

Ann's Adventures

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All Day Trips depart from the Clio Kmart parking lot at exit 131 off I-75. It is located on Vienna Rd. We park at the end closest to the highway.

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Michigan Recreation & Parks Association
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"... making a difference!"

Greetings to all!

This month marks the beginning of the 15th year of Ann's Adventures! Time has gone by so quickly and I am grateful to everyone for the past 14 years. The company has grown and continues to grow each month. We are offering more trips, have more help and now have over 4700 individuals in our data base. I am thankful to all of you who help spread the word about Ann's Adventures. Each year when the anniversary comes around, I try to take time to reflect on what we are doing right and where we need improvement. I believe we are offering fun, quality trips. We need improvement in getting refunds out to those who cancel a trip. We are working on a way to streamline that process and hope to do better in the coming year.

Fall is in full swing... and the colors seem to be beautiful this year! Take a few moments to breathe in the fresh air, observe the colors and taste the wonderful flavors of fall. Pumpkin, apples, candy corn, hot cider, hot chocolate, and other fall specialties.

Over the next couple of months we are trying to update our database. Please fill out the medical form on the back page and return it to the office so we can be sure we have your updated information. Several of you have moved, (We get 20 – 30 returned newsletters each month), Some of you have dropped your landline and now have only a cellphone. We cannot leave messages about trip availability if we don't have the correct number. Please help us to get our records updated. Filling out this form also makes it easier to help you if an emergency occurs on a trip.

We've had 2 mystery trips since the last newsletter was published. So many are asking where did we go?

The Summer Mystery Trip was well attended with 104 people. We went to Steve's Ranch for Brunch in Jackson, MI. Then we headed south to Hillsdale and enjoyed a concert by the Brown's at the Gospel Barn. There was also a comedian, Tim Lovelace.

The Fall Mystery Trip had 50 in attendance and we went north to Glen Arbor for a lunch before picking up our step-on-guide who took us on a 3 hour experience of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. It was a beautiful day and many put their feet in the sand and climbed the dune. What an amazing day!

The Clio Area is experiencing a Scarecrow Invasion during October. So, Ann's Adventures is participating in the community by having our own "scarecrows" waiting for an adventure! Stop by the office and take a look.

We have quite a few people who are signed up for trips that involve flying. Please get me a copy of your passport or enhanced driver's license so I have accurate numbers for the airline tickets. We can make a copy for you if you bring it with you the next time you stop by the office.

Have a wonderful fall. Thanks to all those who volunteer to help with newsletters. It is a big project! I appreciate your time.

Ann

Thunder Bay / Fall Color / Elk Viewing # 1

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Cost: \$190.00 per person

Status: Ready to go!

Departure: 8:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This trip will feature a visit to Thunder Bay Resort near Hillman, MI for an amazing dinner. We will take a horse drawn carriage ride to the beautifully decorated cabin for a delicious meal and wine tasting. After we eat we will board the carriages to view the Elk throughout the property. I am fully expecting we will enjoy some of Michigan's fall color as we travel to and from the resort on our motorcoach.

Dress in layers since fall weather can be difficult to guess in advance. The meal includes Pear and Apple Dumpling, Shrimp Cocktail, Jan's Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Thunder Bay Sweet Napa Salad and Croissant, Crown Roast of Pork with Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, and White Chocolate Mousse Filled Pizzelles with Fresh Raspberries.

Horrocks

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Status: Over ½ full!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Time for shopping at Horrocks, an amazing Farm Market in Lansing! We will have time for shopping for fruits, vegetables, meats and cheeses and more! There is a deli where you can have lunch. Wine tasting and beer tasting is also available. Where else can you enjoy a glass while shopping? Bring a cooler if you want to bring home items that would be better off being kept cool. They also have items for your gardens and yards! We will depart about 1:30 to head back to Clio.

Tony Orlando

Date: Saturday, October 7, 2023

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Status: A few seats available!

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

"Tony Orlando is one of America's most endearing and beloved iconic entertainers. Orlando brings his exhilarating energy and warmth to the live stage with a musical career that has spanned all aspects of recording, television and Broadway. Orlando, a Grammy nominee, has sold millions of records, including #1 hit records: 'Tie a Yellow Ribbon 'Round The Old Oak Tree,' 'Knock Three Times,' 'Candida,' 'My Sweet Gypsy Rose' and 'He Don't Love You (Like I Love You).' He is recognized by the public and his peers as simply the best!

Join me for an evening of musical fun at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts to enjoy Tony Orlando on stage! This trip includes the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 7:30 show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be 'on your own'.

Louisville Spooktacular

Date: Mon – Fri; October 9 – 13, 2023

Cost: \$880.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Ready To Go!

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from PNC Bank

Triple price: \$780.00 per person

Single price: \$1180.00

Thunder Bay / Fall Color / Elk Viewing # 2

Date: Monday, October 16, 2023

Cost: \$190.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Departure: 8:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This trip will feature a visit to Thunder Bay Resort near Hillman, MI for an amazing dinner. We will take a horse drawn carriage ride to the beautifully decorated cabin for a delicious meal and wine tasting. After we eat we will board the carriages to view the Elk throughout the property. I am fully expecting we will enjoy some of Michigan's fall color as we travel to and from the resort on our motorcoach.

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Price Is Right – Live On Stage

Date: Wednesday, October 18, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

Status: Sold Out!

Departure: 2:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Join us for the Price Is Right Stage Show at the Fox Theatre in Detroit, along with the chance to win a share of the more than \$12 million in cash and fabulous prizes will be given away! Alongside our Celebrity Host, randomly-selected contestants play everyone's favorite games like Plinko™, Cliffhangers, The Big Wheel and even the fabulous Showcase. Lucky audience members might win prizes right from their seat. Generations of fans across America have made The Price is Right Live™ the perfect family entertainment experience. The next contestant might be YOU! This trip includes main floor seats for the 7:30 p.m. show, the motorcoach and a pre-show taco buffet at 4:30 p.m. before the show.

Camelot - Petrolia

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

Status: Sold Out!

