

# 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.**

**All Overnight Trips depart from the PNC Bank on the Corner of Clio Rd (Mill St) and Vienna St in downtown Clio. The address is 107 E Vienna St. Clio MI 48420. The Clio Police keep an eye on our cars while we are gone.**

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**"... making a difference!"**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

We have had a busy past few months! Not only with providing trips but also in the office. As I mentioned last month, we did purchase a new copier to help with copying the newsletter. Since then we have also purchased 2 new computers. This will help staff keep trips updated. We are currently working with a software technician to build a program just for Ann's Adventures that will track the customers and the trips. This will be a great time saver for us and we are hopeful that we can be ready to go with it by the first of the year.

You may have seen a much more active Facebook Page for Ann's Adventures. This is the creativity of Izzy who is doing a great job with adding that to her job responsibilities. Feel free to check out her posts on "Facebook – Ann's Adventures!"

As you can imagine... I am being pulled effectively into the technological world. We will experience a learning curve with the new software program early next year, but with your patience I am sure we will succeed and it will be a smooth transition. This is something we have needed for a few years and have finally found someone who is listening to what we need and setting it up for us.

There are many new trips in this newsletter. Some are places you've been anticipating and others are new offerings. We are always in planning mode for new adventures. There is a special presentation by Collette Sales Rep, Ed McKenna in January to show slides of several different trips that people have been requesting. Come and check it out! Details are on page 2. Your comments at this meeting will help us determine which trips to place on our schedule in the next few years.

As always, I am very grateful for the volunteers who help with the newsletter. It is a big job and it takes a lot of volunteers to help get it done. Thanks for the time and effort you give to help us get the newsletter in the mail!

Have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season with your families and friends! The office staff of Ann's Adventures wishes you the most relaxing Holiday Season!

## 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 at 11:30 a.m. The locations change each month... December 18 at Big Boy in Clio, January 16, 2025 at Billy's Pine Run Inn on the corner of Vienna and Saginaw Streets and February 20, 2025 at Culver's in Birch Run.

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.

## Travel Club Networking Meeting

The last Travel Club Networking meeting was held in October with over 2 dozen people in attendance. There was a lot of discussion about possible trips to a variety of places. Some are destinations that have been requested previously so I think it is worth exploring these options. Please see article below for a trip presentation.

The next Travel Club Networking Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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.

## Collette Slide Presentation

**New!**

Date: Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. at the Office

On **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the office**, I have invited our Sales Rep, Ed McKenna from Collette Vacations to share slide presentations with us from several of their trips. Hopefully, this will enable us to consider which trips the majority would be interested in taking. All are welcome to attend. The trips being presented include: Scandinavia – Denmark, Sweden and Norway; Discover Scotland; Shades of Ireland; and Austria, Switzerland and Little Bavaria.

**Spectacular Scandinavia:** This trip would visit Denmark, Sweden and Norway. It would include 22 meals over the 15 day trip. We would visit Stockholm, Sweden; Copenhagen, Denmark; and Oslo, Norway as well as other cities. Mountains, valleys and a fjord cruise are just a few of the delights you will experience on this trip.

**Shades of Ireland:** This 10 day trip to Ireland includes all the "must see" locations, 13 meals and more! We will visit Dublin, Kilkenny, Waterford, Killarney, the Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, Limerick, Galway, Kingscourt and more! Kiss the Blarney Stone, taste the Guinness, and more!

**Discover Scotland:** Experience the Highlands of Scotland, Glasgow, Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, Thurso, Olney Islands, Inverness and Edinburgh. This 10 day trip includes 15 meals and so much more.

**Discover Austria, Switzerland & Bavaria:** This 10 day trip includes 13 meals, Bern, Switzerland; Lucerne, Switzerland; Liechtenstein; Innsbruck, Austria; Salzburg, Austria and Bavaria, Germany and more!

## Money Matters...

### 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.

### Making a Payment

Payments can be made in cash, checks or money orders. I can take credit cards **however**, there will be a 4% 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.

### 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.

### Why does it take so long to get a refund?

The policy of sending refunds after the trip is completed is Ann's Adventures guidelines. It is in every newsletter where I say that all refunds are issued after the trip is completed! Why? Because it is easier for me to do all the refunds at the same time. Since we are trying to keep costs low for our travelers, I do not have the excess staff to be able to stop and send a refund on whatever day someone cancels a trip. It is much easier when the trip is finished and I can pay all final bills and send refunds at the same time. We often have to wait until venues return the money to us.

## 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.

## 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!

## 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.

## 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 (from purchase date), 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!

## 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. It says "enhanced" at the top of the license.**

**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.**

**Beginning January 1, 2025, the cost to use a credit card will increase to 4%. Thanks for understanding.**

## Regarding Passports...

Passports are available at the Clio Post Office by appointment. **You must go online to schedule your appointment. The other option is to go in on a Thursday morning 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.

