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"... making a difference!"

Greetings!

I have several bits of information to share with you... This seems a good place to post these thoughts.

Regarding your interest in the Vera Bradley Trips... several of you have called after hearing that the Vera Bradley Outlet Sale in Fort Wayne was returning in June this year. Unfortunately, the sale will be held while we are in Iceland. In addition, they have made changes in the group procedures that would impact the trip as we have done it in the past years. I have expressed my concerns and have been told they will be reassessing the logistics for this event for upcoming years. I will keep my eyes and ears open to see what will be happening in the future as I know this is an event many of you enjoy!

The staff at Turkeyville has notified me that they are no longer including the tip for waitstaff in the cost of the meal. As a result, I wasn't aware of this when I set the price for this year. Please plan to bring a cash tip to leave on the table for your waitstaff.

In our post-covid world we are still experiencing fallout from the pandemic. It may be lack of employees or a "for your safety" attitude, but travel has been impacted at restaurants and hotels. Many hotels are not entering your room everyday to clean or replenish towels. If we are staying several nights in the same place, they may come in every three days or you can call the desk to have needed items dropped off at your room. Some places have you come to the desk for items you may need. There are restaurants that are not able to service large groups in a timely fashion most likely due to lack of employees or food shortages from suppliers. I appreciate your patience as we all adjust to the new normal and do not let it stop us from exploring our world.

I am grateful for all your support and words of encouragement in the unexpected loss of my sister in April. I am touched by each of you.

I am continuing to plan trips that folks have asked about... it may take time to get your particular request on the schedule, but I will keep working on it! I just purchased my new planning calendar which goes through 2027. It is always exciting for me to start filling in the days, weeks and months of a new calendar with exciting trips. I think of all the things you might like to see or a new experience you'd like to try and I want to fit everything in the schedule! I often recall the words of one traveler at the end of the trip... "Thank you for taking me to do something I didn't know I wanted to do!"

Thanks to all who invite their friends and families to join us and experience the adventure that travel can bring to your life. Thanks to those who help with our newsletter. It continues to be a big job and many hands make it easier to complete.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Senior Power Day at Crossroads Village. Stop by my table and say "Hi!"

Each day is a gift. Open it with joy and experience it to the fullest!

Ann

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 May 5, June 2 and July 7.

Travel Club Networking Meeting

The next Travel Club Networking meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 7th, 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.

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 Out! No dues, no committees, just eat out every month with other guys to provide input on whatever is of interest to anyone.

The luncheons will be on Thursdays, May 18th at McPherson's in Millington and June 15th at Junction of Hope on M-57 west of Montrose. We meet at 11:30 a.m. All men are welcome!

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. The Romeo's wear plaid shirts and meet for lunch!

Health Matters...

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. You can always pick one up when you are in the office.

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.

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!

Money Matters...

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 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.

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.**

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.

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.

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

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.

Annual Summer Picnic!

Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Location: Fireman's Park

Our annual summer picnic will be held at 12:00 noon. All are welcome to join us. You do not need to bring anything! Everything is provided. The meal will include fried chicken, potato salad, baked beans, fruit, ice tea, lemonade and dessert! **Please call by 8/14/23 to reserve your seat so I know how much food to provide.** It is a great place to reconnect with friends you've met on the trips, or perhaps to meet a travel partner.

The location of the picnic will be at Fireman's Park. It is located on Wilson Rd just east of Saginaw Rd (also called Dort Hwy or M-54). This is a big place to hold the picnic and we have a lot more seats in the pavilion and can have double serving lines. There is plenty of parking.

Lion King at the Stranahan in Toledo! #1

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Cost: \$135.00 per person

Departure: 3:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Ready to go!

This phenomenal show will be at the Stranahan Theatre in Toledo. The trip includes your ticket to Lion King, dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse and the motorcoach transportation.

Lion King at the Stranahan in Toledo #2

Date: Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Cost: \$135.00 per person

Departure: 3:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Ready to go!

This phenomenal show will be at the Stranahan Theatre in Toledo. The trip includes your ticket to Lion King, dinner at Spaghetti Warehouse and the motorcoach transportation.

Jesse's Country Jubilee - Petrolia

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

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

Status: Ready to go!

***Must have Passport or Enhanced Driver License,

Join everyone's favorite fiddler as he leads the wildly talented cast through the greatest country standards.