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

*****Must have Passport or Enhanced Driver License**

Enjoy a sparkling new telling of a classic tale. Enter the magical world of King Arthur, Queen Guinevere and Sir Lancelot and re-discover this powerful, enchanting tale of the struggle between passion and aspiration. A fresh and exciting new take on Lerner and Loewe's legendary Camelot, featuring the beloved and glorious score including *If Ever I Would Leave You*, *What Do the Simple Folk Do?* and of course, *Camelot*.

The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets for this delightful show.

There will be a light supper stop "on your own" on the way home after we return to Michigan. We will return about 7:30.

Grand Experience – Mackinac Island New Info!

Dates: Tuesday – Friday, October 24 – 27, 2023

Cost: \$900.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Cancellation Protection: \$90.00 per person due w/ deposit

Departure Time: 7:30 a.m. from PNC Bank for Red Bus

Departure Time: 7:30 a.m. from City Lot for Blue Bus

Please note: The Departure Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. Come and get your questions answered, see a packing demonstration and meet others traveling with the group! Packets will be available at the office if you cannot make the meeting anytime after October 4th.

This trip includes 3 nights at the Grand Hotel, the motorcoach, ferry boat to and from the island, carriage ride around the island, afternoon tea & cookies, many other activities, classes and entertainment, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, and lots more. It is like a 'land cruise' with many included activities like fudge bingo, movies, contests, a cocktail reception and more. This year's trip will also include 2 Grand Buffet Luncheons and lots of sales since it is the end of the month. This trip is offered in cooperation with MRPA (Michigan Recreation and Parks Association).

Single price: \$1150.00 Triple price: \$875.00 per person

Note: Dress Code after 6:00 p.m. requires jacket and tie for men and dressy slacks and top or dress for women.

Ikea – Fall Shopping

Date: Thursday, November 2, 2023

Cost: \$45.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departs: 9:00 a.m. from the Clio K-mart

If you've heard about IKEA, but have never been there or you would like to go again, now is your chance! They have everything for the home... (no clothes!) There are small items as well as big furniture items. We will have the entire luggage bays to bring home any great bargains you might find! There is also a restaurant on the premises for a break or for lunch. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring your blue Ikea bag and your orange "family" membership card if you've been before. You are welcome to bring a cooler if there are frozen food items you'd like to purchase from the grocery section. Ikea accepts credit cards, debit cards and cash. No personal checks are accepted.

Sedona, Arizona & the Grand Canyon New Info!

Date: Sun- Fri; November 5 – 10, 2023

Cost: \$3,239.00 per person double occupancy

Cancellation Protection is included (\$240.00 value)

Departure: 1:30 p.m. from PNC Bank

Status: Ready To Go!

Please note: The Departure Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the office. We will discuss packing, TSA requirements and hand out your itineraries, luggage tags and we will answer any questions you may have about the trip. Packets will be available for pickup after the meeting if you cannot attend.

Triple price: \$2,939.00 Single price: \$4,099.00

Tinsel & Turkey: Turkeyville's Holiday Spectacular! #1

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started.

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip includes the dinner, the show, the motorcoach transportation and an Actor Talk Back. The dinner includes turkey, sage dressing, salad, soup, rolls cranberry relish, a vegetable or two and dessert! You choose between three items: their signature coconut crême pie, homemade ice cream with chocolate and a third item to be announced at the meal. The gift shop and bakery are always a delight to visit!

"Cornwell's kicks off the holidays in style with a no-holds-barred celebration that features a cast of sequin-clad performers shaking their tail feathers and turning up the heat as the snow starts to fall on the farm. Including all your favorites and setting a new bar for toe-tapping Christmas cheer, this musical revue is the perfect recipe for serving up the holidays on a silver platter."

Mrs. Doubtfire

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2023

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Status: Over ½ full!

Departure: 4:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

"Mrs. Doubtfire" is a **new musical comedy** based on the movie that gave Robin Williams his not-Mork signature role. The musical tells the story of out-of-work actor, Daniel Hillard, whose childlike irresponsibility angers his corporate-wannabe wife, Miranda, so much that she files for divorce and convinces a judge to restrict Daniel's access to their three kids to weekly visits. In a desperate attempt to stay in their lives, Daniel creates the kindly alter ego of Scottish nanny Euphegenia Doubtfire.

The cost includes the main floor ticket for the 7:30 p.m. show and the motorcoach. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be "on your own!"

Assisted Living: the Musical

THE HOME for the Holidays

Date: Sunday, November 26, 2023

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Status: ½ full.

Departure: 10:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

"There's no home like THE HOME ... for the Holidays. It's when the characters of *Assisted Living: The Musical* celebrate their special time of year. In an all-new show, the party school of retirement communities brings new meaning to decking the halls, spinning the dreidel and trimming the Kwanzaa bush. The lawyer suggests gift cards ... for his legal services. Catskill comedian Ben Younger tells of three not-so-wise men trying to sneak past the pearly gates. Of course, Naomi Lipschitz-Yamamoto-Murphy is there, lusted after by everyone auditioning for the home's Holiday Extravaganza. And, after the original cast of Compton & Bennett sing their uplifting holiday medley, you'll never think of the little drummer boy the same.

Back by popular demand and now with a holiday flair – *Assisted Living The Musical* is for everyone who is aging, and for those hope to. And that includes you!"

This trip includes the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 1:30 p.m. show at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts. There will be a light luncheon stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be 'on your own'.

Frozen – Broadway Musical

New!

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2023

Cost: \$115.00 per person

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Now a Broadway Musical, "Frozen" comes to the Detroit Opera House. This is the story of fearless, optimist Anna who sets off on an epic journey – teaming up with rugged mountain man, Kristoff and his loyal reindeer, Sven, - to find her sister, Elsa, whose icy powers have trapped the kingdom of Arendelle in eternal winter. Encountering Everest-like conditions, mystical trolls and a hilarious snowman named Olaf, Anna and Kristoff battle the elements in a race to save the kingdom.

This trip includes mainfloor tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show and the transportation. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be "on your own."

Daniel O'Donnell Christmas – Shipshewana

Dates: Mon – Tues; December 4 – 5, 2023

Cost: \$280.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Status: Sold out! Wait List started!

Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person (optional)

Final Payment Due: Nov. 1st, 2023

Departure: 9:00 a.m. from PNC Bank

Daniel O'Donnell will be at the Shipshewana Center for Performing Arts. His show is a unique production that features the star entertaining his audience with a nostalgic trip down memory lane as he performs hit after hit in the show. This show will include many favorite Christmas songs.

This trip includes the motorcoach, the ticket for the matinee Daniel O'Donnell Show, a buffet style dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant, the drive thru light display, and 1 night lodging at Farmstead Inn. Following an included breakfast we will visit a bakery, the cheese house, Yoder's Department Store and the Bulk Food Store. Bring a cooler if you'd like to purchase items that need refrigeration.

Single: \$335.00 Triple: \$260.00 per person

Starbright Christmas # 1 - Petrolia

Date: Wednesday, December 6, 2023

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

*****Must have Passport or Enhanced Driver License,**

We will head to Petrolia, Ontario and after a delicious lunch, enjoy an afternoon production of Starbright Christmas Celebration, a musical collection of Christmas songs, singers, dancers and choirs, at the Victoria Playhouse. There is not a lot of walking and it should be a relaxing, enjoyable day!

Lunch will be included at Olive's Casual Cuisine in Sarnia on our way to Petrolia. There will be a light supper stop "on your own" on the way home after we return to Michigan. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Starbright Christmas # 2 – Petrolia

Date: Thursday, December 7, 2023

Cost: \$125.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

*****Must have Passport or Enhanced Driver License,**

Same as Starbright Christmas # 1 above.

Tinsel & Turkey: Turkeyville's Holiday Spectacular #2

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Status: A few seats may be available!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip includes the dinner, the show, the motorcoach transportation and an Actor Talk Back. The dinner includes turkey, sage dressing, salad, soup, rolls cranberry relish, a vegetable or two and dessert! You choose between three items: their signature coconut crème pie, homemade ice cream with chocolate and a third item to be announced at the meal. The gift shop and bakery are always a delight to visit!

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Christmas Mystery Trip

New!

Date: Wed – Fri; December 27, 28, & 29, 2023

Cost: \$620.00 per person double occupancy

Departure: 7:30 a.m. from PNC Bank

Deposit: \$75.00 per person

Final Payment Due: November 20, 2023

Our annual Christmas Mystery Trip is ready for us! Plan on a relaxing few days filled with unique places to visit, good food, Christmas lights and more! Dress for the weather. We will be staying the same place both nights. Arrival home will be approximately 9:00 p.m.

The trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, and all planned activities and motorcoach transportation.

Single occupancy: \$770.00

Triple occupancy: \$570.00 per person

Rose Bowl Parade

Dates: Sat – Thurs. Dec 30, 2023 – Jan 4, 2024

Cost: \$3975.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Seats available!

Deposit: \$650.00 per person

(deposit includes \$350.00 Cancellation Protection)

Final payment due: October 15, 2023.

This trip is 6 days and 5 nights and we'll be staying in 1 hotel. We will enjoy a New Year's Eve Party, attend the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day, lunch at Lawry's in Beverly Hills, see the floats up close the following day, tour Hollywood, Rodeo Drive, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood Walk of Fame, Mission San Juan Capistrano, Newport Beach and Laguna Beach, visit the Nixon Library and Museum, tour San Diego, enjoy a San Diego harbor cruise and more...

Flyers are now available in the office. Pick one up or call to have it sent to you! We are partnering with Premier World Discovery for this trip.

We did this trip a few years ago and everyone had a wonderful time! It was a great way to usher in the New Year!

Happy New Year!

Best of Broadway:

The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

Date: Friday, January 26, 2024

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Status: ½ full!

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

"We are excited to welcome back Terry Barber, internationally acclaimed countertenor known for his extraordinary range both vocally and stylistically. Whether you're a fan of Broadway, classical or rock, this program of Andrew Lloyd Webber showstoppers has something for everyone. Hear Terry's unique interpretation of favorite hits from the Broadway superstar's most celebrated musicals, The evening will include music from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*, *Cats*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and more!"

Join me for an evening of musical fun at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts to enjoy Terry Barber on stage! This trip includes the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be 'on your own'.

Genitti's

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Join us for a trip to Genitti's in Northville for an Italian meal and show! The seven-course family-style Italian dinner is a guaranteed delight. Like an old Italian wedding, it features lots of food, served hot. The dinner starts off with homemade Italian wedding soup followed by pasta, antipasto salad, then Italian sausage with green peppers and onions, Italian steak with potatoes, baked chicken with zucchini and cannoli for dessert! Following the meal, we will enjoy an interactive show. Who knows what will happen! The cost includes the motorcoach, the dinner and the show as well as gratuities! We should return to Clio between 3:30 and 4:00 – perfect for those who like an early return before it gets dark!

Steve Solomon's Cannoli, Latkes & Guilt! ... the therapy continues

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Status: ½ full!

Departure: 12:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

"Just in case you've missed one of Steve Solomon's award-winning *My Mother's Italian*, *My Father's Jewish* comedies, he's back with a hilarious one-man show featuring the very best comedy plus loads of new material. This show is a laugh-filled fest of everybody you know, have known and some you'd want to forget but can't! Each of the 20 or so characters is brought to life by Steve using the voices and dialects that they possess in real life. Close your eyes and you'd swear there were two or three people chatting on stage, but all these people are voiced by Steve. Prepare to spend a hysterical evening of side-splitting laughs with one of America's best storytellers and dialecticians. Don't miss this afternoon of fun!" Join me for an afternoon of comedy at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts to enjoy Steve Solomon on stage! This trip includes the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 3:00 p.m. show. There will be a light lunch stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be 'on your own'.

Wicked

Date: Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Cost: \$132.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started.

Departure: 4:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

"Long before that girl from Kansas arrives in Munchkinland, two girls meet in the land of Oz. One, born with emerald green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. How these two grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and "Glinda the Good" makes for the most complete, and completely satisfying, musical in a long time." *Wicked* is the winner of over 50 major awards, including a Grammy and three Tony awards.

This trip includes the ticket and transportation to the Detroit Opera House for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way to the theatre.

Australia's Outback to New Zealand Updated Info!

