on The Ed Sullivan Show, which they hope will help sell Birdie's new song "One Last Kiss," and ultimately save Almas Lou records from going under. To cap off the performance, Birdie will actually give 'one last kiss' to Kim MacAfee, an avid member of the Conrad Birdie fan club from Sweet Apple, Ohio. When Albert and Rosie head to Sweet Apple to prepare for Birdie's arrival, things start to unravel. Kim's father is starstruck at the thought of being on The Ed Sullivan Show with his daughter, and Kim's new steady, Hugo gets jealous at the thought of Kim kissing Conrad on national television. A stop for lunch on your own will be made at the Pentagon Mall Food Court departing there at 12:45 p.m. for the Kennedy Center for the 2:00 p.m. matinee We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, June 19*

**HARRIET TUBMAN & THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**

**Cambridge, MD**

**Cost: \$129 pp**

Meet your step-on tour guide at the Dorchester County Visitor Center in Cambridge, MD and travel past landmarks that were important not only to the life of Harriet Tubman, but also to local African-American history. Our **tour guide** will **narrate throughout the day about Harriet Tubman's many accomplishments**. Visit the **Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center & State Park**. See exhibits that display how this region shaped Harriet Tubman's early years, and illustrate her work as a freedom fighter, leader, and liberator. Then, on the way to lunch, we'll ride by and learn about other landmarks that were significant to Harriet Tubman's life. Enjoy a home-cooked **buffet-style meal** at **Old Salty's Restaurant and Gift Shop** on Hoopers Island. The meal features seafood items like crab cakes, fish, and clam strips, along with non-seafood items like chicken, tossed salad, vegetables, and more! Enjoy a slice of homemade pie for dessert! After lunch, our final visit will be the **Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center**. We will depart Manassas at 7 a.m. and

Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

*Friday, June 21*  
**CALVERT MARINE MUSEUM and  
SOTTERLEY PLANTATION**  
**Solomon Island & Hollywood, MD**  
**Cost: \$125 pp**

Our first event will be the one-hour **cruise** around Solomons Harbor and the Patuxent River **aboard the "WM. B. Tennison**. The cruise will be followed by a self-guided tour of the **Calvert Marine Museum**, home of the **Drum Point Lighthouse**. We will enjoy a buffet lunch at **Boomerangs Original Restaurant**. Following lunch, we will make the half-hour trip to Hollywood, MD to tour **Sotterley Plantation**. It is 94 acres with over 20 authentic structures providing a stunning backdrop for their stories. In the tradition of their ancestors, they farm sustainably and donate most of what is grown to local food pantries. We will depart from Manassas at 7:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

*Saturday, June 29*  
**SHENANDOAH MUSIC THEATRE**  
**present:**  
**FIDDLER ON THE ROOF**  
**Winchester, VA**  
**Cost: \$113 pp**

The small village of Anatevka eagerly awaits the news of who Tevye, their beloved dairyman will select as suitable husbands to his many daughters. In a heartwarming story of parents and children, of husbands and wives, of life and love, the power of community shines through this outstanding musical. Prior to the performance we will enjoy lunch at the local **Cracker Barrel (\$18 gift card)**. We will depart Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. and Manassas at 10:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

**JULY**

*Monday, July 1*  
**RAYSTOWN LAKE & HORSESHOE  
CURVE**  
**Entriken & Altoona, PA**  
**Cost: \$126 pp**

Spend an exciting day in an area of Pennsylvania that has not been on the tour agenda for years. We will first check into the Horseshoe Gift Shop. We will be

directed to the steps leading up to the viewing point to see the Horseshoe Curve. The steps are low and the railing is present. From this elevation you will also have fantastic views of the mountains. **Horseshoe Curve** is a living symbol of American Ingenuity. Skeptics said it could not be done, but with picks and shovels they were able to complete what is considered an engineering marvel. Keep a watch on your time as we must be on the bus ready to depart at 12:15 p.m. From here it is an hour to Entriken, PA where the **Proud Mary** Showboat is waiting for us to depart on a relaxing cruise on Lake Raystown to enjoy the beautiful scenery and our **buffet lunch**. On the way home a brief fast-food rest stop will be made. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

*Wednesday, July 3*  
**THE KENNEDY CENTER PRESENTS**  
**FUNNY GIRL**  
**Washington, DC**  
**Cost: \$134 pp**

Featuring one of the greatest musical scores of all time, including classic songs "Don't Rain on My Parade," "I'm the Greatest Star," and "People," this bittersweet comedy is the story of the indomitable Fanny Brice, a girl from the Lower East Side who became one of the most beloved performers in history, shining brighter than the brightest lights of Broadway. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:45 p.m. A stop for lunch on your own will be made at the Pentagon Mall Food Court departing there at 12:30 p.m. for the Kennedy Center for the 1:30 p.m. matinee.

*Friday, July 5*  
**Suicide Bridge Crab Feast Cruise**  
**Hurlock, MD**  
**Cost: \$140 pp**

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, coleslaw, non-alcoholic beverages, and assorted cheesecakes. (Alcoholic beverages are offered for sale). We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:15 p.m.

*Monday, July 8*  
**NATIONAL AIR SPACE MUSEUM**

**Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center**  
**Chantilly, Virginia**  
**Cost: \$60 pp**

The **National Air and Space Museum** expands with a monumental annex, located near Washington Dulles International Airport. Visitors can walk among artifacts on the floor and view hanging aircraft from elevated walkways (skyways). Many engines, rockets, satellites, helicopters, airliners, ultra-lights, and experimental flying machines are all on display for the first time in a museum setting. See the space shuttle "**Enterprise**," the B-29 super fortress "**Enola Gay**," the **Concorde**, and so much more housed in an aviation hangar that's three football fields long and ten stories high. Sit back and relax at the Airbus IMAX Theatre with its new 86-foot-wide screen (**admission to IMAX is not included**). We will spend **5 hours** onsite. You will find a **Shake Shack** fast food restaurant on site for lunch on your own. **Note: There is walking required on this tour! Please make sure to wear comfortable walking shoes.** We will depart Woodbridge at 9:15 a.m. and Manassas at 10:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:15 p.m.