**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.

## Passport Renewals Now Available Online

In September it was announced that individuals who need to renew their passports can now do so online. In an effort to make it easier for our travelers, we plan to offer assistance here in our office. You need to call and make an appointment as it will take about 40 minutes to complete. Please make sure you meet the following requirements to be able to renew online.

1. The passport you are renewing is or was valid for 10 years, and you are age 25 or older.
2. You were issued the passport you are renewing between 2009 and 2015, or over 9 years but less than 15 years from the date you plan to submit your application.
3. You are not changing your name, gender, date of birth, or place of birth.
4. You are not traveling for at least 8 weeks from the date you will submit your application. We will only offer routine service, and the time it takes to get a passport will be the same as renewing by mail.
5. You are applying for a regular (tourist) passport. You cannot renew a special issuance (diplomatic, official, service) passport online.
6. You live in the United States (either state or territory). You do not qualify to renew online if you live in a foreign country or have an Army Post Office (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO) address.
7. You have your passport with you, and it is not damaged or mutilated, and you have not reported it as lost or stolen. Keep your most recent passport and do not mail it to us.
8. You can pay for your passport using a credit or debit card.
9. You can upload a digital passport photo.
10. You are aware that we will cancel the passport you are renewing after you submit your application. You cannot use it for international travel.

**You will need to bring your most recent passport, email and password, and credit or debit card for payment.**

## Pricing for Passport renewals as follows:

Passport application fee: \$130  
Service fee (separate check): \$10

## Additional service options:

Expedited processing fee: \$60  
Expedited Shipping after approval: \$21.36

**Starbright Christmas # 1 - Petrolia**

Date: Tuesday, December 3, 2024  
 Cost: \$125.00 per person  
 Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart  
 Status: Sold Out!

**\*\*\*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 Actor's in 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: Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
 Cost: \$125.00 per person  
 Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart  
 Status: Sold Out!

**\*\*\*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 Actor's in Petrolia. There will be a light supper stop "on your own" on the way home after we return to Michigan. There is no need to worry about having any Canadian money. We'll return to Clio about 7:30 p.m.

**The Singing Christmas Tree**

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2024  
 Cost: \$95.00 per person  
 Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart  
 Status: A few seats may be available.

Experience the 40<sup>th</sup> performance of America's Tallest Singing Christmas Tree, which features over 200 students in a 67-foot tree. This program is presented by Mona Shores Choir Association at Frauenthal Theater in Muskegon. This trip includes the motorcoach and driver tip, a luncheon, and main floor tickets to enjoy the Singing Christmas Tree. There will be a light supper stop on the way home which will be on your own. We should arrive home around 8:30 p.m.

**A Capital Christmas – Washington DC**

Date: Thurs – Mon, December 12 – 16, 2024  
 Cost: \$1899.00 per person for double occupancy  
 Deposit: \$150.00 per person  
 Status: Ready To Go!  
 Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank

Itineraries are available at the office. If you are not able to pick your packet up, we will have it at the bus for you! Each person is allowed 1 checked bag and one carryon! Put needed items such as medications, camera, etc. in your carryon as you will not have access to your checked bag during the day. Dress for the weather. You may want smart clothing for the theater shows in Washington DC. Otherwise the trip is casual and you should dress in layers as required by weather changes. Temperatures could be in the high 30's to low 40's. Bring hat, scarf, gloves, earmuffs and warm socks and shoes for walking outdoors. We recommend a refillable water bottle to keep with you to stay hydrated.  
 Single Occupancy: \$2769.00 per person  
 Triple Occupancy: \$1699.00 per person

**Winter Wonderettes – Turkeyville # 2**

Date: Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
 Cost: \$88.00 per person  
 Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart  
 Status: Sold out!

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!

**Christmas Mystery Trip**

Date: Fri – Sun; December 27 – 29, 2024  
 Cost: \$625.00 per person double occupancy  
 Departure: 7:00 a.m. from PNC Bank  
 Deposit: \$75.00 per person  
 Final Payment Due: Now due!  
 Status: Ready To Go!

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 rate: \$775.00 Triple occupancy: \$575.00 per person

**A Beautiful Noise – Neil Diamond Musical 2<sup>nd</sup> bus added!**

Date: Thursday, January 2, 2025  
 Cost: \$125.00 per person  
 Departure: 4:00 p.m. from Clio Kmart  
 Status: A few seats may be available!

The true story of the legendary Neil Diamond comes to life on stage featuring all his hit songs, including "Sweet Caroline", "America", and "Cracklin' Rosie". Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, this uplifting new musical explores one of rock's most iconic artists. From those exhilarating early days in New York to the sold out spectacles that defined his career, The Neil Diamond Musical: A Beautiful Noise is a thrilling look at an artist's search for himself and a glittering celebration of the enduring power of his music. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on your own.

**Footloose 2<sup>nd</sup> bus added!**

Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025  
 Cost: \$78.00 per person  
 Departure: 11:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart  
 Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Join me for this musical at Meadow Brook Theatre. The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings. "The explosive movie musical bursts onto the live stage! With dynamic new songs augmenting the powerhouse hits from the bestselling Oscar-nominated score, Footloose celebrates the exhilaration of youth, the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness. Collaboration with Oakland University's School of Music, Theatre, and Dance."