We are headed to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Olive's Casual Cuisine and main floor tickets. 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.

Nashville Sampler

Date: May 8 - 13, 2023 Mon – Sat

Cost: \$1365.00 per person double occupancy

Cancellation Protection \$70.00 due with deposit

Final Balance: Now due!

Status: Ready to go!

Departure: 6:00 a.m. from PNC Bank (Red Bus)

6:00 a.m. from City Lot (Blue Bus)

We currently have two full busses. They will each stay at their own hotel to make luggage handling quicker and breakfast less crowded. Some activities will be done together and others will switch days in order to accommodate the numbers.

Sex Please, We're Sixty! Turkeyville!

Date: Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: Sold out! (See below – 2nd bus added!)

"Mrs. Stancliffe's guests return year after year to her B & B, and her neighbor, the elderly, silver-tongued Bud 'The Stud' Davis, believes they come to spend time with him. Her would-be suitor is a retired chemist who has developed a blue pill called 'Venusia' to increase the libido of menopausal women. When the women mix up Bud's Viagra pills with the Venusia, we discover that it has a strange effect on men: it gives them all the symptoms of menopausal women, complete with hot flashes, mood swings, and irritability!"

Included are the dinner, the show, the motorcoach transportation and an Actor Talk Back.

Sex Please, We're Sixty! Turkeyville! #2 New!

Date: Wednesday, May 17, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

Same as # 1 above!

Wicked

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Cost: \$130.00 per person

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

Status: Ready to go!

This trip includes the ticket and transportation to Wharton Center for Performing Arts for the 7:30 p.m. show. **There will not be a supper stop so eat an early dinner or bring a snack for on the bus!**

Spring Mystery Trip

Date: Monday, May 22, 2023

Cost: \$95.00 per person

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

Status: Sold Out! Wait List Started!

A Mystery Trip is coming your way,
You just need to know the time and the day.

We are going somewhere that is new,

And everything is included for you!

We'll go to a place that I think will be fun,

And we'll hope the spring day brings us some sun.

A lunch is included so you won't faint away,

You'll learn new things on this special day.

The temperature dictates how you should dress,

Relax, have fun, no need to impress!

Call the office to reserve your seat,

Perhaps some friends you'll be able to meet!

Senior Power Day

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Cost: \$4.00 per person

Status: Tickets still available!

This annual event attracts over 1500 seniors from Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer Counties, and is held annually at Crossroads Village. The cost includes admission to Crossroads Village, lunch, the train ride, and all the activities.

The activities include: Information on Health and Senior Services; Learn About Senior Issues on the Ballot; Meet with Legislators and Elected Officials; Enjoy Old Fashioned Park Rides; A Huckleberry Railroad Train Ride; Music Entertainment & Dancing; Bingo; Raffles and Door Prizes.

This event takes place from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and is a great way to pick up information for your personal use as well as a chance to visit with friends you may not have seen in a while. You provide your own transportation. The event takes place rain or shine. I will have a table in the vendor tent so be sure to stop by my table and say hi!

Ann's tip: Fill in the ticket with your name and phone number before arriving at Crossroads Village. You might win a prize so it is worth taking time to fill it out. Dress for the weather. This is an outdoor event!

Rum Runners

Date: Tuesday, May 30, 2023

Cost: \$138.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Departure: 7:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

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

This trip includes a visit to MacKenzie Hall and the courtroom, which still looks today like it did 100 years ago, a visit to the Church made famous by the gun toting, Fighting Parson, a tour of the waterfront and the Walkerville neighborhood, where you'll hear about the mansions built with rum running money. We finish off the tour with a visit to a re-enacted Speakeasy where a lunch of pasta, roast chicken, roasted potatoes, vegetable, salad, desert and coffee or tea, will be served as a plated meal. The restaurant has a cash bar. Along with this great meal, you'll enjoy the show of live music, singing and comedy routines.

Approximate arrival home 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

Date: Mon - Tues, June 5 - 6, 2023

Cost: \$268.00 per person (double occupancy)

Deposit: \$75.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$40.00 per person w/ deposit

Final Payment due: May 5th, 2023

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from the PNC Bank

Status: 10 seats available!