*Wednesday, July 10*

**SHENANDOAH MUSIC THEATRE present:**

**THE DROWSY CAPERONE**

**Winchester, VA**

**Cost: \$113 pp**

To cure his "blues," a lonely man puts on the original cast album of one of his favorite musicals from 1928. As he does, the musical springs to life in his apartment. Will Janet marry Robert and quit the biz? Will Adolpho win Janet's heart before she says "I do?" Will the Chaperone stay sober? Find out in this hilarious love letter to musical comedy. Prior to the performance we will enjoy lunch at the local **Cracker Barrel (\$18 gift card)**. We will depart Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. and Manassas at 10:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

*Monday, July 15*

**CHESAPEAKE BAY LIGHTHOUSES**

**Annapolis, MD**

**Cost: \$110 pp**

What a wonderful way to begin your week with a cruise on the Chesapeake in search of the lighthouses along the coast. Our adventure begins when we climb aboard The **Harbor Queen** for a **3-hour cruise**. With balmy breezes and a full narration provided by a colonial-attired lighthouse keeper, you will enjoy your **box lunch** from **Jimmy John's** that we will pick up on arrival in

Annapolis. **[With your reservation provide your choice of the following subs: Roast Beef, Ham, Italian, Turkey, Tuna or Veggie.** Each box will also contain potato salad, chips and a cookie. Bottled water will be provided. We will cruise past The Thomas Point Lighthouse, the most iconic lighthouse in Maryland. See this National Historic Landmark up close on our narrated cruise into the Chesapeake Bay. We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

*Thursday-Saturday, July 18-20*

**SADDLE-UP PARTNERS AS CITY SLICKERS  
MEETS THE WILD WEST**

**Elkins, WV & Chillicothe, OH**

**Cost: \$819 Single & \$644 Twin pp**

If you have not visited the Old West, then come with us to Southwest Ohio to enjoy many of the same activities you would enjoy on a visit to any one of our Western states. We truly hope you enjoy the events and will want to join us on this adventure. Get ready to pack your jeans, dig out your old cowboy boots and get ready for a grand time. The tour includes lodging for 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:30 p.m.

**Itinerary**

Day 1: Thursday

Relax and enjoy the passing scenery. In addition to rest stops, a stop for lunch on your own will be made. Our destination is **Elkins, WV** to board the **Tagert Flyer** for a delightful **train journey** through the area while **enjoying lunch**. On our return we will proceed to the **Hampton Inn** to check in, relax and prepare for an evening of entertainment with **dinner** and show at the **Gandy Dancers Playhouse**.

Day 2: Friday

Following breakfast, we travel to **Chillicothe, OH** for a one-of-a-kind experience. First, we are making a quick "buy & return to the bus" and eat as we make our way to **the Adena Mansion** to visit home and garden. We are then off to **Hopewell Mounds** the ancient burial grounds of Native Indians. We will have a porch talk before being turned loose to walk around and take your pictures. We will then go by the **Hampton Inn** to drop your luggage and pickup your room key. This evening, we are having an early **dinner** at the **Longhorn Steakhouse (\$25 gift card - leave tip on table)**. This evening you will be immersed in history as we witness the spectacular musical - **Tecumseh!** Enjoy a **Behind-the-Scenes** tour of the theatre complex led by actual cast members. This performance which has been labeled as one of the most mesmerizing dramas in the nation enables you to witness the epic life story of the legendary Shawnee leader as he struggles to defend his sacred homelands in the Ohio country in the late

1700's. Sit beneath the stars as the spectacle surrounds you with a herd of galloping horses, live military cannon in action & the most dazzling battle sequences offered on the American stage. You will not soon forget this experience.

Day 3: Saturday, July 20

Enjoy breakfast and then we depart for **Dickinson's Cattle Ranch**, a working Texas **Longhorn** Cattle Ranch. Our visit includes a narrated tour of the ranch which includes close up viewing of BueLingo, Texas Longhorn & African Watusi Cattle herds while on one of the rugged **ranch buses**. Make sure that you bring your camera to document this once-in-a-lifetime "Wild West" adventure. **Lunch is included at the ranch.** [If you would like farm beef burgers to bring home to enjoy at your own cookout, they are available at the ranch.] On the way home we will make a stop for **dinner** at a **Cracker Barrel** (\$20 gift card)

*Sunday, July 21*

**TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE presents:**

**TUESDAY WITH MORRIE**

Fayetteville, PA

**Cost: \$139 pp**

**Tuesday With Morrie** is the Jeffrey Hatcher-Mitch Albom stage version of the smash best-selling memoir by Mitch Albom. The story involves only two characters - a sportswriter who reconnects with his terminally ill former professor. As they reconnect during the professor's final months of life, they discuss everything from greed and forgiveness to death and a meaningful life. Prior to the performance you will enjoy a fantastic family-style luncheon at Hickory Bridge Farm (fried chicken ham and crab imperial). We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

*wednesday, July 24*

**LADIES TEA TIME at The OLD FARM HOUSE &**

**BROWN'S FARMER MARKET**

Thomasville, Pennsylvania

**Cost: \$71 pp**

Welcome to The Old Farm House Tea Room located in the quaint town of Thomasville, Pennsylvania for a Tea Luncheon. Relax and enjoy the warm friendly service, and the beauty and quiet charm of this Victorian styled farmhouse. Your menu will consist of a fresh fruit medley, garden salad, tea scones & tea breads, cup of soup, plus choice of entrée. With reservation provide choice of: Stuffed Chicken Breast or Seafood Fettuccine. The meal would not be complete without dessert. Following your tea luncheon, on our way home, we will stop at Brown's Farm Market, nestled among the

rolling hills and valleys of Southern York County. At this unique country market, you will find a wide variety of locally grown fruits and vegetables and much, much more, all under one roof. Bring along a cooler and take home some Pennsylvania Dutch foods, fresh baked breads, meats, soups, and salads made fresh daily. We will depart Manassas at 9:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:45 a.m. Return time is 5:00 p.m.

**NOTE: Tour is limited to 37 participants.**

*Friday-Tuesday, July 26-30*

**SMOK'EN IN THE SMOKIES**

**Pigeon Forge, Chattanooga & Knoxville, TN**

**Cost: \$1611 Single & \$1228 Twin pp**

**Beat the heat and head for the Smoky Mountains.**

We have a fantastic tour that includes two river cruises, two railroads, a trip on the Lost Sea, dinner in the mayor's home in Chattanooga, an unbelievable aquarium, Ruby Falls, Rock City Gardens and the observation deck of Sunsphere. You're going to love it! **Tour includes four breakfasts, one lunch and five dinners**, Y'all Come! We will be departing Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Manassas at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:30 p.m.

**NOTE: This tour is limited to 38 passengers**

### **The Itinerary**

DAY ONE: FRIDAY JULY 26

Settle in your seats for the morning drive thru the Shenandoah Valley as we make our way to Pigeon Forge where you will enjoy the incredible scenery, beautiful surroundings and hospitality of the **Hampton Inn & Suites** in Kodak, TN. We will not unload the baggage beneath the coach tonight so be sure and have your personal duffel with your overnight necessities to handle in and out of the hotel at this stop. This evening we are going to attend **Dolly Parton's Stampede**. This is one of the most popular **dinner shows** in Pigeon Forge. The thrilling show is full of sets, music and special effects, 32 beautiful horses and a cast of top-notch performers. You'll witness amazing horse-riding stunts and tricks in addition to foot stomping music by Dolly herself! As a friendly rivalry between the North and the South unfolds, you'll be treated to a fabulous **four-course feast** featuring creamy vegetable soup, homemade biscuits, a whole rotisserie chicken, hickory smoked barbecued pork loin, corn on the cob, herb basted potato and The Stampede's specialty dessert.