### **Detroit Auto Show**

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2025

Cost: \$62.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

The North American International Auto Show is returning to January and will be held at Huntington Place (formerly Cobo Hall) in Detroit. You will have about 4 hours to explore the Auto Show. We will leave at 3:30 p.m. for the trip home with a supper stop on the way which will be on your own. Your payment will reserve your seat. Cost includes the motorcoach and the admission ticket for the auto show. You are welcome to bring a lunch or snack on the bus or get something from the food vendors at the Auto Show.

### **Jimmy Buffet**

Date: Saturday, January 18, 2025

Cost: \$83.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

Gone 2 Paradise is a celebrated Jimmy Buffet tribute band known for their high - energy performances and dedication to authentically replicating the music and atmosphere of Jimmy Buffet's concerts. From the shores of Lake Michigan to the sun-kissed beaches of Hawaii, Gone 2 Paradise has delighted audiences across the country with their authentic renditions of Jimmy Buffet's greatest hits. Whether you're a longtime Parrot Head or simply looking to escape reality for a while, this U.S. - based tribute band promises an evening of pure tropical bliss that will leave you feeling like you've truly gone to paradise.

The cost includes the motorcoach and main floor seating at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on your own.

### **Genitti's**

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

Cost: \$91.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

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. 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!

### **Fourteen Funerals**

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 1:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Seats Available!

Join us for a 3:00 p.m. matinee at the Purple Rose in Chelsea. The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and the ticket for the show! There will be no meal stop on this trip. Bring a snack if you wish.

"It's weird when city girl Sienna gets a cryptic phone call about the untimely deaths of some distant family members in small-town Blissfield, Indiana. Weirder yet is the way they expect her to deliver eulogies for relatives she's never met. But weirdest of all: Sienna goes there. Maybe she's hoping for a big inheritance. Maybe she just really needs to get away from her dead-end life in Chicago. But what she never expected was the tumultuous and rewarding relationship that she develops with Millie, the peculiarly sunny employee of the Blissfield funeral home." Contains adult language and subject matter.

### **Come From Away**

**New!**

Date: Thursday, February 13, 2025

Cost: \$120.00 per person

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

At long last... we have tickets for "Come From Away" It is coming up soon so please understand we will need full payment to hold your seat!

"Come From Away" is based on the true story of when the isolated community of Gander, Newfoundland played host to the world. What started as an average day in a small town turned into an international sleep-over when 38 planes, carrying thousands of people from across the globe, were diverted to Gander's air strip on September 11, 2001. Undaunted by culture clashes and language barriers, the people of Gander cheered the stranded travelers with music, an open bar and the recognition that we're all part of a global family.

This trip includes the motorcoach transportation and main floor seats for the show at Fisher Theatre in Detroit. A stop for supper will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings on the way to the theatre.

### **San Antonio, Texas**

Date: February 17 - 21, 2025

Cost: \$1960.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$180.00 per person

Final payment due: January 8, 2025

Status: Sold Out! Wait List Started!

We will stay at the Drury Inn right on the River Walk. The plan includes visiting the Alamo, the San Antonio Missions, SAS – the San Antonio Shoe Factory for a tour, and the towns of Gruene and Gonzales. We will also visit the Institute of Texan Culture. The bus to and from the airports, the flight, hotel and cancellation protection are also included.

The cost includes 4 nights at the Drury Inn. Each night there is a Kickback Reception featuring hot foods and cold beverages. Some people consider this filling enough for dinner. Or you can enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants on the River Walk. I need your name as it is printed on your drivers license and birthdate in order to reserve your airline ticket. Single 2500.00 Triple 1785.00.

**There will be a departure meeting on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office.** All are encouraged to come. We will talk about packing and answer questions you may have about the trip.

### **The Angel Next Door**

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Cost: \$78.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

Join me for this comedy at Meadow Brook Theatre. The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings.

"It's 1948, in a ritzy Newport Mansion populated by playwrights, actors, a young starstruck author, and the housekeeper who would like all of them to leave. When their weekend getaway goes horribly awry, only a play within the play can save the day. A screwball comedy that's in love with theater, about people in love with theater, who know that, sometimes, even reality needs a rewrite to reach a happy ending."

### Good Morning, Vietnam – Turkeyville

Date: Friday, February 28, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Kmart parking lot

Status: ½ full!

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

Join The Manhattan Dolls in their new, high-energy show, "Good Morning, Vietnam!", Hits from 1955-1975!" This exciting show brings you back to the "Rock & Roll War" and features some of the 20th Century's most iconic rock tunes. You'll hear songs about hope, love, loss, courage, and of course, togetherness.