The trip includes a self-guided tour of the Creation Museum which brings the pages of the Bible to life; a visit to the Ark Encounter which allows you to go at your own pace through the life-sized reconstruction of Noah's Ark; 1 night stay at the Hampton Inn, 1 breakfast and 1 luncheon buffet; and the motorcoach transportation. Casual dress throughout the trip. You will be taking your own bag to and from your room. Keep it light! Luggage tags will be handed out at the bus. This is an easy trip which calls for only an overnight bag.

Motorized carts are available for rent at each facility on a first come – first serve basis for those who may need it. Both facilities are easily walkable due to the ramps and elevators to get you from floor to floor.

Single \$338.00; Triple \$258.00 per person; Quad \$246.00

Where the Heart Is – Petrolia

Date: Thursday, June 8, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

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

Join us for this new musical about following your dreams. "About to set down her violin for good, a former symphony musician happens upon a guitar playing street busker. The two connect over their shared love of music and eventually she is inspired to change her tune. This charming new Canadian musical explores the passion of being an artist and of not giving up on your dreams."

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 to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice

Date: June 11 – 20, 2023

A Departure Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the office at 2:00 p.m. All are encouraged to attend. We will talk about packing, go over the itineraries, talk about money exchange, meet others in the group and answer your questions.

***** You must have a valid passport for this trip!**

Grandparent / Grandkid Trip – Wildlife Safari Park

Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Cost: \$100.00 per person

Status: ½ full!

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

This is a great way to learn about animals in an African Safari Wildlife Park. We will be visiting the park and seeing the animals up close and personal. The bus will drive through part of the park and we will see animals in their own habitat, and some even come up close to the bus! Then, there is a section where we can walk through and see many other unique animals. Before leaving, we will drive through the park again as some animals are more active in the afternoon than the ones we see in the morning.

The trip includes the admission and transportation. Meals will be on your own. There is an area with concessions or you can pack a lunch. There will be a supper stop on the way home. We should return to Clio about 7:00 p.m.

Bay City Fireworks

Date: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Cost: \$38.00 per person

Departure: 5:30 p.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

"One of the grandest displays in all of Mid-Michigan is the Bay City Fireworks! People travel from all over the country to witness this amazing display! Saturday night is the final and best Fireworks Display of the three-day festival." The bus will drop us at the park where we can enter and find a great place to sit. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, wear your patriotic colors and plan to celebrate Independence Day with friends!

You are welcome to bring a light lunch/snacks/water/pop or purchase snacks from vendors in the park. What a great way to enjoy this 36 minute fireworks display without having to drive through heavy traffic. The cost includes motorcoach transportation and entry fee into the park.

Great American Trailer Park Musical - Turkeyville!

Date: Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

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!

"A sassy, trashy, and flashy musical comedy full of laughs, love, and lawn flamingoes! There's a new tenant at Armadillo Acres – she's wreaking havoc all over Florida's most exclusive trailer park. When Pippi, the stripper on the run, comes between the Dr. Phil-loving, agoraphobic Jeannie and her tollbooth collector husband – the storms begin to brew." (Contains explicit language and subject matter.)

Moses! Lancaster, PA

Dates: Mon – Thurs, July 10 – 13, 2023

Cost: \$590.00 per person double occupancy

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank

Deposit: \$100.00 per person

Final payment due: June 8, 2023

Status: Sold out! Wait List started!

Cancellation Protection: \$70.00 per person due w/ deposit.

We will be staying at Heritage Hotel all three nights. Dress for this trip is completely casual.

"Moses! Experience this legendary Bible story as it comes to life with spectacular special effects, massive sets, and live animals!" The Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster PA will be presenting the story of Moses which is being billed as the best production ever! This theater is amazing and you feel like you are in the middle of the action when the stage is open on three sides of your seats. The Fulton Theater will be presenting "Grease". This trip will include motorcoach transportation, 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners and the two shows, luggage handling, taxes and tips on included events. We will also visit the chalk artist and be touring the Amish farms and the countryside.

Triple price: \$525.00 per person;

Single price: \$745.00

Mud Hens & Tony Packos

Date: Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Cost: \$65.00 per person

Departure: 2:00 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: Over ½ full!