DAY TWO: SATURDAY, JULY 27

A buffet breakfast will be enjoyed before we depart Pigeon Forge for our next destination, Sweetwater, TN Here, we are going to explore one of the underground wonders known as **The Lost Sea**, America's largest underground lake. Your Lost Sea adventure begins with

a guided tour of the caverns. This involves a ¾ mile round-trip walk on wide sloping pathways. While touring the caverns and underground lake our guides will tell of the cavern's exciting and colorful history. They will also explain the fascinating geological development of the immense cavern rooms and rare formations. At the bottom of the cave, you will take a **boat ride on The Sea**, America's Largest Underground Lake. Following our visit, we will make a fast-food stop to get something for lunch and bring back to bus to eat on-the-fly. It is a short drive to Chattanooga where overnight lodging for the next two nights will be at the **Read House** in the downtown area of the city. Your baggage will be delivered to your room where you can enjoy a brief downtime before you are to report to the lobby to depart for a delightful evening. First on the agenda is to experience your buffet **dinner** at the historical elegance of the **Mayor's Mansion Inn Bed and Breakfast**. This 11-room bed and breakfast mansion inn was built in 1889. This will be followed by a **sunset cruise** aboard the **Southern Bell Riverboat** as we drift along the Tennessee River seeing Chattanooga's riverfront as the city turns on its lights for the night. Following our evening on the river, we will return to the Read House for the night.

DAY THREE, SUNDAY, JULY 28

Enjoy breakfast. Be aboard the coach this morning as we depart on a three-hour **guided** tour of Chattanooga. This city is steeped in a rich history based on its legacy as a major railroad hub, access to the Tennessee River and location at the junction of four major interstates. It has received national recognition for the inspiring renaissance of its historic downtown and for its beautiful riverfront development. Our tour will concentrate of its history during the Civil War visiting the National Cemetery and Chickamauga. We will then proceed to the famous **Rock City Gardens**. Only 6 miles from downtown Chattanooga, Rock City is a true marvel of nature featuring massive ancient rock formations, gardens with over 400 native plant species, and breathtaking "See Seven States" panoramic views. Take an unforgettable journey along the Enchanted Trail where each step reveals natural beauty and wonders along the woodland path. Before we turn you lose to explore; we will enjoy a chicken tenders' **lunch** with the trimmings at the **Big Rock Grill**. We will return to the hotel for some downtime. This evening, we have a unique opportunity that allows you to enjoy not only a **railroad excursion** trip but also fine **dining** enroute with a three-course dining experience served onboard, food all **prepared and served** in historic restored dining cars. A meal on the **Dinner Train** is like stepping back in time and the perfect way to celebrate a special occasion! You will be returned to the hotel.

DAY FOUR, MONDAY, JULY 29

Enjoy Breakfast. This morning we are off to **Lookout Mountain** rising 2,000 feet above sea level and

overlooking Chattanooga. The views are as amazing as the attractions that call this mountain home. We are going to start our adventure on a roundtrip ride on **the Incline Railroad** known as "America's Most Amazing Mile." The Incline's trolley-style cars descends through the natural beauty surrounding historic Lookout Mountain at a breathtaking 72.7% grade – straight down! Sit back, try to relax and enjoy the scenic views of the mountains and views from the observation windows on the train as well as the panoramic views from the observation tower at The Incline's top station. We return down the mountain aboard the Incline to find our bus waiting to take us to another fascinating work of nature – **Ruby Falls**. We will journey deep inside historic Lookout Mountain to see the tallest underground cave waterfall open to the public in the United States! We will descend 260 feet by glass-front elevator to see ancient cave formations along the cavern trail to the thundering waterfall. **The roundtrip walk from the elevator takes one hour to see this breathtaking site and be amazed at the thunder of the Falls**. We will then make a fast-food stop on our way to **Knoxville, TN** and overnight at the **Hampton Inn Downtown**. After some downtime, it is time to depart for a delightful **dinner cruise** on the Upper Tennessee River aboard the **Volunteer Princess**.

DAY FIVE, TUESDAY, JULY 30

Enjoy breakfast. This morning, we will visit **Sunsphere**. Built for the 1982 World's Fair, the Sunsphere is a one-of-a-kind structure. The 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Observation Deck offers a breathtaking 360-degree view stretching from downtown to the Great Smoky Mountains including World's Fair Park, the Tennessee River and the University of Tennessee Campus. Departing Knoxville, we will travel down the Shenandoah Valley. A fast-food lunch stop will be made and we will enjoy **dinner** at the Front Royal **Cracker Barrel (\$20 gift card)**.

**AUGUST**

*Sunday, August 4*

**VIRGINIA REPERTORY'S NOVEMBER**

**THEATRE presents:**

***NINE TO FIVE***

**Richmond, VA**

**Cost: \$133 pp**

*9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL* tells the story of three women pushed to boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss. Concocting a plan to kidnap and turn the tables on their despicable supervisor, will the ladies manage to reform their office – or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit. The Musical is **based on the 1980 film of the same name, with music and lyrics by Dolly Parton**. We are including lunch at the

Ashland Cracker Barrel. (**\$18 Gift Card**) We will depart Manassas at 10:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 11:15 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m.

*Wednesday-Friday, August 7-9*

## **RIDE THE RAILS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

**Elkins, WV**

**Cost: \$931 Single & \$757 Twin pp**

If you are a lover of mountain regions and the wildlife that call them home, then this is the tour for you. We don't give you just one mountain. No! We give you two mountain regions each unique to their location. We don't give you just one train excursion but two entirely different regions. We don't give you just one show but two. You will definitely have one Big Adventure! Tour includes 2 breakfasts 3 lunches and 3 dinners. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:00 p.m.

### **The Itinerary**

*Day 1 Wednesday, August 7*

Relax and get acquainted with your fellow adventurers as we make our way to **The Mountain State** that is home to two ranges – the **Appalachian Mountains** and the **Allegheny Mountains**. Our first destination is Green Bank, WV, home to the **Robert C. Byrd Green Bank Telescope**. Enjoy a guided tour of the fascinating world of radio astronomy from the pioneering instruments of the 1950's to the world's premier single-dish telescope. Also included are science demonstrations and an excursion into a restricted area that takes you up-close to the world's largest fully steerable telescope. A **box lunch from Jimmy John's** is included here (With reservations provide choice of **roast beef, ham, Tuna, Italian or veggie sub**). Enjoy your meal and an incredible view of the Green Bank Telescope and surrounding mountains. We continue onto **Elkins, West Virginia** for two nights at the **Hampton Inn** nestled in the breathtaking Allegheny Mountains. You will have time to unwind and freshen up before we go out for **dinner and entertainment at The Gandy Dancer Dinner Theatre**. This evening's show is a Tribute to Musical Legends in a live country music show. Enjoy a perfect blend of country classics from some of country music's most legendary artists.