### Red Wings Game Corrected Date!

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025

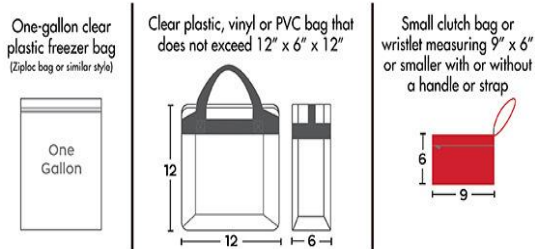
Cost: \$130.00 per person

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

Status: Seats Available!

Our seats this year are in section 116 & 117 on the lower level! The cost includes motorcoach transportation and the ticket to the 7:00 p.m. game against the Carolina Panthers. 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 or purses are no longer allowed. Below is the bag policy.



### Hawaiian Islands – Land & Cruise

Date: March 6 – 19, 2025

Balcony: \$6400.00 per person double occupancy

Inside Cabin: \$5400.00 per person double occupancy

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Cancellation Protection (valued at \$450.00 per person)

**A Departure Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. Please plan to come!**

### BritBeat – Beatles

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Cost: \$84.00 per person

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

Status: Seats Available!

Take a trip back in time to the days of Beatlemania with BritBeat's multimedia concert journey through Beatles music history. See why this nationally acclaimed Beatles show is captivating audiences and generating rave reviews from critics and Beatles' fans from around the world. Step into a time machine and experience a remarkable and propelling recreation of the Fab Four in concert during the fabulous 1960's. With magnificent attention to detail, six dazzling costume changes, exquisite musicianship, powerful vocals, and a spectacular, stunning and immersive multimedia backdrop, you will experience an engaging and electrifying trip through the iconic music catalog of the band of the century, The Beatles. Featuring favorites "I Want To Hold Your Hand," "I Saw Her Standing There," "Yesterday," "Something," and so many more!

The cost includes the motorcoach and main floor seating at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on your own.

### Vanities: The Musical

Date: Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Cost: \$78.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

Join me for this musical at Meadow Brook Theatre. The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 8:00 p.m. show. A light supper stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings. "The life-affirming journey of three vivacious Texas teens from cheerleaders to sorority sisters to housewives to liberated women and beyond. This musical captures a snapshot of the lives, loves, disappointments, and dreams of these young women. A funny and poignant look at three best friends who discover that, through thirty years of rapidly changing times, the one thing they can rely on is each other."

### Almost, Maine - Turkeyville

Date: Friday, March 28, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 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!

Welcome to Almost, Maine: a town that's so far north, it's almost in Canada. One cold, clear night in the middle of winter, while the northern lights hover in the sky above, Almost's residents find themselves falling in and out of love in the strangest ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. Love is lost, and then found. And life, for the people of Almost, will never be the same.

### Miracles – Smokey Robinson

Date: March 29, 2025

Cost: \$94.00 per person

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

Status: Seats Available!

The Miracles are a highly influential singing group that emerged in the 1960's as part of the Motown sound. Led by the charismatic and talented Smokey Robinson, the group achieved great success. They were known for their impeccable vocal performances and their ability to blend elements of R&B, doo-wop and pop music.

Now, a fabulous group of entertainers, hand selected by Miracles founding member, Claudette Robinson, has reunited to bring back the timeless hits such as "Shop Around," "The Tracks of My Tears," and "I Second That Emotion" just to name a few. Featuring Sydney Justin as the lead singer, who blends the vocal stylings of Smokey Robinson and Marvin Gaye, along with his fellow Miracles – Kerry Justin, Cordell Conway and Eric Swindell – backed by a seven piece band.

"The music of Motown has a special place in people's hearts, and we can't wait to share the magic of the Miracles once again," said Sydney Justin. Audiences will have the opportunity to experience the soulful harmonies and infectious energy that have made The Miracles a household name for over six decades.

The cost includes the motorcoach and main floor seating at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on your own.

### Menopause the Musical 2

Date: Sunday, March 30, 2025

Cost: \$90.00 per person

Departure: 1:30 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Over ½ full!

Join me for this reunion of the ladies who help put a unique spin on the Menopausal experience. We have main floor seats for the 3:00 matinee at Wharton Center for the Performing Arts. There will be no meal stop. You are welcome to bring a snack if you like or eat before you come.

"The hysterical sequel to the smash-hit *Menopause The Musical* is finally here! Five years after their chance encounter in a department store, we set sail with our beloved ladies for more high jinks on the high seas. *Cruising Through 'The Change'*, is a hilarious and heartfelt look at the joys of menopause and friendship — plus hot flashes, mood swings, memory lapses & more!"

Join us on a trip of self-discovery, backed by a new soundtrack of toe-tapping parodied greatest hits from the 70s, 80s and 90s!

### Reflections of Italy # 1

Date: April 2 – 11, 2025

Cost: \$5353.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1177.00 per person

Final payment due: February 1, 2025.

Status: Sold Out!

We will visit several areas of Italy including Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistene Chapel, St Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Florence, Venice, Murano Island, and Lake Como. This ten day trip will include 8 breakfasts 1 lunch and 3 dinners. The airfare and our transportation to and from the airport and Trip Insurance is also included. (valued at \$479.00)

The Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise in Venice is an included experience. Detailed flyers are available! The reservation form is in the flyer and needs to be returned with your deposit. It asks for your name as it is printed on your passport as well as birthdate and other important information!