Dates: February 14, - March 4, 2024

Cost: \$9948.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person

Insurance included in price (valued at \$599.00)

Reminder: Reservations received after 8/9/23 are subject to availability and may have a price difference as air prices may change after that date!

Final payment due: December 16, 2023

Status: 18 seats may be available!

This is a long trip! However, if we are going to fly that far across the ocean, we might as well see everything we can! Highlights will include Sydney, Sydney Opera House, Cairns, Great Barrier Reef, Alice Springs, Uluru, Melbourne, Queenstown, Milford Sound, Mt Cook National Park, Christchurch and more! Flights and insurance are included as well as 17 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 9 dinners.

***** A Passport is required for this trip and must be valid at least 6 months beyond the tour end date.**

Save the date: The Departure meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25th at the office. There will be two times since we seem to have a lot of people who are still working. There will be a meeting at 2:00 p.m. and a meeting at 6:00 p.m. You can choose which meeting to attend. You will receive your itineraries, meet other travelers, ask questions, talk about packing, and airline expectations. Please plan to come to one meeting or the other.

A Little More Alive

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: Seats Available!

Departure: 11:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Join me for this new musical at Meadow Brook Theatre. The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings. "In this heartfelt and original folk-pop musical, two estranged brothers reunite at their childhood home after their mother's funeral. An unexpected revelation distorts every memory they have, and as they uncover secrets that had been hiding in plain sight their whole lives, Nate and Jeremy find that no one is exempt from the gray area between right and wrong."

Alfreda Sings Aretha

Date: Friday, March 15, 2024

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

"Alfreda Gerald is known for her incredible live stage performances, appearing in shows worldwide. *Alfreda Sings Aretha!* combines Alfreda's soaring vocals with three female backup singers, a four-piece rhythm section and three-piece horn section. The eclectic and diverse singer seamlessly performs music in a plethora of genres, including classical, soul, pop, blues, rock, R&B and electronic dance music. You will be dancing in your seats with the musical hits of Aretha!

Alfreda Gerald represents in good taste the full magnitude of Aretha Franklin's contribution to music over the decades. The musical tribute to Aretha that Alfreda Gerald has is one you don't want to miss! This show is inspiring!

Join me for an evening of musical fun at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts to enjoy the music of Aretha Franklin on stage! This trip includes the motorcoach and main floor tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on the way which will be 'on your own'.

Red Wings Game

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

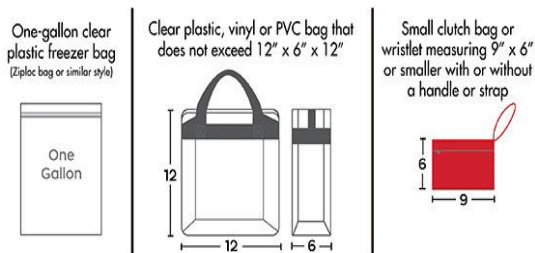
Cost: \$118.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Our seats this year are in section 114 on the lower level! The cost includes motorcoach transportation and the ticket to the 7:00 p.m. game against the Columbus Blue Jackets. We will plan to eat at the stadium.

Remember Little Caesar's Arena has gone cashless and accepts credit cards at the food vendors. If you bring cash, there is a machine that will exchange your cash for a card to use at the concessions. Also, please be aware that bags, purses are no longer allowed. Below is the bag policy.



My Way – Turkeyville

Date: Thursday, March 21, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips! The show, *My Way*, will celebrate the unforgettable music that made Frank Sinatra famous with one of the most popular musical revues in musical theatre history. "*My Way*" has played to sold out houses in all 50 states! Audiences and critics alike have hailed its powerful music, superb arrangements, classy style, and easy-going comedy. This show will likely take you on a memorable stroll down memory lane!

Native Gardens

Date: Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: Seats Available!

Departure: 11:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

We will enjoy this new comedy at Meadow Brook Theatre. "Pablo, a high-powered lawyer, and doctoral candidate Tania, his very pregnant wife, are realizing the American dream when they purchase a house next door to community stalwarts Virginia and Frank. But a disagreement over a long-standing fence line soon spirals into an all-out war of taste, class, privilege, and entitlement. The hilarious results guarantee no one comes out smelling like a rose."

The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings.

Route 66 – Musical Review

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: 10 seats available!

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

"Take a dollop of *Grease*, mix in some Pump Boys and Dinettes, and add a generous dose of Forever Plaid and you've got the octane fun of Route 66! Beginning with the sounds of 1950's Chicago and traveling along the "Main Street of America" to the California Coast with the surf music of the 60's, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest 'Rock 'n' Road' hits of the 20th century. Songs include "Dead Man's Curve", "King of the Road", "Little Old Lady from Pasadena", "Beep Beep", "Six Days on the Road", "Little GTO", "Fun, Fun, Fun", and many more. Get your kicks with this smash coast-to-coast hit musical revue!"

The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 8:00 p.m. show at Meadow Brook Theatre. A light supper stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings.

Oklahoma! – Turkeyville

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

The beloved musical that changed Broadway forever is coming to the Turkeyville stage! This classic tells the story of cowhands and farmers struggling to build a future, and find love, in a hard world. Featuring "Oh What A Beautiful Morning," "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No!" and the boot stompin' title number, this is a show you do not want to miss!

British Landscapes

Date: May 6 – 15, 2024

Cost: \$4298.00 per person double occupancy

Status: A few seats may be available!

Deposit: \$1147.00 per person

Insurance included in price (valued at \$449.00)

Early Bird Discount: \$150.00 if deposit rec'd by 10/31/23.

Final payment due: March 7, 2024.

Join us as we explore England, Scotland and Wales in the spring of 2024. Highlights include Edinburgh Castle, York, Chester, Llangollen, Wales, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, and London. Also included are 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 4 dinners. Detailed flyers are available!

*** A Passport is required for this trip and must be valid at least 6 months beyond the tour end date.

Ella, First Lady of Song

Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Status: Seats Available!

Departure: 5:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart

"*Ella, First Lady of Song* traces the 60-year career of the woman Mel Torme called "the best singer on the planet." The story of Ella Fitzgerald truly challenges the age-old saying "the show must go on." This jazz musical covers Fitzgerald's hardscrabble childhood to her enduring legacy in the music world and beyond. Songs include classics such as 'Sweet Georgia Brown', 'A Tisket-A-Tasket', and 'It Don't Mean A Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)'."