*Day 2 Thursday, August 8*

After breakfast we depart to board the **New Tygart Flyer**, a classic streamliner train from the 1930's. We will embark on a 4-hour round trip train excursion through West Virginia's majestic wilderness. On board, you will find a souvenir shop, comfortable seating as well **enjoy lunch** that is included. The outing features a stop at the **High Falls** of the **Cheat River**. Situated in a spruce and laurel grove far from any human activity, the falls are 150' wide and 18' high, and **accessible only by rail**. Disembark the train and you will find a set of trails and viewing platforms. Once we are back on the train, we will return to Elkins. Our bus will be waiting to

return us to the Hampton Inn to relax and freshen up before we go out for **dinner** and entertainment at **The Gandy Dancer Dinner Theatre**. Tonight, we will enjoy a 2-hour **Branson-style show**. The show features music that spans the 1950's through today. Enjoy country, pop, Motown, gospel, and patriotic music provided by the Mountain Memories Show Band. This musical extravaganza featuring a terrific cast of singers, dancers, comedians and musicians that will entertain all! What a way to finish a fantastic outing!

*Day 3 Friday, August 9*

After breakfast we're off to the historic town of **Cass**, West Virginia for a ride on West Virginia's **newest train ride**, the **Greenbrier Express**. The original 95-mile section of this railroad was first constructed in 1902 by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway to encourage the development of the lumber industry. Our train excursion today takes us on the northern **15-mile portion** of the original railroad, as we travel through the rugged and beautiful **Greenbrier River Valley**, and the iconic Cass Scenic Railroad State Park to the century-old town of Durbin, West Virginia. Our ride upriver to Durbin passes through a secluded wilderness portion of the **Monongahela National Forest** and offers unparalleled river and mountain views at every turn of the river. Sightings of deer, river otters, and black bear along with a wide variety of eagles, hawks, ospreys, and other species of aquatic birds are common along the way. A delicious **lunch** is included in **Durbin** upon our arrival. On our journey home, we will stop at a **Cracker Barrel** for **dinner (\$20 gift card)**.

*Saturday, August 10*

**TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE presents:**

**JERSEY BOYS**

**Fayetteville, PA**

**Cost: \$128 pp**

*Jersey Boys* is the international musical phenomenon that takes you behind the scenes — and behind the music — of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. They had a look, an attitude, and a sound like no other. Sure, they were born in Jersey. But they were made in America. Prior to the performance you will enjoy a fantastic family-style luncheon at Hickory Bridge Farm (**fried chicken ham and crab imperial**). We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, August 11*

**Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre**

**presents:**

**TOOTSIE**

**Frederick, MD**

**Cost: \$124 pp**

Thursday, August 15  
**CRUISE TO ST. MICHAELS**  
**Annapolis, MD**  
**Cost: \$190 pp**

**Tootsie** is the hilarious award-winning musical based on one of the funniest comedic films of all time, in which Michael Dorsey is a skilled actor with a talent for not keeping a job. Desperate and out-of-work, he makes a last-ditch effort at making his dreams come true by disguising himself as actress Dorothy Michaels. In a meteoric rise to Broadway stardom, Dorothy soon has audiences falling at her feet while Michael (disguised as Dorothy) is falling for his co-star. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:45 p.m.

Cruise across the Chesapeake Bay to St. Michaels on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Enjoy a leisurely ride aboard a Watermark® yacht with panoramic views of the Bay along with beverages and snacks available for purchase. With about three hours ashore, we are going to enjoy **lunch** at the **Crab Claw Restaurant**. Explore boutique shopping, and historic sites that this quaint historic village has to offer. Admission to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is included. End your day with a cruise back to Annapolis. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, August 13  
**GATEWAY TO THE POCONO**  
**BY LAND & BY RAIL**  
**Jim Thorpe, PA**  
**Cost: \$183 pp**

We have a jam-packed outing you will not soon forget. We are traveling to a town known by the famous athlete born there – Jim Thorpe. You will fall in love with this quaint Victorian town nestled in the breathtaking **Lehigh River Gorge**. You will see why the area is referred to as the “**Switzerland of America**” because of its picturesque scenery, mountainous location, and architecture. The town has a fascinating history of romance, struggle, survival, boom, bust and revival. Originally named **Mauch Chunk**, during the **Victorian era** the town was second only to Niagara Falls as the most visited tourist destination in the country. In 1953 following the death of renowned athlete and Olympic medal winner Jim Thorpe, the struggling town decided to memorialize and adopted the name of Jim Thorpe. We begin our day in Jim Thorpe at the **Visitor Center** where we will leave our coach and board a **trolley** and met its **driver/guide** for a **narrated tour** highlighting the history of the area and its natural beauty. The trolley tour showcases all the best of this area -- the **Jim Thorpe Memorial**, the **Lehigh Gorge State Park**, up Broadway past all the shops, restaurants, museums and historic buildings downtown on to Mauch Chuck Lake. Here, we will leave our trolley to enjoy lunch at **Macaluso's Italian Restaurant**. before Following **lunch**, we board the **Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway** to take our seats in the Dome Car to enjoy the scenic beauty of the **narrated round trip** that follows the majestic Lehigh River over bridges, through Glen Onoko, and into the **Lehigh Gorge State Park**. High-rising cliffs, mountain scenery, and wildlife surround the train along the forested route to Old Penn Haven. What a full day of adventure and exploration in such a charming Victorian town. *On the return trip we will stop at a Cracker Barrel for dinner (\$02 gift card).* **NOTE: This tour is limited to 33 persons.** We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 18  
**CANDLELIGHT DINNER THEATRE presents:**  
**THE FANTASTICKS**  
**Wilmington, DE**  
**Cost: \$103 pp**

**THE FANTASTICKS** is a magical journey, part fairy tale, part fable and entirely enchanting. With book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, it features such memorable songs as “Try to Remember” and “Soon It's Gonna Rain” and has the distinction of being the longest-running musical in the history of theater. To understand that extraordinary longevity is to recognize the essence of what makes us human, the elemental forces of love, family, friendship, and adversity. “*The Fantasticks* will, as it has done for over 60 years, transport you to that special place in your memory -- that spot beside the clover where someone's hand held your hand and love was sweeter than the berries. Try to remember .and then try not to smile. We will depart Manassas at 9:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:00 p.m. with a fast-food rest stop enroute.