We have been able to add an optional tour which would include visiting the Colosseum while in Rome. The cost would be \$86 per person which includes admission to the Colosseum as well as a Pantheon guided tour. Please let me know if you are interested in this optional tour.

\*\*\* You will need a passport for this trip.

Single: \$6153.00 Triple: \$5323.00 per person

### Reflections of Italy # 2

Date: April 6 – 15, 2025

Cost: \$5353.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1177.00 per person

Final payment due: January 6, 2025.

Status: There may be a few seats available!

We will visit several areas of Italy including Rome, Vatican Museums, Sistene Chapel, St Peter's Basilica, Assisi, Cortona, Florence, Venice, Murano Island, and Lake Como. This ten day trip will include 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners. The airfare and our transportation to and from the airport and Trip Insurance is also included. (valued at \$479.00)

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Single: \$6153.00 Triple: \$5323.00 per person

### Make Em Laugh – Petrolia

**New!**

#### A Variety Show of Sorts!

A VPP Original starring NEIL AITCHISON

Date: Tues, April 22, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

#### Passport or Enhanced Driver License required

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor's Casual Dining 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.

Join us for an unforgettable new variety show with Canadian comedy sensation Neil Aitchison. Neil will have you in stitches with his sharp observations, relatable tales, and good old-fashioned tomfoolery. Adding to the hilarity are vaudevillian style entertainers delivering songs and skits that are certain have you laughing and singing along. Get ready for a performance packed with clever punchlines, downright silliness and infectious tunes!

### My Mother & the Michigan / Ohio War

Date: Thursday, April 24, 2025

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 1:00 p.m. from the Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

Join us for a 3:00 p.m. matinee at the Purple Rose in Chelsea. The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and the ticket for the show! There will be no meal stop on this trip. Bring a snack if you wish.

"Izzy's history buff husband, Freddy, had a dream: a full-scale reenactment of The Michigan-Ohio War. But when a bizarre papier-mâché accident leaves Izzy a widow, she calls on her Wolverine daughter and Buckeye son to see Freddy's vision realized. Historical becomes hysterical in this comedy about family, football and the fight for the Toledo strip." Contains adult language & subject matter.

### The Rat Pack Lounge

Date: Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Cost: \$78.00 per person

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

Status: A few seats available!

Join me for this musical at Meadow Brook Theatre. The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings.

"Frank, Dean and Sammy are up in heaven, but God tells them they left some unfinished business back on Earth. It seems Frank made an unfulfilled promise to Vic, the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now he and the boys have one night to make things right. With hits like "My Way", "What Kind of Fool Am I?" and "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime" this show will leave you singing and savoring the days of the highballs

### Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale

**New!**

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Cost: \$90.00 per person

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from the Clio K-mart

This day trip is headed to Fort Wayne, Indiana for the Annual Vera Bradley Outlet Sale at the Memorial Coliseum. This annual event draws people from far distances to shop for items marked 40% to 60% off. This is a ticketed sale and the days are broken into 3 hour shopping segments that allow only 4,000 people inside at a time. We are currently waiting for confirmation of our shopping times and our lunch schedule will depend on the shopping time. Watch for updates in the next newsletter. I wanted you to know the date I am looking at for taking this trip.

This is a fun day spent with friends. There is no need to bring a shopping cart as they are not allowed on the shopping floor. Wheelchairs and walkers must be used for their intended purpose.

### Nonsense – Turkeyville

Date: Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 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!

Nonsense is habit-forming! After a culinary disaster nearly wipes out the convent, the Little Sisters of Hoboken pull out all the stops in a fundraising variety show featuring toe-tapping musical numbers, habit humor, and an unabashed desire to make you laugh. With songs and comic interludes paced at break-neck speed, it's a must-see musical adventure!



### **iLuminate**

Date: Friday, May 9, 2025

Cost: \$84.00 per person

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

Status: Over ½ full!

From the moment the lights fade to darkness, you are transported into another world...another dimension, where the music moves you and the visuals are unlike anything you've ever seen. Welcome to the world of iLuminate, a fantastic fusion of cutting-edge technology and dance that has been wowing the world ever since appearing on America's Got Talent. iLuminate features a brilliant cast of the country's top dancers performing to energetic music – including top pop and rock hits from the 70's, 80's and 90's – a little jazz, Latin, hip-hop and more. The dancers are outfitted with customized LED suits synced to music that creates extraordinary lighting effects with each of the phenomenally choreographed dance moves that will take viewers on an exhilarating ride!

The cost includes the motorcoach and main floor seating at the Macomb Center for Performing Arts for the 7:30 p.m. show. There will be a light supper stop at Great Lakes Crossings on your own.