This trip includes the bus and game ticket. This trip is referred to as "The Klinger Connection". Klinger, from the M*A*S*H series loved the Toledo Mud Hens and Tony Packos' Hungarian hot dog sauce. We eat at Tony Packos' (on your own), see a Mud Hens game and watch M*A*S*H episodes on the way home.

The Mud Hens are the farm team for the Detroit Tigers and they will be playing the Leigh Valley Iron Pigs which is the farm team for the Philadelphia Phillies.

Yesterday Once More! - Petrolia

Date: Thursday, July 20, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

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

Status: 8 seats available!

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

Let's take a joyful journey back fifty years and enjoy "Yesterday Once More!" The year 1973 was considered one of the best in the history of pop music. It was also the first year the Victoria Playhouse opened to live performances! So, let's party like it is 1973! We're getting nostalgic with ground-breaking hits from Elton John, The Rolling Stones, Gladys Knight, The Carpenters, Stevie Wonder and so many more!

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 the way home after we return to Michigan. We will return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Donny Osmond – Fox Theater

New!

Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Cost: \$128.00 per person

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

Join us for this legendary entertainer and music icon. Donny Osmond will include a visit to the Fox Theatre on Tuesday, July 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Throughout an illustrious six decades long career, Donny Osmond has earned 33 gold records: selling over 100 million albums becoming a worldwide music legend. He has made history by celebrating six decades in show business with the release of his latest album Start Again which debuted in the Fall of 2021, a milestone 65th album for the performer.

Osmond's show is a dynamic, energy-filled musical journey of his unparalleled life as one of the most recognized entertainers in the world. Included are main floor seats at the Fox Theater and the motorcoach transportation. A light supper stop will be at Great Lakes Crossings on your own.

Nova Scotia

Date: July 26 – August 3, 2023

Cost: \$4149.00 per person double occupancy

Cancellation Protection included (valued at \$300.00)

Deposit: \$500.00 per person

Final payment due: May 26, 2023

Status: a few seats may be available!

The Departure Meeting for this trip will be held on Thursday, July 6th, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. All are encouraged to attend and pick up your itinerary packet. We will discuss packing, tips for traveling, money exchange, and answer questions.

For this trip we take the motorcoach to Toronto Airport and then fly to Halifax and return the same way. This allows us to go through customs at the border on a bus instead of at the airport.

Also included is airfare, 8 nights lodging, Famous People Players Dinner Theatre, 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 5 dinners including the lobster dinner on Prince Edward Island, tours of Halifax and Prince Edward Island and a spectacular tour of Cape Breton along the Cabot Trail. We will also experience the Bay of Fundy and Hopewell Rocks guided tour. Detailed flyers are available!

***A passport is required for this trip. I need your name as it is on your passport and your birthdate!**

Single occupancy: \$5289.00 per person

Triple occupancy: \$3899.00 per person

Put In Bay

Date: Monday, August 7, 2023

Cost: \$170.00 per person

Status: 15 seats available!

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from the Clio Kmart

Put-in-Bay is a village located on South Bass Island in Put-in-Bay Township, Ottawa County, Ohio, United States 35 miles east of Toledo. The population was 138 at the 2010 census. The village is a popular summer resort and recreational destination.

Included will be the motorcoach transportation, the Jet Express Ferry to the island, a tram tour with a guide who will provide a narrated historical island tour. Stops at the Perry's Monument Visitor's Center, Butterfly House, Antique Car Museum and free time to stroll through the shops. Lunch is on your own. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. Using a light backpack or string bag will keep your necessary items with you on the island as you will not have access to the bus while on the island.

Tiger Night Game

Date: Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 4:30 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

Status: ½ full!

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Minnesota Twins for this night game. We have tickets along the third base side. We'll have supper at the ballpark on your own. The cost includes transportation and the game ticket. Dress for the weather. Sunblock is always a good idea for these summer games and a hat! Comerica Park has gone cashless. You must have a credit card to purchase food items or convert your cash to a card via machines.

Jonas & Barry in the Home – Petrolia

Date: Thursday, August 10, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

Status: ½ full!

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

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

This hilarious and warm hearted story is by Norm Foster. Meet Barry, a retired dentist, who spends his time at Gateway Gardens shuffling around in his slippers and taking naps. Enter Jonas, a retired stage actor, who likes to indulge in the finer things in life. He sees Barry, the curmudgeon, as a fixer-upper. They bicker and bond over women, sports, and family values. 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 the way home after we return to Michigan. We will return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Summer Mystery Trip

New!