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 20-21  
**DISCOVER THE LOST COLOLY**  
**Manteo on Roanoke Island, NC**  
**Cost: \$594 Single & 390 Twin pp**

Day 1, Tuesday

Summer is beginning fast drawing to an end. Join on for an opportunity to spend time enjoying relaxing on the beach during your down-time and at the same time spend an entire evening enjoying one of the greatest off outdoor drama's and immersing yourself in one of the early settlements of our nation that totally disappeared without one survivor to be found. It will

be a night you will long remember. On arrival, we will proceed to **Bo Jangles** to enjoy pickup and our box dinner consisting of 2 pieces fried chicken (breast and wing), macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, biscuit and sweet potato pie along with choice of coffee, tea or soda. Our lodging for the night is **on the ocean** at the **Holiday Inn Oceanfront**. Following lunch, we will proceed to the **North Carolina Aquarium** for an interesting afternoon viewing the aquatic life up close and real. We will then proceed to **the Holiday Inn Oceanfront** for overnight lodging and the freedom to walk on the beach or relax at the pool the next morning. We are not thru yet. We have a fantastic **seafood buffet** in store for you at **Jimmie's** featuring crab legs and 70 other items. There is something for everyone, even if you don't like seafood. After dinner we are off to **Roanoke Island** to take the **tour** and see the **Native American exhibition** prior to the main drama of the **Lost Colony**. I know that bed is going to welcome you tonight!

Day 2, Wednesday

Next morning go down for breakfast at your leisure. Use the morning to enjoy the beach and the pool. We plan on departing at 11:00 AM and proceed to **Roanoke Island Maritime Museum or The Wright brothers Memorial**. We will locate a stop for lunch and a rest stop en route home. We should arrive back at approximately 7:00 p.m.

*Saturday, August 24*

**National Theatre presents:**

***MJ THE MUSICAL***

**Washington, DC**

**Cost: \$195 pp**

The music. The moves. The icon. Now, the unparalleled artistry of the greatest entertainer of all time comes to the National Theatre as MJ, the multi-Tony Award-winning new musical centered around the making of the 1992 Dangerous World Tour begins a tour of its own. MJ goes beyond the singular moves and signature sound of the star, offering a rare look at the creative mind and collaborative spirit that catapulted Michael Jackson into legendary status. MJ is startin' somthin' as it makes its D.C. premiere at The National Theatre. But first, we have time for lunch on your own at **the Food Court in Pentagon City**. We will depart Manassas at 10:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:15 p.m.

**NOTE: This tour is sold out. Wait list only at this time.**

*Wednesday, August 28*

**RIVERSIDE DINNER THEATRE presents:**

**MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS**

**Fredericksburg, VA**

**Cost: \$135 pp**

Just after midnight, a snowdrift stops the Orient Express in its tracks. The luxurious train is surprisingly full for the time of the year, but by the morning it is one passenger fewer. An American tycoon lies dead in his compartment, stabbed eight times, his door locked from the inside. Isolated and with a killer in their midst, the passengers rely on detective Hercules Poirot to identify the murderer – in case he or she decides to strike again. We will depart Manassas at 9:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 10:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 5:00 p.m.

*Saturday, August 31*

**TOTEM POLE PLAYHOUSE presents:**

***MUSIC IN THE PINES***

**Fayetteville, PA**

**Cost: \$128 pp**

Robbie Limon is a popular Shenandoah Valley musician and award-winning entertainer who mixes solo and band appearances with acting and singing roles. Today, he and his band will bring the best of the 70's in this performance called **Music in The Pines**. During the concert he and his band will play an eclectic mix of music by the Eagles, Johnny Cash, Tom Petty, Creedence Clearwater Revival, The Doobie Brothers, and more. Prior to the performance you will enjoy a fantastic family-style luncheon at Hickory Bridge Farm (chicken, ham and crab imperial). We will depart Manassas at 8:45 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:30 a.m. Return time is approximately 6:30 p.m.

**SEPTEMBER**

*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1*

**SMITH ISLAND & BAYSIDE INN**

**Ridge, MD**

**Cost: \$127 pp**

Come aboard the **Twister** for a delightful cruise across the Tangier Sound to **Smith Island**, and discover the tranquil lifestyle found in living on this Island in the Chesapeake Bay. See for yourself the rugged beauty and simply charm of its three villages. As the boat makes its journey you may see



the native wildlife and view some of the most beautiful scenery the Chesapeake Bay and the Tangier Sound have to offer. Upon our arrival, we will enjoy a delicious **family style lunch featuring a deluxe crab cake with clam fritters and ham** at the **Bayside Inn Restaurant**. For dessert, enjoy the Island's signature cake for dessert, **Smith Island Cake**. After lunch enjoy a leisurely walk around the Island, or if you prefer, rent a golf cart on your own made for two or four. As you explore the Island's many narrow streets, enjoy friendly conversation with the Islanders and learn more about the place they simply call, "Home". You can browse at the general store, explore the Smith Island Center (**ticket is not included**) where you can discover more about the way of life in this extraordinary community, or simply stop by a gift shop and pick up something to remember your trip before we cruise back to the mainland. We will depart Manassas at 8:00 a.m. and Woodbridge 8:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 9:15 p.m. with rest stop enroute.

*Friday, September 6*

## **TWO FOR ONE – A MUSICAL & A MURDER MYSTERY**

**Ronks, PA**  
**Cost: \$218 pp**

Upon arrival at Bird-In Hand we will enjoy the Dutch-style country cooking at a fantastic smorgasbord lunch. This will be followed by the matinee performance of **Half-Stitched The Musical**. What could possibly go wrong when an Amish widow decides to teach a small weekend quilting class? Cultures collide and personalities clash, and a mixed bag of characters learn a little about quilts, and a lot about themselves. This Broadway-caliber musical dramedy will have you bent over laughing, fighting back tears, and humming along to unforgettable melodies. Following this show, we board our bus to proceed to the **Strasburg Railroad** to depart on their **Murder Mystery Ride**. We are introduced to guests who are traveling by rail for the big premiere of a new Broadway show and to attend an intimate reception with its star. As the train departs, guests are treated one beverage. Snacks are available for purchase. Soon after, a body is discovered **Who could the killer be? The high-powered press agent, the famous actor, her jealous manager, or even the barman?** It's anyone's guess! Lucky for us passengers — but not so lucky for him — Detective Cecil B. Holden from Scotland Yard recently completed a case in Strasburg, PA. He happens to be on board this train trip, heading to New York City. Can Detective Holden solve the murder and get the guests to the theatre on time? Find out who done it in this thrilling, murderous adventure on the rails. We will

depart Manassas at 7:30 a.m. and Woodbridge at 8:15 A.M. a.m. Return time is approximate 9:30 p.m. with a fast-food stop on the way home.