### **Great Canadian Cities**

#### **Montreal, Quebec & Ottawa**

Date: May 11 - 19, 2025 Sun - Mon

Cost: \$3099.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$500.00 to confirm your seat

Final Balance due: March 11, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$250.00 due with deposit (optional)

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

We will travel through Ontario and Quebec as well as enjoy a cruise on the St Lawrence Seaway around the 1000 Islands that lie between Canada and the USA.

This trip includes 7 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners. We will enjoy sightseeing tours of Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa. We will visit the St Anne De Beaupre Shrine, St Joseph's Oratory, Notre Dame Basilica, 1000 Island Boat Cruise, and visits to several other well-known places such as Montmorency Falls topped off with a walk through the Tulips at the Festival in Ottawa. A highlight will be staying at the World-Renowned Chateau Frontenac in Old Town Quebec. This trip is being planned by Shoreline Tours.

**\*\*\* You will need a passport or a Michigan enhanced driver's license for this trip.**

Single: \$4379.00 Triple: \$2849.00 per person

**Departure Meeting:** Monday, April 28, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office Please plan to attend.

### **Rockin' the 50's - Petrolia**

**New!**

Date: Thursday, May 22, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

#### **Passport or Enhanced Driver License required**

We are headed to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor's Casual Dining 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.

A VPP Original

Feel the beat as we step back in time to the unforgettable decade that gave us doo-wop, drive-in diners, and dance crazes! Relive the golden age of rock 'n' roll, catchy classics and timeless ballads, as our crazy talented performers breathe new life into electrifying hits like "Jailhouse Rock," "Peggy Sue," "Mr. Sandman" and "Stand By Me." Tap your toes, twist along and travel back to the joyful, nostalgic sounds of the fabulous '50s.

### **Daniel O'Donnell @ Shipshewana**

**New!**

Dates: Wed – Thurs, May 28 – 29, 2025

Cost: \$330.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$80.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$50.00 per person (optional)

Final Payment Due: April 28, 2025

Departure: 8:00 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 trip includes the motorcoach, the ticket for the matinee Daniel O'Donnell Show, a buffet style dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant, and 1 night lodging at Farmstead Inn. There will be time at the shops in town for those who like to explore. After 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: \$385.00 Triple: \$310.00 per person

### **Shear Madness**

Date: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Cost: \$78.00 per person

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

Status: Seats available!

Join me for this comedy-whodunit at Meadow Brook Theatre. The cost includes the motorcoach, driver tip and tickets to the 2:00 matinee. A light lunch stop will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings. "This Unique comedy-whodunit takes place today in the "Shear Madness" hair salon and is chock full of up-to-the minute spontaneous humor. During the course of the action, a murder is committed and the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery in the annals of crime. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem."

### **Lancaster - Noah # 1**

Date: June 9 – 12, 2025 Mon – Thurs

Cost: \$670.00 per person for double occupancy

Deposit: \$170.00 per person

Final Balance due: May 1, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

Status: ½ full!

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank side parking lot.

This trip will feature the production of Noah at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. It includes 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel, luggage handling, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, the Chalk Artist, a production of CAT's, a visit to Amish Farms, Kitchen Kettle Village and more!

This trip is casual. No dress clothes are required. You need comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to have needed items in your carryon. 1 piece of luggage under the bus will not be available on travel days. Luggage handling is included at the hotel.

Single: \$910.00

Triple: \$615.00



**Dear Jack, Dear Louise – Petrolia New!**

Date: Tuesday, June 17, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

**Passport or MI Enhanced Driver License required**

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor's Casual Dining 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.

Set during World War II, this charming and humorous love story unfolds through the letters of two strangers. Jack Ludwig, a military doctor, and Louise, an aspiring actress, exchange witty and touching correspondence, falling in love despite the distance between them. Award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig tells the joyous, heartwarming story of his parents' courtship, and the results are anything but expected.

**The WIZ****New!**

Date: Wednesday, June 18, 2025

Cost: \$122.00 per person

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

An adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz" that tries to capture the essence of the African-American experience: 24-year-old kindergarten teacher Dorothy, born, raised, and still working in Harlem, is celebrating Thanksgiving with her extended family, but she doesn't seem to be thankful for much. She lives a sheltered life and is shy and unfulfilled. When she gets caught in a snowstorm while chasing her dog Toto, they're transported to the mysterious Land of Oz, where she's informed that the only way she can find her way home is through the assistance of the powerful wizard in the Emerald City. As she searches for him by easing down the Yellow Brick Road, she befriends some creatures who face problems in their lives. In their quest to find the wizard, they also face Evillene, the equally evil sister of Evermean, the wicked witch whom Dorothy inadvertently killed when she arrived in Oz; Evillene might be their biggest obstacle.

This trip includes the motorcoach transportation and main floor seats for the show at Fisher Theatre in Detroit. A stop for supper will be on your own at Great Lakes Crossings on the way to the theatre

**Gilmore Car Museum**

Date: Thursday, June 19, 2025

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

This trip includes motorcoach transportation, driver tip, admission to the Gilmore Car Museum which has recently been named the # 1 Car Museum in the World! They are completing a few new exhibits which will open in the spring just prior to our visit. There are 2 locations on the property where you can enjoy lunch on your own whenever you choose. They are the Blue Moon Diner and the Heritage Café. This is a large property which you can explore at your own pace. We will depart about 3:30 and should return to Clio around 5:30 p.m. There is a lot of walking, however there are places to take a break. It is an indoor / outdoor experience.