The cost includes the motorcoach and tickets to the 8:00 p.m. show at Meadow Brook Theatre. A light supper stop will be 'on your own' at Great Lakes Crossings.

Authentic Alaska

Dates: June 10 - 25, 2024

Cost: Is based on the room you select on the ship.

\$5550.00 Inside room per person for double occupancy

\$5650.00 Oceanview room w/ window per person double

\$6950.00 Balcony room per person double occupancy

Cancellation Protection is included (valued at \$350.00.)

Status: 5 cabins still available (10 people)

This trip includes 7 days land and a 7 night cruise through the Inside Passage. We will fly from Detroit to Fairbanks, Alaska and the return flight will be from Seattle to Detroit.

We will fly into Fairbanks for 2 nights and visit the Alaska pipeline, tour Fairbanks, attend a salmon bake, enjoy the Sternwheeler Discovery, spend 2 nights in Denali, a visit to the tundra, a ride on the domed train, 2 nights in Anchorage, and a City Tour of Anchorage, Visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center, Visit the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center on the way to Homer, 1 night lodging in Homer, Kenai Peninsula and the artsy fishing community of Homer, Visit the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center.

The seven-day cruise will visit Icy Strait, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan. There will be shore excursions available from the ship in each of the ports. This cost includes your transfers from Clio to Detroit, transfers to the hotels, and the bus back to Clio from Detroit! We will be flying Delta! Detailed flyers with registration forms are now available! ***A passport or Enhanced Driver's license is required for this trip!** The cruise ship docks in Vancouver, British Columbia – Canada.

There will be a departure meeting approximately three weeks prior to the trip to answer specific questions, provide detailed itineraries, talk about packing including what to take, etc and meet other travelers.

Escanaba In Da Moonlight! – Turkeyville

Date: Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

When the Soady clan reunites for deer season at the family's Upper Peninsula camp, 35 year old Rueben Soady brings with him the reputation of being the oldest Soady never to bag a buck. Escanaba in da Moonlight spins a hilarious tale of humor, horror and heart as Rueben goes to any and all lengths to remove himself from the wrong end of the family record book.

Lancaster & Hershey, PA # 1

Featuring "Daniel" and "Sound of Music"

Date: Monday – Thursday, July 8 – 11, 2024

Cost: \$685.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Sold out! Wait List started!

Deposit: \$185.00 per person

Final payment due: June 1st, 2024

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

Our 2024 Trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania will feature "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound Theatre. We will also visit Hershey with a guided tour of the area. We will visit Elva the Chalk Artist, Kitchen Kettle Village, a couple of Amish Farms, and enjoy "Sound of Music" at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre. We will stay 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel. The trip includes the motorcoach, three breakfasts, three dinners, and the activities listed above,

"Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in Lancaster, PA next year."

Single occupancy: \$880.00 Triple: \$625.00 per person

Lancaster & Hershey, PA # 2

New!

Featuring "Daniel" and "Sound of Music"

Date: Monday – Thursday, July 15 – 18, 2024

Cost: \$685.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$185.00 per person

Final payment due: June 1st, 2024

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

We are working to offer a 2nd trip to Lancaster since the first one sold out so quickly! It will be the same as trip # 1 if there is enough interest!

Single occupancy: \$880.00 Triple: \$625.00 per person

New York City

Date: Sun - Sat, July 21 – July 27, 2024

Cost: \$2150.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Final Payment Due: June 1st, 2024

Cancellation Protection: \$150.00 per person due w/ deposit

Status: Seats available!

This exciting trip will provide an opportunity to visit New York City and includes 6 nights lodging and two breakfasts. We will stay 4 nights in New York City. We will have easy access to many attractions and theatres. The trip includes visits to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, an all-day guided sightseeing tour, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the Flight 93 Memorial, a harbor cruise and more! There will be optional opportunities for Broadway Shows. Many meals are "on your own" because it is more cost effective to offer this trip that way. There are many restaurants and deli's within walking distance of our hotel. A free day is included so individuals can explore places they may be interested in visiting such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Carriage Ride in Central Park, shopping, the US Intrepid, or others. Single Occupancy: \$2900.00 Triple Occupancy: \$1900.00

Pacific Northwest - Oregon Coast # 1 New!

Dates: August 1 – 10, 2024

Cost: \$5699.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$800.00 per person

Final payment due: May 1, 2024

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the Pacific Northwest and the states of Washington, Oregon and Northern California. This trip will include airflight from Detroit to Seattle and a return flight from San Francisco to Detroit. We will visit the cities of Seattle and San Francisco. Included will be Mt St Helen's Visitors Center, Timberline Lodge Tour and chairlift ride up Mt Hood, Bonneville Dam and Lock, Multnomah Falls, Whale Watch, sand dune buggy ride, Heceta Head Lighthouse, jet boat ride through Hellgate Canyon, Redwoods and the Avenue of the Giants, Trees of Mystery Gondola Ride, and a visit to Wine Country. This trip includes cancellation protection. This is one of the best trips I've had the pleasure of escorting!

We need your name as it is written on your acceptable ID and your birthdate in order to confirm your airline ticket. You can use your passport, your enhanced driver's license or a REAL driver's license for this trip.

Single occupancy: \$7399.00 Triple occupancy: \$5199.00

We are partnering with Shoreline Tours for this trip.

Pacific Northwest - Oregon Coast # 2 New!

Dates: August 15 – 24, 2024

Cost: \$5699.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$800.00 per person

Final Payment due: May 15, 2024

This is a wonderful opportunity to visit the Pacific Northwest and the states of Washington, Oregon and Northern California. This trip will include airflight from Detroit to Seattle and a return flight from San Francisco to Detroit. We will visit the cities of Seattle and San Francisco. Included will be Mt St Helen's Visitors Center, Timberline Lodge Tour and chairlift ride up Mt Hood, Bonneville Dam and Lock, Multnomah Falls, Whale Watch, sand dune buggy ride, Heceta Head Lighthouse, jet boat ride through Hellgate Canyon, Redwoods and the Avenue of the Giants, Trees of Mystery Gondola Ride, and a visit to Wine Country. This trip includes cancellation protection. This is one of the best trips I've had the pleasure of escorting!