**Note: This tour is limited to 30 passengers.**

*Thursday-Saturday, September 12-14*

## **FALL FROLIC IN CONNECTICUT**

**Norwich, CT**

**\$871 Single & \$691 Twin pp**

How often, on our way to and from the New England states, have we crossed thru Connecticut without stopping to see what that state has to offer? We are going to explore inland where Mark Twain lived and along the coastal area to visit a submarine. We will also enjoy a riverboat excursion, a train journey and, of course, entertainment with a stage show. The tour includes 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners. We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. On the return, we will stop for a quick fast-food lunch and dinner later at a Cracker Barrel (**\$20 gift card**).

### **The Itinerary**

#### DAY 1, THURSDAY

Today you depart on your deluxe motor coach for a scenic drive to the picturesque Connecticut River Valley. In the afternoon, you arrive at your hotel, the lovely Hampton Inn in Norwich, CT. Next, it's on to the waterfront Connecticut River Museum on Steamboat Dock, at one time one of the world's most important trading centers. Here, inside the original 1878 warehouse building, you experience life as it was in the old steamboat era, with its superb collection of paddle-wheel boat replicas, antique navigation tools and rare packet ship paintings. There will be plenty of time for lunch and shopping on your own here in historic Essex. Now, you take a short drive to East Haddam, crossing over the Haddam Swing Bridge. Here, you dine at the elegant Gelston Inn, an historic 1853 landmark right on the Connecticut River. Next door is the famous Goodspeed Opera House, a magnificent 1878 theater that has been the first stop for many Broadway-bound musicals. Tonight, you are treated to a performance of "Maggie," a new musical about a mother raising her family in Scotland. Enjoy!

#### DAY 2, FRIDAY

After a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, you depart for Essex and take a 12-mile narrated excursion on a vintage steam train into the heart of the unspoiled Connecticut River Valley. During your trip, you pass over wooden trestles that run directly over the Connecticut River, for magnificent views. It's easy to see why so many scenes from Hollywood movies have been filmed on this antique locomotive, including the Indiana Jones film "The Crystal Skull" with Harrison Ford. Upon arrival back at the station, you will be escorted onto the Becky Thatcher Riverboat for an

exciting one-hour cruise. On board, there is a snack bar for lunch on your own. Later, you end your touring day with a tour of the estate of one of America's greatest authors, Mark Twain. Yes, this beautiful Victorian mansion reflects the gracious lifestyle of its owner, with its early indoor plumbing, telephone, and grand study. It was in this very room that Twain wrote such literary classics as "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn," and "The Prince and the Pauper." Later, a buffet dinner is included.

#### Day 3 (SATURDAY)

This morning after a full buffet breakfast at your hotel, you board your motor coach and take a 14-mile drive to nearby Groton. Here, you tour the wonderful Nautilus Museum, the only submarine museum in America that is owned and operated by the U.S. Navy. Located on the Thames River, this site has been visited by many of our nation's presidents and includes 33,000 artifacts, with scale models and full-sized subs from the 1900s to the present. Later, you depart with wonderful memories of Mark Twain's Connecticut River Valley! A fast-food stop for lunch will be made as well as a rest stop and a dinner stop at a Cracker Barrel (\$22 gift card).

*Thursday, September 19*

### RAILING IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY

**Staunton, VA**

**Cost: \$178 pp**

Experience the charm and beauty of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley as the Alleghany Special ventures westward from historic Staunton through beautiful farmland of the Shenandoah Valley, on a destination bound for the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Bounded by the Blue Ridge and Alleghany mountains, the Shenandoah Valley region is rich in historic and natural resources. This excursion will take you through the region's iconic rural landscapes — you'll pass by working farms with cattle, horses, and sheep. Views of the Alleghany Mountains will unfold as you venture west; it is a photographer's dream. The train turns around in the hamlet of Goshen in Rockbridge County **Lunch** will be **served aboard the train**. We will depart Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. and Manassas at 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 4:00 p.m.

*Saturday-Sunday, September 21-22*

### WHEELIN' IN WHEELING WITH THE BEACH BOYS

**Wheeling, WV**

**Cost: \$591 Single & \$484 Twin pp**

We have a fabulous fall weekend planned on the Ohio River in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountain in Wheeling, WV. Our overnight lodging will

be at the Hampton Inn. The tour also will include 1 breakfast, 2 lunches and 2 dinners. The highlight will be a trip back in time as we enjoy The Beach Boy's performance at the beautiful 1920's Capitol Theatre. We will depart Woodbridge at 6:00 a.m. and Manassas at 6:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 8:00 p.m. **[Pack a tote with your overnight necessities as there will be no baggage handling].**

#### The Itinerary

##### Day 1: Saturday, September 21

Sit back and enjoy seeing the countryside dressed in its varied colors as we make our way westward to Wheeling. We will make a quick rest stop enroute so you can secure a cup of hot coffee or hot chocolate. Upon arrival in Wheeling, we will enjoy a **buffet lunch** at **Generations Restaurant**. Our first attraction will be the fantastic **Oglebay Glass Museum** and experience over 4,000 examples of Wheeling glass made from 1829-1939 including cut lead crystal, Victorian art glass, peachblow glass, pattern and depression glass, Northwood's carnival glass, and many other glass examples showcasing Ohio Valley history. See the phenomenal **Sweeney Punch Bowl** standing five feet tall and weighing 225 pounds. This remarkable piece of Victorian artistry is world renowned. Next is the **Artisan Center** to browse and perhaps find a product made in West Virginia to take home. Their boutique showcases local artisans and unique goods including edibles. These goods come from all over the greater Appalachian regions. We will then check in the **Hampton Inn** before proceeding to the **River City Restaurant** for a fantastic **buffet dinner**. We end our busy day at the **Capitol Theatre** for the exciting performance of **The Beach Boys'**. Return to the '60's where this group appeared on the music scene. For more than six decades, The Beach Boys' music has been an indelible part of American history. Their brilliant harmonies conveyed simple truths through sophisticated, pioneering musical arrangements. The Beach Boys transcended their music and have come to represent Californian culture. They provided fans around the world with a passport to experience love, youthful exuberance, and surf culture. Following the show, our bus will return us to the Hampton Inn for a wonderful night of sleep.

##### Day 2: Sunday, September 22

Enjoy your breakfast before our departure. We will be stopping in Uniontown, PA to pick-up our box lunches from Jersey Mike's to enjoy on our train journey **[With reservation provide choice of following subs: Italian, ham, turkey, roast beef or tuna]**. We will arrive in Frostburg, MD to board the **Maryland Scenic Railroad** for a delightful ride thru the mountainside taking in the beautiful Fall foliage to Cumberland, MD A dinner stop at the Cracker Barrel (Frederick, MD) will

be made enroute (\$20 gift card) so you will not have to worry about fixing dinner.