Join me to visit the Gilmore Car Museum which is an automobile museum located in Hickory Corners. The museum exhibits over 400 vintage and collector vehicles and motorcycles from all eras in several vintage buildings located on a 90-acre campus. The museum claims to be the largest automobile museum in North America. It is part of the MotorCities National Heritage Area. The museum opened in 1966 exhibiting the car collection of Donald S. Gilmore, a local businessman. Today, its collection consists of over 400 vehicles, including an 1899 Locomobile Steam Car and a 1930 Rolls-Royce prop car used in the 1967 film The Gnome-Mobile. The museum also claims to have the largest display of automotive mascots and name badges in North America. The campus includes a 1941 Blue Moon Diner and a replica 1930s Shell fuel station. It is North America's largest automobile museum with 190,00 square feet of exhibit space.

**Zekelman Holocaust Center**

Date: Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Cost: \$70.00 per person

Departure: 9:00 a.m. from Clio Kmart

Status: Seats available!

This trip will take us to the redesigned Center in Farmington Hills. We will have a guided tour in the morning and a visit with a NextGen, (a child of a Holocaust Survivor). Then we will leave the center for an included lunch, return to have time to revisit the exhibits on our own at our own pace. We should arrive back in Clio between 4:00 and 4:30.

Founded in 1984, The Zekelman Holocaust Center (The HC) first opened its doors on the campus of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield as the Holocaust Memorial Center and relocated to the current award-winning Farmington Hills building in 2004. The HC is home to not only our core Holocaust museum exhibit, but an extensive research library, archives, and special exhibit galleries. As The HC continues to grow, so do our educational outreach efforts. Each year, we reach more than 150,000 people through our teacher training workshops, virtual museum experiences, public programs, and visits to the museum.

**Bay City Fireworks****New!**

Date: Saturday, July 5, 2025

Cost: \$50.00 per person

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

"One of the grandest displays in all of Mid-Michigan is the Bay City Fireworks! 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. (Alcoholic beverages may not be taken into 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.

**Lancaster – Noah # 2**

Date: July 7 – 10, 2025 Mon - Thurs

Cost: \$670.00 per person for double occupancy

Deposit: \$170.00 per person

Final Balance due: June 1, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

Departure: 6:30 a.m. from PNC Bank side parking lot.

This trip will feature the production of Noah at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. It includes 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel, luggage handling, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, the Chalk Artist, a guided tour of Hershey and a visit to Chocolate World, a production of CAT's, a visit to Amish Farms, Kitchen Kettle Village and more!

This trip is casual. No dress clothes are required. You need comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to have needed items in your carryon. Luggage under the bus will not be available on travel days.

Single: \$910.00

Triple: \$615.00

**Nonsense - Petrolia****New!**

Tuesday, July 22

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

**Passport or Enhanced Driver License required**

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor's Casual Dining 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.

Book, Music and Lyrics by Dan Goggin

Celebrate the 40th Anniversary of this hilarious musical spoof about the misadventures of five nuns trying to manage a fundraiser. Packed with uproarious musical numbers and side-splitting wit there is good reason this comedic gem has become a habit with audiences around the world for four decades. Join beloved Canadian performer Valerie Boyle as Mother Abbas and you will swear this Nonsense was heaven-sent!

**Mud Hens & Tony Packos****New!**

Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025

Cost: \$75.00 per person

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

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 St Paul Saints which is the farm team for the Minnesota Twins

**Tiger Night Game****New!**

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2025

Cost: \$85.00 per person

Departure: 4:15 p.m. from the Clio K-mart

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Minnesota Twins for this 6:40 p.m. 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.

**South Dakota**

Date: August 11 – 18, 2025, Mon - Mon

Cost: \$2470.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$270.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$120.00 due with deposit (optional)

Status: Sold Out ! Wait List started!

This bus trip to South Dakota will include a visit to the Badlands, Wall Drug, Mount Rushmore, Custer State Park with a jeep ride to see the Buffalo, a visit to the ongoing creation of Chief Crazy Horse, and so much more! It also includes 7 nights lodging, 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 4 dinners, 1880's Historic Train, Tatanka Story of the Bison, luggage handling and gratuities for included meals and activities. We will also visit Deadwood and Devil's Tower National Monument.

This trip promises to be a taste of South Dakota and the beauty hidden in the hills.

Single Rate: \$3100.00 Triple rate: \$2300.00 per person

Please save the date: There will be a **Departure Meeting** on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. We will discuss packing, and answer questions about the trip.