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Cost: \$90.00 per person

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

Since there seems to be such a high demand for Mystery Trips, I've put together another one! Get your toes tapping with this Summer Mystery Trip! Dress is casual and for the weather, lunch is included as well as the activity. We should return home about 6:30 p.m. Come ready to enjoy the day!

Missouri Star Quilts – Quilt Town

Date: Mon – Fri, August 14 - 18, 2023

Cost: \$780.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$150.00 per person

Final Payment due: July 15, 2023

Cancellation Protection: \$80.00 per person

Status: Seats Available!

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

There are 14 Quilt Shops, a museum and the World's Largest Spool of Thread included in this trip. Located in Hamilton, Missouri, we will spend two days giving the avid quilter plenty of time to explore and make their decision about which fabrics to buy.

The trip includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners and a lunch. Single Occupancy: \$1050.00

Triple: \$690.00 per person Quad: \$640.00 per person

Thousand Islands In-Depth

"Between the Borders with Bridges and Boats"

Date: Tues – Fri; August 22 – 25, 2023

Cost: \$1100.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$120.00 per person

Final Payment due: July 20, 2023

Cancellation Protection: \$150.00 per person

Status: 10 seats available!

This trip will feature an in-depth look at the Thousand Islands. Located between upstate New York and Canada, this beautiful area in the St Lawrence Seaway will feature three boat cruises. Each boat cruise will highlight different parts of this area including the history, area shipwrecks, Boldt Castle and more. We will cross the Blue Water Bridge, the International Peace Bridge and the Rainbow Bridge between Canada and the USA. This trip includes 3 nights lodging, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, 4 boat cruises and more! We will finish up with a stop in Niagara Falls and our final boat cruise on the Maid of the Mist.

Single Occupancy: \$1355.00 Triple: \$1015.00

******You must have a passport or Enhanced Driver's License for this trip.**

Tiger Day Game

Date: Thursday, August 31, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: 10 seats available!

The Detroit Tigers will play the New York Yankees for this day game. We have tickets along the third base side. We'll have lunch at the ballpark on your own. The cost includes transportation and the game ticket. Dress for the weather. Sunblock is always a good idea for summer games! I highly recommend a hat. Comerica Park has gone cashless. You must have a credit card to purchase food items or convert your cash to a card via machines.

Labor Day Bridge Walk

Date: Monday, September 4, 2023

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Departure: 2:00 a.m. from Clio K-mart

Status: Over ½ full!

Walk the Mackinac Bridge with thousands of other people on Labor Day. Your payment will reserve your seat. We will stop for a bathroom break on the way and breakfast will be included at the rest area once we cross the bridge. You will walk south to Mackinaw City and then have time to shop, have a good meal, and we'll meet at 1:30 p.m. and head south to Clio. We arrive home about 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Kitchen Party Leftovers – Petrolia

Date: Thursday, September 7, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

*****Must have Passport or Enhanced Driver License,** Experience more East Coast fun with Mark Payne's "Kitchen Party Leftovers." Mark is back with more singin', steppin', and kissin' of the cod in this sequel to his sold out 2018 hit production. Originally from Newfoundland, Mark is digging up even more of your favorite East Coast songs and shenanigans. Joined by his usual gaggle of multi-talented performers, you'll enjoy this potluck for sure!

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

We will return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Branson in the Fall

Dates: Wed – Tues, September 13 – 19, 2023

Cost: \$1175.00 per person, double occupancy

Deposit: \$175.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 a person due w/ deposit

Final Balance Due: August 1, 2023

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank

Status: 15 seats available!

This trip will be seven days, six nights, and include the motorcoach, 6 dinners, 6 breakfasts, 6 nights lodging, and 9 shows including The Duttons; Doug Gabriel; Clay Cooper's Country Express; Hughes Brothers; CJ's Classic Country and Comedy; Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater; Hits of the 60's; Smoke on the Mountain; and the Texas Tenors! We will visit the historic downtown as well as the College of the Ozarks.

Branson is a delightful place to visit as the entire area seems to focus on God, family and country!

Triple occupancy: \$1085.00 per person

Single occupancy: \$1475.00 per person

Forever Plaid - Turkeyville

Date: Thursday, September 21, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: Over ½ full!