*Saturday, September 28*

**DORCHESTER SEAFOOD & WINE TOUR**

**Dorchester, MD**

**Cost: \$132 pp**

We will meet our **step-on tour guide** at the **Dorchester County Visitor Center in Cambridge, MD**. After a brief restroom stop, we'll make our way to **Hoopers Island**, passing by sceneries, 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 Hoopers 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 Hoopers 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 wine making, 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 will depart Manassas at 7:00 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:45 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:30 p.m.

DATE	TOUR NOTES	COST	BOOKED
<b>MAY</b>			
1	Riverside Dinner Theatre presents: <i>They're Playing Our Song</i>	\$135	
3-5	Celebrate Sunfest in Ocean City, MD	\$690/\$493	
8	Dogwoods & Adventure at Valley Forge	\$122	
11	Fulton Theatre presents: <i>South Pacific</i>	\$160	
14-17	Lilac Festival in Rochester	\$1161/\$871	
19	Media Theatre presents: <i>Legally Blonde</i>	\$129	
22	Penn's Peak presents: Bill Haley & the Comets	\$125	
24-27	Moonshine, Mountains & Music of Kentucky	\$908/\$724	
30	Ladew Topiary Gardens & Manor House	\$90	
<b>JUNE</b>			
1	Step Back in History to the Ancestral Home of the Lees	\$94	
3-7	Old Cape Cod plus Nantucket Island	\$1471/\$1201	
11	Chincoteague - The Island of <i>Misty</i> plus NASA at Wallops Island	\$154	
13	Fleet Week 2024 with One-way Cruise from Annapolis to Baltimore	\$155	
15	Kennedy Center presents <i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	\$179	
19	Harriet Tubman & the Maryland Under Ground Railroad	\$129	
21	Calvert County Marine Museum and Sotterley Plantation	\$125	
29	Shenandoah Music Theatre presents: <i>Fiddler On The Roof</i>	\$113	
<b>JULY</b>			
1	Altoona, PA, Horseshoe Curve plus Lake Raystown	\$126	
3	Kennedy Center presents: <i>Funny Girl</i>	\$134	
5	Suicide Bridge Crab Feast & Cruise	\$140	
8	National Air & Space Museum at Dulles	\$55	
10	Shenandoah Music Theatre presents: <i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>	\$113	
15	Lighthouse Cruise aboard the Harbor Queen from Annapolis, MD	\$110	
18-20	SADDLE-UP PARTNERS AS CITY SLICKERS MEETS THE OLD WEST	\$819/\$644	
21	Totem Pole Playhouse presents: Tuesdays with Morrie	\$139	
24	Ladies Tea at the Old Farm House	\$71	
26-30	Smok'n In the Smokies	\$1611/\$1228	
<b>AUGUST</b>			
4	Virginia Repertory's November Theatre presents: <i>NINE TO FIVE</i>	\$133	
7-9	Ride the Rails of West Virginia	\$931/\$757	
10	Totem Pole Playhouse presents: <i>Jersey Boys</i>	\$128	
11	Way Off Dinner Theatre presents: <i>TOOTSIE</i>	\$124	
13	Jim Thorp by Trolley & Train	\$183	
15	Cruise to St. Michaels, MD	\$190	

18	Candlelight Dinner Theatre presents: <i>THE FANTASTICKS</i>	\$103	
20-21	Lost Colony at Nags Head, NC	\$931 / \$757	
24	Kennedy Center presents: <i>MJ The Musical</i>	\$195	
28	Riverside Dinner Theatre presents: <i>Murder On The Orient Express</i>	\$135	
31	Totem Pole Playhouse presents: <i>Music In The Pines</i>	\$128	
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
1	Smith Island Cruise with lunch Bayside Inn	\$127	
6	Murder Mystery Train Excursion aboard the Strasburg RR	\$218	
12-14	Mark Twain's Connecticut River Valley Fall Foliage Tour	\$871/\$691	
19	Railing in the Shenandoah Valley	\$178	
21-22	Wheel'n in Wheeling	\$591/\$484	
28	Dorchester Seafood & Wine Tour	\$132	

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AT SUICIDE BRIDGE PLUS A 3-HOUR VISIT  
AT THE HARRINGTON, DE CASINO  
COST: \$150 pp**

We begin our adventure in **Annapolis, Maryland** at the **Amish Farmers Market** run by Amish and Mennonite families from Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The markets goods range from delicious foods to organic produce, as well as desserts and snacks to handmade quilts and crafts. Bring your cooler so you can take home such items as sausage or butter. Next, we travel to **Hurlock, Maryland** and the **Suicide Bridge Restaurant**. Relax in the waterside atmosphere while dining. The **3-hour all-u-can-eat crab feast** and a river cruise. Your feast will consist of all the steamed crabs “u” can eat, Maryland crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn-on-the-cob, coleslaw, dessert, iced tea, soda, and coffee. Next, we are off to **Delaware** and a **three-hour visit at Harrington**

**Casino.** Upon our arrival, you will be greeted and enter the casino. **There is no free slot play at this time.** We will spend three hours here. Later, we return home after enjoying a wonderful day filled with great food, fun, and experiencing the thrill of winning at one of the myriads of gaming choices at the casino. We will leave Manassas at 8:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 9:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 10:00 p.m.

## **BIG NEWS!** **2024 GETAWAYS** **BY QUALITY TRANSPORT**

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**ON EACH DATE YOU WILL RECEIVE ROUNDTRIP TRANSPORTATION ABOARD ONE OF OUR DELUXE COACHES, OVERNIGHT LODGING AT THE TROPICANA CASINO RESORT, ALL TAXES, BAGGAGE HANDLING, \$15 SLOT PACKAGE, AND \$25 FOOD COUPON PLUS THE 3 PM MATINEE SHOW ON OUR ARRIVAL DAY AT THE TROPICANA. THERE ARE A MULTITUDE OF EATERIES FOR LUNCH ON YOUR OWN BEFORE WE CHECK IN OUR ROOMS.**

### **FOLLOWING ARE THE DATES, THE PERFORMERS & THE COST PER PERSON FOR** **ATLANTIC CITY**

*MAY 30 - JUNE 1 -*

#### ***TRIBUTE TO JERSEY BOYS & JERSEY GIRLS: \$262/\$212***

Celebrate New Jersey's musical legends with a concert extravaganza honoring the iconic artists from the Garden State: Frank Sinatra, Bruce Springsteen, Frankie Valli, Dionne Warwick, and Lesley Gore — just to name a few. Expect such hits as “That’s Life!”, “My Eyes Adored You”, “My Way”, “Alfie”, “What the World Needs Now”, “Can’t Take My Eyes Off You”, “I Will Always Love You”, and more.

