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2012 Tour Adventures

DAY TRIP SCHEDULE COMING EARLY 2012

HISTORIC CHARLESTON TOUR / 3 Days – 2 Nights / March 26 – 28, 2012

Cost: \$460 based on double occupancy /tax, gratuities, and baggage handling included.

\$60 deposit required to reserve your seat / \$400 due January 30, 2012.

Tour Departs 7 AM March 26 / Returns Approximately 6 PM March 28

Historic Charleston Trip Highlights Include:

- Motorcoach transportation / hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- Charleston city tour with a local guide
- Free time in the Old City Market for shopping and dinner on your own
- Magnolia Gardens / nature train ride into the Audubon Swamp Garden
- Charleston Tea Plantation, including trolley tour of the only tea plantation in the US
- 'Spirit of Carolina' Dinner Cruise in Charleston Harbor
- Boone Hall Plantation Tour
- 2 continental breakfasts, 1 boxed lunch, 1 dinner cruise

Join us for a visit to one of the most beautiful and historic cities in the south, Charleston, South Carolina. As we arrive, we will enjoy time for shopping, browsing and dinner in the **Old City Market** area after our city tour with a local guide. The next day, we journey down a live oak canopied scenic highway to a beautiful romantic style garden, **Magnolia Gardens** - where you'll board the nature tram which will take you into part of the **Audubon Swamp Garden**, home to scores of water loving creatures and traversed by boardwalks, dikes, and bridges. We'll travel on to Wadmalaw Island, home of the **Charleston Tea Plantation**. Over 100 years ago, tea planters brought their finest tea bushes from China, India, and Ceylon to the South Carolina Low country. Now the descendants of those very plants are growing strong at the nation's only tea plantation, nestled on this serene sea island. We ride through the tea fields during a narrated trolley tour before ending with a tour of the factory to see the actual processing of the tea. That evening, we will cruise Charleston's beautiful harbor by moonlight and enjoy a delicious dinner in a fine dining atmosphere aboard the 100' luxury yacht, **Spirit of Carolina**. Live music and dancing complete the elegant evening. On our last day we step back in time during our visit to historic **Boone Hall Plantation**, America's most photographed plantation. The colonial revival plantation house was used in the filming of the television mini-series "North and South" and "Queen" and for background filming in "Gone with the Wind". The live oaks – planted in 1743 - that form the massive, moss-draped branches that meet overhead, form a natural corridor and a spectacular approach to the house.

NEW YORK CITY TOUR / 4 Days – 3 Nights / April 25 – 28, 2012
Cost: \$900 based on double occupancy / tax, gratuities, and baggage handling included.

\$100 deposit required to reserve your seat.
\$400 due January 6, 2012 / \$400 due: February 6, 2012

***Please include your preference for Broadway performance
“Wicked” or “Sister Act” with your deposit.***

Tour Departs 6:30 AM April 25 / Returns Approximately 7:30 PM April 28

New York City Trip Highlights Include:

- Motorcoach transportation / 3 nights accommodations in the Times Square area of Midtown Manhattan
- Orchestra/front mezzanine seats to an evening Broadway performance – “Wicked” or “Sister Act”
- Yankee Baseball Game
- Two-hour harbor cruise on Circleline 42
- Visit to the 9/11 Memorial
- Noshing through NY - Sightseeing & Food Tasting Tour of Midtown and Downtown Manhattan with local New York City guide
- 3 continental breakfasts at the hotel

After arrival in New York City on our first day of the tour, we'll check into our hotel in the heart of Manhattan, near the bright lights of **Times Square** and **Rockefeller Center**. For those who would like, we will walk down through Times Square to 5th and 33rd that evening for a visit to the top of the Empire State Building (ticket not included). On our first full day in the city, we will enjoy a city tour on our coach, and experience Midtown and Downtown Manhattan food sensations and sightseeing covering **Little Italy, Chinatown, Greenwich Village** and the **Lower East Side**. Throughout the tour, we'll taste a variety of ethnic treats served on and off the coach. That evening, it's off to a Broadway play – a must do in the city! Choose between **“Wicked”** -featuring the untold story of what happened in Oz before Dorothy dropped in... you will be surprised at the “real” story... **Or**, choose to see **“Sister Act”**- a musical comedy based on the popular film about a worldly singer who witnesses a mob crime. When the police hide her as a nun in a traditional convent, she has a little trouble fitting in. On day two, we plan to visit the 9/11 Memorial that honors the 2,983 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11 and February 26, 1993. Tickets to enter the memorial are subject to availability. We will also enjoy the magnificent views of the famous **New York City skyline** and a close-up view of **Lady Liberty** during a narrated harbor tour as we sail down the Hudson, cruise around the Battery, up the East River, and under the **Brooklyn, Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges!** This evening, baseball fan or not, a **Yankee game** is an exciting experience and we have your seat at the new **Yankee Stadium** reserved! The next morning we depart for home.