We need your name as it is written on your acceptable ID and your birthdate in order to confirm your airline ticket. You can use your passport, your enhanced driver's license or a REAL driver's license for this trip.

Single occupancy: \$7399.00 Triple occupancy: \$5199.00

We are partnering with Shoreline Tours for this trip.

Million Dollar Quartet! – Turkeyville

Date: Thursday, September 19, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

On December 4th, 1956, a twist of fate brought Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together for one of the greatest jam sessions ever. This smash hit sensation features a score of legendary hits, including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Walk the Line," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of Fire," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Hound Dog," and more!

Seine River Cruise in France Including Normandy 80th Anniversary

Dates: October 8 – 16, 2024

Deposit: \$1149.00 per person due with reservation form.

Status: Seats may be available!

Remember that others are signing up for this trip from elsewhere and cabin space is on a first come, first serve basis. Already some cabin spaces are sold out.

Those who have been asking for a river cruise in Europe take a look at this one! We will cruise the Seine River in France on the Amadeus Diamond. Prices range from \$5944.00 per person to \$7644.00 per person depending on the room you select on the ship.

We will fly from Detroit to Paris and return from Paris to Detroit. Transportation to and from the airport is included. Travel Protection is included in the price of the trip (valued at \$549.00).

Detailed flyers are now available at the office. Stop and pick one up or call and we will send you a flyer. Please fill out the reservation form in the flyer and return it with your deposit.

This trip includes Paris City tour, a visit to Normandy which will be marking the 80th Anniversary since the invasion during WWII, and more. **A passport is required for this trip!** Must be valid for 6 months beyond trip dates.

We are partnering with Premier World Discovery for this trip.

Winter Wonderettes – Turkeyville # 1

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

This glittering seasonal celebration finds the all-girl singing group, the Wonderettes, entertaining at the Harper's Hardware Holiday Party. When Santa turns up missing, the girls use their talent to save the party! Featuring great 60's versions of holiday classics such as "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Run, Rudolph, Run," and "Winter Wonderland," the result is marvelous!

Winter Wonderettes – Turkeyville # 2

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Cost: \$88.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This day trip to Turkeyville will feature the delicious turkey dinner, the show, an Actor Talk Back and the motorcoach as well as tips!

This trip is the same description as Winter Wonderettes # 1 listed above,

Route 66 in 2026

Planning is now underway! Route 66 will be 100 years old in 2026. I've met with several locations along Route 66 and they are delighted we are planning to make this trip.

The tentative dates are April 13 – May 2, 2026. The trip will be taken by motorcoach and will travel through Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. While the route will be the same going west and returning eastbound, we will stop in different places and see different roadside attractions in each direction.

Breakfast Club!

The Breakfast Club meets the first Friday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at the Bob Evans in Birch Run. It is a great opportunity to get together with friends, ask questions of Ann, or make suggestions for future trips. No reservations are needed, just come and join us! Upcoming dates are October 6, and Nov. 3, and Dec. 1.

Travel Club Networking Meeting

The next Travel Club Networking meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4th at 2:00 p.m. at the office. All are welcome to attend. I am excited about many of our upcoming trips and will be happy to answer any questions.

Travel Club Networking Meetings are held three times a year to allow people to provide ideas for future trips, meet with other travelers and get first-hand information about upcoming trips. They are in February, June and October. This is also a great meeting to attend to learn about travel tips and why I do the trips like I do. Come and be a part of the discussions. There are many great destinations.

Romeos! Calling all men! Come and join us!

This group of men gather monthly to enjoy lunch, laughter and good conversation. Romeo's stands for Rowdy Old Men Eating Ot! No dues, no committees, just eat out every month with other guys to provide input on whatever is of interest to anyone. All men are welcome!

The luncheons will be on Thursdays, October 19 at Billy's Pine Run Inn on the corner of Vienna & Saginaw; November 16 at Don Felipe in downtown Clio and December 21 at Joe's Garage on Vienna Rd near Elms Rd. We meet at 11:30 a.m.

This group was started as a response to the women's Red Hat Society. The women have a poem, "When I am an Old Woman, I Shall Wear Purple!" There is also a poem called "When I am an Old Man, I Shall Wear Plaid!" So, an active group of guys attended the first meeting and the Romeo's were officially started.

Regarding Passports... New Info!

Passports are available at the Clio Post Office by appointment. **You must go online to schedule your appointment. They are no longer scheduling appointments by phone. The other option is to go in on Thursday mornings between 9:00 a.m. and noon.**

You need your birth certificate with a raised seal to apply for one. They are good for ten years. The post office can take your picture or you can get a passport photo taken at another location such as Walgreen's or Rite Aid.

Renewals do not need an appointment! Fill out the forms and take it to the post office. They will take your picture if needed and mail it for you! If you live in another city, check your local post office for their passport hours. They may vary from post office to post office.

We also have passport application forms and renewal forms available in our office.

Travel Certificates Make Great Gifts!

Looking for the perfect gift? Travel Certificates are available in any amount! They can be used for any Ann's Adventures Trip! There is no expiration date! Tell your kids you want the gift of Travel! These make great gifts for retirement, birthdays, anniversaries, Mother's day, and Father's day or any Holiday like Christmas!

W...ings for Travel

Preparation for a trip of any duration takes time. I am encouraging everyone to think about preparing yourselves as well as your clothes, what to pack, and what should be in your carryon! Time to spread your wings!

- 1. Waking:** Every trip requires an early start. Begin setting your alarm a little earlier each day a couple weeks before the trip. Then it won't be such a shock to your system to suddenly be getting up so early every day.
- 2. Walking:** If you are not a person who walks regularly, begin! Don't try to start with a mile or two right away. Try walking ten minutes a day then 20, then 30. It is amazing how much easier the trip will be for you if walking is not a shock to your system. You will definitely have more fun!
- 3. Watering:** Drink more water! This is good for you even when not traveling. However, when we travel it is crucial that you not become dehydrated. Keeping your body hydrated will help you to be healthier and your system to work more efficiently.