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!

"On the way to their first big gig, tragedy strikes Forever Plaid, pop quartet specializing in harmonies and pitch-perfect melodies. Forever Plaid begins when the guys are given the chance to perform from the afterlife. This smash hit musical is a nostalgic homage to the music of the 50's and includes hits such as 'Three Coins in the Fountain' and 'Love is a Many-Splendored Thing.'"

Thunder Bay / Fall Color / Elk Viewing 2nd bus added!

Date: Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Cost: \$190.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

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 lunch 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. This unique day out is a Pure Michigan Adventure!

Due to the high demand, we've been able to add a 2nd bus for this trip. There are now some seats available.

Horrocks

Date: Thursday, October 5, 2023

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Status: Seats available!

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

Time for shopping at Horrocks in Lansing! This is an amazing Farm Market! 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.

Spooktacular Louisville

Date: October 9 – 13, 2023

Cost: \$880.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person w/ deposit

Final payment due: October 5, 2023

Status: Seats Available!

We will be visiting southern Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky for this delightful "Spooktacular Trip". This 5 day motorcoach trip includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, 4 dinners and the motorcoach. A variety of activities will be included such as the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory, Belle of Louisville Riverboat Cruise, Derby Dinner Playhouse, the Kentucky Derby Museum, and the Louisville Jack O' Lantern Spectacular!

Come join me for this wonderful time in Louisville for the #1 Halloween Event in the Country according to Country Living Magazine!

Triple price: \$780.00 per person

Single price: \$1180.00

Camelot - Petrolia

Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Cost: \$120.00 per person

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

Status: Over ½ full!

*****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 the way home after we return to Michigan. We will return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Grand Experience – Mackinac Island

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

Cost: \$900.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$200.00 per person

Final Balance Due: August 20, 2023

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

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

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

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

Status: Seats available!

If you've heard about IKEA, but have never been there or you would like to go again, now is your chance! This shopping experience is not like any other store. 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.

A reminder that Ikea accepts credit cards, debit cards and cash. No personal checks are accepted.

Sedona, Arizona & the Grand Canyon

Date: November 5 – 10, 2023

Cost: \$3,239.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$500.00 per person

Cancellation Protection is included (\$240.00 value)

Final payment due: August 5, 2023

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

This trip includes roundtrip air and airport transfers, the motorcoach, 1 night Scottsdale – Sonesta suites, 4 nights – Sedona @ Real Inn & Suites, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners including Blazin' M Ranch Cowboy Cookout/Entertainment, Old town Scottsdale, Montezuma Castle National Monument, Sedona trolley tour, Grand Canyon National Park tour, Leisure time in Sedona, Historic tour of Jerome, Verde Canyon Railroad, Luggage handling, Tax & Tips on Included Meals.

This trip will be a great opportunity to visit the beautiful state of Arizona. The Grand Canyon and Verde Canyon are awesome!

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

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

Status: Seats available!

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!

"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."

Daniel O'Donnell Christmas – Shipshewana

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

Cost: \$280.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person (optional)

Final payment due: Nov. 1st, 2023

Status: 7 seats available!

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

Daniel O'Donnell will be at the Shipshewana Center for Performing Arts. This venue will be host to the matinee show presented by Daniel O'Donnell. His show is always a delight! 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 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: Seats available!

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 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: Seats available!

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.

Lunch will be included at Olive's Casual Cuisine in Sarnia on our way to Petrolia. There will be a light supper stop on the way home after we return to Michigan. There is no need to worry about having any Canadian money. We should return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

Tinsel & Turkey: Turkeyville's Holiday Spectacular #2

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023

Cost: \$85.00 per person

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

Status: Seats Available!

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!

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Rose Bowl Parade

New!

Dates: Dec 30, 2023 – Jan 4, 2024

Cost: \$3975.00 per person double occupancy

This trip would be 6 days and 5 nights staying in 1 hotel. We will enjoy a New Year's Eve Party, attend the Rose Bowl Parade on New Year's Day, see the floats up close the following day, tour Hollywood, visit the Nixon Library and Museum, visit San Diego, enjoy a harbor cruise and more... Detailed flyers will be available soon! Any interest?