*OCTOBER 24 - 25*

#### ***RHINESTONE COWGIRLS, THE LADIES OF COUNTRY MUSIC: \$262/\$212***

Pay homage to the iconic female vocalists of yesterday and today with Rhinestone Cowgirls: Legendary Ladies of Country Music! Three powerhouse singers perform fresh arrangements of classic and contemporary country hits in this elegant and authentic journey celebrating the evolution of country music's humble beginnings to the giants of today's music industry. Relive classics like Patsy Cline's “Crazy”, Tammy Wynette's “Stand by Your Man”, and Loretta Lynn's “Coal Miner's Daughter” as well as new favorites like Martina McBride's “Independence Day” and Carrie Underwood's “His Last Name”. This high-energy, multi-media show is a celebration of those legendary ladies of country music

*DECEMBER 5 - 6*

#### ***RAT PACK HOLIDAY SHOW - A TRIBUTE TO FRANK, SAMMY & DINO: \$262/\$212***

Ring-A-Ding-Ding! The best Rat Pack show returns! Swing into the Christmas season with Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. - The Rat Pack - and their famous Christmas Concert. Together they amaze audiences with their recreation of a magical Christmas at The Sands Hotel, Las

Vegas. Featuring all the seasonal classics such as “Winter Wonderland”, “Let It Snow”, and of course “White Christmas” along with all their popular tunes. The Rat Pack – One More Time! is an uncanny trip back in time when Vegas was at its hottest. You’ll feel like you’re back at the Sands Hotel with a smooth martini in one hand and a top-notch show in front of you. Christmas Memories really are made of this!

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## EXPLORE THE THOUSAND ISLANDS & OTTAWA

*Tuesday – Friday, October 8 – 11, 2024*

**Alexandria Bay, NY**

**Cost: \$1349 Single, \$933 Twin pp**

Bay is located in the beautiful 1000 Islands of Northern New York. Amidst the gentle waters of the St. Lawrence Seaway this is a place like no other where the waters guide you to a place of year-round beauty. Of the 1,864 islands that dot the St. Lawrence River and comprise the spectacular 1000 Island Region, many of the most amazing islands can be found in, and surrounding, Alexandria Bay. Lodging for three nights is at **Captain Thomson’s Resort** where every room has a water view and a balcony. You are going to visit two unbelievable **castles** on their **private islands** while we are out and about on our boat cruise on the St. Lawrence River. **Please bring your passport or go online to fill out the form and purchase a NEXUS card.** This will give you the permission to cross the Canadian border. **Tour includes 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners. Note: We have to have over 30 to enjoy buffet style for breakfast and dinner service. If NOT, it will be plated.** We will depart Manassas at 6:15 a.m. and Woodbridge at 7:00 a.m. Return time is approximately 7:00 p.m.

### Day 1, Tuesday, October 8

Today is that first endless day of mile after mile as our coach turns to the north to make our way to the beautiful Alexandria Bay, NY area for three nights that will go by too quickly. We will make a lunch stop at a Cracker Barrel (**\$18 gift card**). It will be hard to get you off your balcony overlooking the St. Lawrence River with countless islands every direction you look. Enjoy dinner tonight and time with your fellow Bluebirds.

### Day 2, Wednesday, October 9

Enjoy breakfast and prepare yourself for a day of traveling by water. Our first stop will be Singer Castle, a Century-old, 28-room castle with guided tours exploring its artifacts & secret passageways. We return to the water and our waiting boat to proceed to Boldt Castle. The premier home and attraction in the region. Boldt Castles’ legendary beauty nestled among the St Lawrence Rivers’ 1000 Islands will be a memory you will not soon forget. Enjoy your **box lunch (notify with reservation your choice of Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef)** packed for you by Thompson’s Resort during your boat trip between the two castles. Returning to the resort mid-afternoon, enjoy amenities including heated outdoor pool with pool towels, riverside Sun Deck, waterfront Gazebo, lobby coffee with seasonal fruited water, lobby Microwave, and Ice machines. Enjoy your **dinner** in the main dining area.

### Day 3, Thursday, October 10

Enjoy an early breakfast. Arrangements have been made for time to enjoy a one-day sight-seeing excursions to Ottawa, the Capitol of Canada. A **box lunch** will be provided by the Resort for you to eat on the tour (**notify with reservation your choice of Turkey, Ham or Roast Beef**). We have arranged to show you the best of this great neighbor’s capital city. We will depart our coach and board **Lady Dive’s** amphibious carrier that covers land and water. Enjoy the fantastic views of the city from the water. See their Parliament Hill along the Ottawa River, Canada’s eighth-largest river and the chief tributary of the St. Lawrence. Also our visit will be one of the building-6 complexes that makes up **Parliament Hill**. We also will enjoy a visit to the **Canadian History Museum Hall**. Returning to our bus, we will proceed to

the border point to once again clear customs and continue to our resort for another relaxing evening with **dinner included.**

Day 4, Friday October 11

Enjoy breakfast. Check out and board our bus for the journey home. We plan on departing at 8:30 a.m. A **lunch** stop is included at the Cracker Barrel in Binghamton NY (**\$18 gift card**).

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SEPTEMBER 24 - 26

Lodging at the **TOWER HOTEL** featuring **Lunch** and **THE DRIFTERS UNDER THE BOARWALK SHOW** and on the return trip, **lunch and show - One Slight Hitch** at the **HUNTERDIN PLAYHOUSE**. What happens when the former boyfriend shows up at the front door of her wedding day. This comedy will have you in stitches!!  
**Cost: \$635 Single, \$478 Twin per person**

**THE DRIFTERS** are a class act, and the best act of their genre on the music scene today. *The Drifters* played a monumental role in the rise of R&B in the '50s, shaping doo-wop and soul for years to come. The Drifters have charmed audiences across the nation for nearly 60 years with charisma, talent, and polished style. More than half a century since The Drifters' 1956 debut, the band still sounds as fresh as ever with their warm, perfect blend of harmonies on classics like **There Goes My Baby, Save the Last Dance for Me, Under the Boardwalk, This Magic Moment**, and **Up on the Roof**. **On the return trip home, we will stop for lunch and show at the Hunterdon Playhouse**

**AND**

NOVEMBER 12 - 14

Lodging at the **ADLER HOTEL** featuring **Lunch** and **THE MAGIC OF MANILOW TRIBUTE** and on the return trip **lunch** at **Dallas BBQ** and seats for the **Rockettes Christmas Show** at Radio City  
**Cost: \$541 Single, \$344 Twin per person**

**THE MAGIC OF MANILOW** plays homage to the music of one of the biggest selling artists of our time. **Barry Manilow** is best known for his chart-topping hits like **Mandy, Ready to Take a Chance Again, Could It Be Magic, At the Copa, I Write the Songs, Can't Smile Without You** and many more. In the late 70's five of Barry's albums were on the best-selling list and also, he sold in excess of 80 million records worldwide!



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