Get your own W...ings ready for travel!

TSA – Transportation Security Administration Acceptable Forms of ID

1 - REAL Michigan Driver's License –

Michigan is enacting a federally acceptable form of ID. **This will be in effect by May 7, 2025.** The REAL ID will be required for flying within the United States, entry into certain federal properties, entering nuclear facilities and military bases. **The Real ID Michigan Driver's license has a star in the upper right hand corner.**

2 - Enhanced Michigan Driver's License is already compliant and allows entry into the US by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean without a passport. **The Enhanced Michigan Driver's License has an American flag on the license just to the right of your picture. The newer ones also have a star in the upper right hand corner. In the upper left corner it says "enhanced".**

3 - Passport - is acceptable ID for any type of air flight to go anywhere. It is also acceptable for entry into certain federal facilities and entering nuclear facilities and military bases. It cannot be used as a driver's license. To fly into the US from anywhere – including Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean, you must have a passport.

Note! Please make sure you bring the correct identification to the bus for the trip you are taking! It truly hurts my heart to tell people they cannot go when I check their ID.

Medical Forms

Is your medical form up to date? A medical form ensures that I can give medical professionals correct information about your health in the event of a medical emergency. If something happens, they need to know your birthdate and list of current medications. If you need to update your form, I always carry extra on the trips. You can ask me for a form or call and I can email one to you. Or pick one up when you are in the office. There is a form included in this newsletter.

Dietary Restrictions:

If you have a special dietary need, I need to know this in advance of the trip. When meals are catered for a group of 50, caterers plan for the number of meals ordered and often do not have additional options ready on the spot. If you vary from the original menu, there may be an additional charge.

Become a STAR!

I offer a special program for frequent travelers.

You can become a "STAR" which stands for Special Travel Adventure Rate! For only \$36.00 per year you can become a STAR! As a result, every trip you sign up for will be \$6.00 less in cost. Therefore, if you travel at least 6 times in a year, you will have made your money back and for every trip after that, you come out ahead!

Driver Tips

For all day trips, the driver tip is included in the cost of the trip. On overnight trips, we do pass an envelope for the driver and recommend \$2.00 to \$3.00 per person per day.

Do I need to send a deposit?

A deposit assures your seat on a trip. When you call to put your name on a trip list, that lets me know how many people are interested. Your deposit (or full payment) assures you of a seat. Sometimes there are more names on the interest list than there are actual seats available.

When the maximum number of seats with money deposited are full, the rest becomes the wait list. The bottom line is... if you really want to go, you should put down a deposit. For day trips, a \$20.00 deposit will hold your seat. For extended trips, the deposit amount is listed at the top of the article. **The remaining balance for all trips is due 1 month prior to the trip unless specifically noted.**

What is cancellation protection?

Cancellation Protection is a specified amount of money for overnight trips that is **due with your deposit** and protects all monies (except the cost of the cancellation protection) in the event of cancellation for any reason, anytime prior to departure. It is not insurance but does provide protection for the cost of your trip.

Insurance is available and is included when we go overseas. Collette Trips include insurance and that would cover much more while we are in another country.

Can I get a Refund?

Refunds will be given only if there is a wait list and I am able to fill your place prior to departure. Partial refunds may be given if I am able to recover the costs of prepaid tickets, meals, etc. Cancellations and no-shows on the day of the trip will not be entitled to a refund. **Refund checks are issued after the trip is completed and can take a few months to process.** We often have to wait for refunds to come to us from the hotels, activities, etc, Thank you for understanding.

Refund checks are issued to the person who paid for the trip. If your friend paid for your trip and you cancel, the refund is sent to the person who paid for you to go. In order for my books to match, the money refunded must match the person who paid it.

Stay Hydrated!

Always carry a refillable water bottle with you on every trip. Staying hydrated is important for your health! We make restroom stops every two hours so you can use facilities and stretch your legs!

Making a Payment

Payments can be made in cash, checks or money orders. I can take credit cards **however**, there will be a 3% charge added onto the payment if you decide to use a credit or debit card. Checks should be made out to Ann's Adventures. When sending checks, please write on the memo line what trip the check is for or use the form on the back page of this newsletter. It helps me get your payment posted to the right trip more quickly. If you would like a receipt, you should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. There will be a \$15.00 charge for any check returned for insufficient funds.



**Sunday, November 5th, 2023
Turn your clocks back 1 hour!
Daylight Savings Time Ends!**

Thought for the Month:

"We need 4 hugs a day for survival. We need 8 hugs a day for maintenance. We need 12 hugs a day for growth!"
- Virginia Satir

Travel Terms...

What is ???

Sometimes when we have been doing business for many years, certain terms or wording become our normal. I am glad that some folks remind me that perhaps new travelers don't have a clue what I'm referring to when I use terms that are new to you! So, here is my attempt at defining some frequently used terms that have generated questions from our travelers.

Checked Bag – This is the bag you pack with all your belongings for the duration of the trip. It is the bag that is stored in the bays below the bus or checked in at the airport. You do not have access to this bag during the travel days. The checked bag (1 per person) will be taken to your room when luggage handling is included in the price of the trip.

Carry-on Bag – This is the smaller bag that you have with you on the bus or on the airplane that holds items you may need during the course of the day: medications, snacks, a camera, magazine, book, phone charger, etc. You will carry your small bag to your room.

Double occupancy – a hotel room for 2 people

Single occupancy – a hotel room for 1 person

Triple occupancy – a hotel room where three people share the same room. It is generally 2 queen or 2 double beds so often 2 people share a bed. There is not generally space to bring in a roll-away bed. Generally 3 people know each other and are comfortable with this arrangement. This option is not always available such as on cruise ships or in Europe.

TSA – TSA officially stands for Transportation Security Administration and they set the standards / guidelines for travel. TSA can also refer to the individuals who search your bags and guide you through security at the airports.

ABA – ABA stands for American Bus Association. They sponsor the large national travel conference I attend each winter to gain new insights into travel destinations and make face to face contacts with suppliers, hotels, restaurants, venues to attend, etc.

What makes a trip “sold out?”