NIAGARA FALLS / 7 Days - 6 Nights / June 21 -27, 2012

Cost: \$1,075.00 based on double occupancy

Tax, gratuities, and baggage handling included.

**PASSPORT
REQUIRED**

Passport number must be submitted 60 days out from departure.

\$100 deposit required to reserve seat.

\$500 due March 1, 2012 / \$475 due May 1, 2012

Tour Departs 7:00 AM June 21 / Returns TBA June 27

Niagara Falls Trip Highlights Include:

- Motorcoach transportation
- 6 nights hotel accommodations: 2 nights Lancaster, PA, 1 night Lockport, NY, 1 night Niagara Falls, Ontario, 1 night Erie, PA, 1 night Donegal, PA
- “Jonah” production at Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster
- Tour of the Amish Country, (Lancaster) with local guide
- Visit to Corning Museum of Glass
- Visit to Erie Canal Discovery Center and Lockport Locks and Cruises
- Area tour of Niagara Falls
- Maid of the Mist
- Journey Behind the Falls
- IMAX / Niagara – Miracles, Myths & Magic
- Dinner at Skylon Tower in Niagara Falls
- City tour with local guide in Pittsburg, PA
- Stop at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, PA
- 5 continental breakfasts, 1 buffet breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

As we journey toward Niagara Falls, we will stop for 2 nights in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country to experience the serene and quaint lifestyle of the Amish as well as their fine craftsmanship and wonderful food. Have a ‘whale of a time’ as we enjoy “Jonah” at the Sight and Sound Theatre – it premieres March, 2012. As we continue north to the beautiful Finger Lake Region of New York, we stop to explore every facet of glass at The Corning Museum of Glass. After our overnight stay in Lockport, NY, we experience the historic Erie Canal with a unique 2-hour cruise which includes "locking through", passing under bridges that rise straight up and traveling through the solid walls of the "rock cut". Then it is on to the awesome spectacle of one-fifth of the world’s fresh water crashing down to the basin below. After descending 150 feet in elevators through bedrock, we will walk through the tunnels that lead to observation points behind the falls. Dine at the revolving Dining Room of Skylon Tower, see “Niagara—Miracles, Myths & Magic” on the six-story screen of the IMAX Theatre, and feel the mist as we ride on the world famous scenic boat tour ‘Maid of the Mist’. In historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, enjoy some time on the main street to browse the quaint shops and have lunch on your own in one of the many restaurants. As we head back south, we’ll travel along Lake Erie and overnight in Erie, PA. As we journey on, we will make a stop in Pittsburgh for a tour of the city and take a step back in time on a century-old cable car to see the best views of downtown Pittsburgh while riding one of the few remaining inclines in the country. We will overnight near Shanksville, PA and make a brief stop at the Flight 93 Memorial before heading home.



PACIFIC NORTHWEST / 8 days - 7 Nights / July 17 – 24, 2012

Cost: \$2500.00 based on double occupancy

\$200 deposit required by February 6 to reserve seat

\$1500 due March 5 / \$800 due May 4

**PASSPORT
REQUIRED**

Passport number must be submitted 60 days out from departure.

Baggage fees for checked luggage at the airport not included (currently \$25 for each flight). All sites and attractions mentioned below are included in package price. Tour begins and ends at Raleigh-Durham Airport. Tax, gratuities, and baggage handling during the tour are included; baggage handling at RDU is not included. **Flight Information:** Outbound: United Airlines Flight # 0751 departing from RDU to Chicago at 7:00 AM on July 17. Depart Chicago on Flight 0417, arriving Portland 12:31 PM. / Return: United Airlines Flight 278 departing from Seattle at 11:00 AM on July 24. Depart Chicago on Flight 0755, arriving RDU at 9:03 PM.

Pacific Northwest Tour Highlights:

- Portland City Tour / Rocky Coast of Oregon / Fort Clatsop
- Columbia Gorge National Monument / Multnomah Falls
- Olympic National Park
- Ferry to Victoria, Canada through the Strait of Juan de Fuca
- World famous Butchart Gardens
- Ferry back across the Strait of Georgia to the mainland
- City tour of Vancouver
- City tour of Seattle / Space Needle observation deck / Pike Street Market
- Motorcoach transportation
- 7 nights hotel accommodations: 2 nights Portland; 1 night Olympic National Park; 1 night Victoria, Canada; 1 night Vancouver, Canada; 2 nights Seattle
- United Airlines airline ticket flying out of and returning to Raleigh-Durham International Airport
- 7 breakfasts, 1 box lunch, and 3 dinners included