Australia's Outback to New Zealand

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)

Early Bird discount: \$450.00 if deposit received by 8/9/23

Final payment due: December 16, 2023

Status: Seats available!

We're planning ahead for 2024 so you can make payments if desired. Yes, 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. Detailed flyers will be coming soon! This trip is being offered with Collette Vacations.

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

British Landscapes

Date: May 6 – 15, 2024

Cost: \$4298.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1147.00 per person

Insurance included in price (valued at \$449.00)

Early Bird Discount: \$150.00 if deposit received by 10/31/2023.

Final payment due: March 7, 2024.

Status: Sold Out!

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!

This trip is being offered through Collette Vacations.

Detailed Flyers are now available.

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

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. Of course, since we will depart from Clio, we will also travel in Michigan and Indiana. We will make stops along the way at many of the well-known icons, enjoy some great food and scenic byways. 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.

It will be a while before I can confirm pricing especially for hotels and meals since the trip is still 3 years away. I just wanted to share what I have so far since several people have been asking.

Trips At A Glance!

Lion King # 1	May 2, 2023	\$135.00	Toledo, Ohio
Lion King # 2	May 3, 2023	\$135.00	Toledo, Ohio
Jesse's Country Jubilee	May 4, 2023	\$120.00	Petrolia
Nashville Sampler	May 8 – 13, 2023	\$1365.00	Tennessee
Sex Please, We're Sixty	May 16, 2023	\$85.00	Turkeyville
Wicked	May 18, 2023	\$130.00	Wharton
Spring Mystery Trip	May 22, 2023	\$95.00	???????
Rum Runners	May 30, 2023	\$138.00	Windsor, Ontario
Ark Encounter	June 5 – 6, 2023	\$268.00	Kentucky
Where the Heart Is	June 8, 2023	\$120.00	Petrolia
Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice	June 11 – 20, 2023	\$5548.00	Iceland
Grandparent / Grandkid Trip	June 28, 2023	\$100.00	Ohio
Bay City Fireworks	July 1, 2023	\$38.00	Bay City
Great American Trailer Park	July 5, 2023	\$85.00	Turkeyville
Lancaster – Moses	July 10 - 13, 2023	\$590.00	Pennsylvania
Mud Hens	July 18, 2023	\$65.00	Ohio
Yesterday Once More	July 20, 2023	\$120.00	Petrolia
Donny Osmond	July 25, 2023	\$128.00	Fox Theatre in Detroit
Nova Scotia	July 26 – Aug 3, 2023	\$4149.00	Canada
Put In Bay	August 7, 2023	\$170.00	Ohio
Tiger Night Game	August 9, 2023	\$85.00	Detroit
Jonas & Barry	August 10, 2023	\$120.00	Petrolia
Missouri Star Quilters	August 14 – 18, 2023	\$780.00	Missouri
Summer Mystery Trip	August 19, 2023	\$90.00	???????
Thousand Islands	August 22 – 25, 2023	\$1100.00	Canada, USA
Tiger Day Game	August 31, 2023	\$85.00	Detroit
Labor Day Bridge Walk	September 4, 2023	\$60.00	Mackinaw City
Kitchen Party Leftovers	September 7, 2023	\$120.00	Petrolia
Branson	September 13 – 19, 2023	\$1175.00	Missouri
Forever Plaid	September 21, 2023	\$85.00	Turkeyville
Thunder Bay	October 3, 2023	\$190.00	Hillman, MI
Horrocks	October 5, 2023	\$40.00	Lansing
Louisville Spooktacular	October 9 – 13, 2023	\$880.00	Kentucky
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
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
Rose Bowl Parade	De 30 – Jan 4, 2024	\$3975.00	Pasadena, California
Outback to South Island	Feb 14 – Mar 4, 2024	\$9948.00	Australia & New Zealand
British Landscapes	May 6 – 15, 2024	\$4298.00	England, Scotland & Wales

Trips in the planning stages:

Broadway Shows in Detroit

Frozen	Wicked
To Kill A Mockingbird	Mrs. Doubtfire
Funny Girl	

Authentic Alaska	June 1 - 25, 2024	Alaska
New York City	July 21 – 27, 2024	New York
Pacific Northwest	August 1 – 10, 2024	Washington, Oregon, California
Seine River Cruise	October 8 – 16, 2024	France
- 80 th Anniversary of Normandy		



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