A trip can be “sold out” for several different reasons. It could be the number of tickets I purchased are all spoken for. It could be that the seats on the bus are all taken. In some cases, it may be that I can only get a certain number of hotel rooms at a particular location.

What is the Wait List?

When a trip is sold out, we still take names and start a “wait list”. This means if someone cancels at the last minute, we start calling to find someone who can go so that the trip doesn't have unused tickets, etc. Sometimes there is enough people on the ‘wait list’ to encourage us to take a 2nd bus.

Trips we are working on for 2024...

We are constantly planning for the future and of course, it always helps to make sure we are planning trips that are of interest to all of you! Take a look through the list below and see if anything sparks your interest and let us know we are heading in the right direction.

We have had some requests for day trips that do not involve shows. We have leaned a little heavy on the shows lately so I'm looking at some other outings such as boat trips, museums, and perhaps some festivals. Let me know what you think!

Holland Tulip Festival

We have done this trip in the past and there have been some requests to offer it again. It is a long day but is definitely one that is doable here in Michigan. We would leave early in the morning and see the tulip fields, the tulip lanes, enjoy a meal or two, and see what else is on the agenda for their festival in 2024. This is held the 2nd week of May.

Vera Bradley Annual Sale

This sale invites bus groups to Fort Wayne, Indiana to shop for the popular items made by Vera Bradley. Items are greatly reduced in price and folks have enjoyed this trip in previous years. They plan to hold the sale the first week of May in 2024. Groups have a 2 hour time slot to shop and then they restock and then have another time slot for the sale. In the past we have included the admission cost, a lunch at Golden Corral and the motorcoach transportation.

Shipshewana Suggestions

Flea Market shopping

Daniel O'Donnell will be in Shipshewana in the fall of 2024

Texas Tenors will be in Shipshewana in the spring of 2024.

A return to the Christmas Extravaganza horse show .

Christmas In Branson

I'm working on a trip to Branson in November of 2024 for the Christmas shows. A delightful time of the year to experience the feelings of Branson, while enjoying the shows, as they feature the holiday songs you love.

The Holocaust Museum

A day trip to the Holocaust Museum has been a memorable experience in past years. We schedule a guide to take us through the museum and have been able to listen to a Holocaust Survivor share their story. We include lunch and then time to explore the museum, other special exhibits and the gift shop on your own.

A Taste of Wisconsin

This trip will explore southern Wisconsin and include the boat ride through the Upper Dells, a horse drawn ride through the Lost Canyon of the Dells, the Fireside Dinner Theatre, the Lake Geneva Mailboat, the House On the Rock, a visit to New Glarus to experience a Swiss dinner, and more. This trip would be in late August.

Trips At A Glance!

Thunder Bay # 1	October 3, 2023	\$190.00	Hillman, MI
Horrocks	October 5, 2023	\$40.00	Lansing
Tony Orlando	October 7, 2023	\$95.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Louisville Spooktacular	October 9 – 13, 2023	\$880.00	Kentucky
Thunder Bay # 2	October 16, 2023	\$190.00	Hillman, MI
Price Is Right	October 18, 2023	\$120.00	Fox Theatre - Detroit
Camelot	October 19, 2023	\$120.00	Petrolia
Grand Experience	October 24 – 27, 2023	\$900.00	Mackinac Island
Ikea	November 2, 2023	\$45.00	Canton, MI
Sedona & Grand Canyon	November 5 – 10, 2023	\$3239.00	Arizona
Tinsel & Turkey # 1	November 14, 2023	\$85.00	Turkeyville
Mrs Doubtfire	November 16, 2023	\$125.00	Fisher Theatre Detroit
Assisted Living Musical	November 26, 2023	\$95.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Frozen	November 29, 2023	\$115.00	Detroit Opera House
Daniel O'Donnell	December 4 – 5, 2023	\$280.00	Shipshewana
Starbright Christmas # 1	December 6, 2023	\$125.00	Petrolia
Starbright Christmas # 2	December 7, 2023	\$125.00	Petrolia
Tinsel & Turkey # 2	December 13, 2023	\$85.00	Turkeyville
Christmas Mystery Trip	December 27 – 29, 2023	\$620.00	??????????
Rose Bowl Parade	Dec 30 – Jan 4, 2024	\$3975.00	Pasadena, California
Best of Broadway (Webber)	January 26, 2024	\$95.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Genitti's	January 30, 2024	\$85.00	Northville, MI
Steve Solomon's Comedy	February 3, 2024	\$95.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Wicked	February 6, 2024	\$132.00	Detroit Opera House, Detroit
Outback to South Island	Feb 14 – Mar 4, 2024	\$9948.00	Australia & New Zealand
A Little More Alive	March 6, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Alfreda Sings Aretha	March 15, 2024	\$95.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Red Wings Game	March 19, 2024	\$118.00	Little Caesar's Arena - Detroit
My Way	March 21, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Native Gardens	April 10, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Route 66 Musical Revue	April 24, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Oklahoma	May 1, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
British Landscapes	May 6 – 15, 2024	\$4298.00	England, Scotland & Wales
Ella, First Lady of Song	May 29, 2024	\$75.00	Meadow Brook Theatre
Authentic Alaska	June 10 – 25, 2024	see article	Alaska
Escanaba In Da Moonlight	July 2, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Lancaster – Daniel # 1	July 8 -11, 2024	\$685.00	Pennsylvania
Lancaster - Daniel # 2	July 15 -18, 2024	\$685.00	Pennsylvania
New York City	July 21 – 27, 2024	\$2150.00	New York
Pacific Northwest # 1	August 1 – 10, 2024	\$5699.00	Washington, Oregon, California
Pacific Northwest # 2	August 15 – 24, 2024	\$5699.00	Washington, Oregon, California
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Winter Wonderettes # 2	December 18, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville

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Trip Participant Medical Form

Legal Name _____ Birthdate _____

Name I liked to be called _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Medical Information

Medical History _____

Dietary Restrictions: _____

Medications: (prescriptions and over the counter) _____

Allergies or Restrictions

Walker _____ Wheelchair _____ CPAP _____

Physician Name _____ Phone # _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

2nd Person _____ Relationship _____

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