Arrive in **Portland, Oregon** to the pleasant temperatures and scenery where flowers bloom year round. Our coach will be waiting at the airport for us and we'll enjoy an overview of the city as we embark on our Pacific Northwest journey. We will stay in Portland overnight. The next day our journey takes us along the mighty Columbia River to Astoria, Oregon. Named for John Jacob Astor, it was home to fur traders and sailors. We'll visit the Astor column and stop at **Fort Clatsop**, the site where Lewis and Clark wintered in 1805/06. We will also drive the beautiful **Three Capes Drive** along the pristine and scenic Oregon coast before our return to Portland late afternoon. The next day we will travel to the **Columbia Gorge National Monument** to view **Crowne Point** and the 620 foot high **Multnomah Falls**. Then we turn northward toward the Hood Canal and the western side of the **Olympic Forest**. A visit to the **Olympic National Park** is in store the next day. Pacific Ocean beaches, rain forest valleys, and glacier-capped peaks are all found in this pristine treasure. We'll continue to **Port Angeles**, the farthest points north in the USA where we and our motorcoach catch the ferry to Victoria, Canada. In Victoria, we enjoy a brief city tour before heading to **Butchart Gardens**. Here there are 55 acres of flowers with 'nary a weed to be found while exploring five separate gardens on these world-famous grounds. Then it's on to nearby Sydney to catch another ferry that sails across the Strait of Georgia to the mainland. In **Vancouver** we see such sights as **Gastown**, the **International District**, and **Stanley Park** and its totem poles before we head southward once more, through Customs, and back into the US. We'll spend the next morning on a tour of **Seattle** including the sights and sounds of **Queen Anne Hill**, **Chittenden Locks**, the Arboretum, and the **Space Needle**. A trip to Seattle would not be complete without a stop at the famous **Pike Street Public Market**. Our motorcoach will transport us to the airport on our final day for our flight home.

COASTAL NEW ENGLAND / 8 Days – 7 Nights / October 15 – 22, 2012

Cost: \$1250.00 based on double occupancy / tax, gratuities, and baggage handling included.

\$100 deposit required to reserve your seat.

\$500 due June 6 / \$650 due August 6

Tour Departs 6:30 AM October 15 / Returns Approximately 6:30 PM October 22

Coastal New England Trip Highlights Include:

- Motorcoach Transportation
- 2 nights accommodations in Fairfield New Jersey, (enroute to and from New England); 2 nights accommodations in Falmouth, MA; 2 nights' accommodations in Wakefield, MA; 1 night accommodations in Portland, ME
- Guided Tour of Newport, Rhode Island and Admission to one Newport Mansion (local guide)
- Guided Tour of Martha's Vineyard (local guide)
- Admission to the John F. Kennedy Library
- Guided Tours of Lexington and Concord (local guide)
- Guided Tour of Boston (local guide)
- Guided Tours of Kennebunkport and Portland (local guide)
- Admission to Portland Head Lighthouse Museum
- 7 Full Breakfasts, 5 Dinners (including 1 Lobster Choice Dinner)

As our adventure to Coastal New England opens, we will travel to and spend our first night in Fairfield, New Jersey, enjoy a nice breakfast and then head to Rhode Island. Once there, we will enjoy the charm of **Newport's** historic buildings and restored homes, the rugged beauty of Ten-Mile Ocean Drive and the fabulous mansions along tree-lined Bellevue Avenue. Then it is on to Cape Cod for the next two nights. The Steamship Authority ferry will drop us on **Martha's Vineyard** for a "down-island tour" aboard our coach. We'll learn about the history and lifestyles of the islanders as we pass through the picturesque villages and enjoy free time for lunch in the historic whaling town of Edgartown along with a visit to Oak Bluffs to see its brightly painted cottages and decorative "gingerbread" trim. Once we return to the mainland, we will enjoy dinner at a restaurant overlooking the ocean. The next day, as we head to one of the most historical areas of our country, we will enter the re-created world of the Kennedy Presidency as we visit the **JFK Library**. Then we travel to the historic towns of **Concord** and **Lexington**, the scene of the first battle of the American Revolutionary War. For the next two nights we stay in Wakefield, just outside of Boston. Our exploration of **Boston** will take us to such sites as the Back Bay with its beautiful brownstones, each with unique architectural design; Beacon Hill; the gold domed state house; the Old Statehouse – where the Declaration of Independence was read to citizens of Boston; the Old North Church – where the sexton Robert Newman, climbed the steeple to hang the two lanterns to signal Paul Revere; and the Charlestown Navy Yard. We will enjoy some time for shopping and lunch in the historic Quincy Market. Finally, we'll head to the rocky coast of Maine. You will want your camera ready for a photo of the famous **Portland Head Lighthouse**. We'll see the unique Wedding Cake House, visit the Franciscan Monastery to see the beautiful shrines and gardens, and explore the quaint village boutiques of Dock Square. After an overnight stay in Portland, we will head back to Fairfield, New Jersey. After breakfast the next day, we will be homeward bound.