**Sexy Laundry****New!**

Date: Thursday, Aug 7, 2025

Cost: \$125.00 per person

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

**Passport or Enhanced Driver License required**

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor's Casual Dining and main floor tickets. There will be a light supper stop (on your own) on the way home after we return

By Michele Riml

When Alice and Henry's marriage hits a rough patch, they escape to a trendy spa hotel with a copy of 'Sex for Dummies', hoping to reignite their passion. Amidst awkward moments and emotional struggles, they confront the big question: can they rekindle the spark, or is it time to part ways? This wild comedy stars the wacky and hilarious real-life husband and wife duo, Andrew Dolha and Bernadette Taylor Dolha as they air their sexy laundry.

**Labor Day Bridge Walk****New!**

Date: Monday, September 1, 2025

Cost: \$70.00 per person

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

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.

**Lancaster – Noah # 3**

Date: September 8 – 11, 2025 Mon - Thursday

Cost: \$670.00 per person for double occupancy

Deposit: \$170.00 per person

Final Balance due: August 1, 2025

Cancellation Protection: \$100.00 per person

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

Status: ½ full!

This trip will feature the production of Noah at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. It includes 3 nights at the Heritage Hotel, luggage handling, 3 dinners, 3 breakfasts, the Chalk Artist, a production of the Buddy Holly Story, a visit to Amish Farms, Kitchen Kettle Village and more!

This trip is casual. No dress clothes are required. You need comfortable walking shoes and be prepared to have needed items in your carryon. Luggage under the bus will not be available on travel days.

Single: \$910.00

Triple: \$615.00

**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.

**All About ABBA - Petrolia****New!**

Cost: Wednesday, Sept 24, 2025  
 Cost: \$125.00 per person  
 Departure: 8:45 a.m. from Clio Kmart

**Passport or MI Enhanced Driver License required**

We are headed back to the Victoria Playhouse in Petrolia, Ontario for a delightful show! The cost includes the motorcoach transportation, a delicious luncheon at Actor's Casual Dining 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.  
 A VPP Original

Join us for a joyous journey through the remarkable rise of one of the world's most beloved bands. A dazzling cast of singers bring ABBA's incredible legacy to life to capture the spirit, emotions, and energy that made the group an international phenomenon. Celebrating the songs, as well as the stories, behind such iconic hits as "*Dancing Queen*", "*Mamma Mia*", and "*The Winner Takes It All*", this is a tribute show like no other.

**Joseph - Turkeyville**

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025  
 Cost: \$95.00 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! A lively and colorful journey through Ancient Egypt, Andrew Lloyd Weber's beloved biblical rock 'n roll masterpiece follows the rags to riches story of Joseph, his eleven brothers, and the coat of many colors.

**Tiger Day Game****New!**

Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025  
 Cost: \$85.00 per person  
 Departure: 9:30 a.m. from Clio Kmart

The Detroit Tigers will be playing the Cleveland Guardians for this 1:10 p.m. 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.

**New Hampshire & Vermont**

Date: October 3 – 11, 2025  
 Cost: \$3789.00 per person double occupancy  
 Deposit: \$500.00 per person  
 Cancellation Protection: \$210.00 per person  
 Final Payment due: August 1, 2025  
 Status: Sold Out! Wait List started!

We will visit New Hampshire, Vermont and the Finger Lakes Region in upstate New York for fall color! Many unique opportunities include the Mt Washington Cog Rail, Quechee Gorge, a visit to Von Trapp Family Lodge, a guided tour of Hope Cemetery, Cannon Mountain Aerial Tram, Lake Winnepesaukee Cruise, Canandaigua Lake Cruise and more! Detailed flyers available. This tour includes 5 dinners and 5 lunches and 8 breakfasts, and 8 nights lodging. We will be traveling through Canada to save time and mileage so you will need a passport or an Enhanced Michigan driver's license.

Single: \$4999.00 Triple: \$3499.00 per person

There will be a departure meeting on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Please plan to come and pick up your packet, meet other travelers and ask questions.

**Grand Ole' Opry! 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary New!**

Date: October 13 – 17, 2025  
 Cost: \$1300.00 per person double occupancy  
 Deposit: \$250.00 per person  
 Final payment due: September 2, 2025  
 Cancellation protection: \$160.00 per person due w/ deposit  
 Departure: 6:00 a.m. from PNC Bank

It's all about the Music as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry! Many special events are planned for this month and we plan to join the celebration in Nashville!

This trip will include motorcoach transportation, 4 nights lodging in same hotel, 4 breakfasts, 3 dinners, and 3 shows including a songwriter's performance, Nashville Nightlife Theatre, and the Grand Ole Opry. This trip also includes a guided tour of Nashville, Studio B Tour, walking tour of Gaylord Opryland Resort, Johnny Cash Museum, Patsy Cline Museum, Ryman Auditorium, Country Music Hall of Fame Museum, and free time in downtown Nashville. In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration we will enjoy dinner backstage at Opry House, a special appearance by an Artist, photo op with Opry's Giant birthday cake, souvenir Opry 100 ticket and lanyard, commemorative Opry 100 show poster and lapel pin and post show backstage tour of the Opry House. This trip also includes taxes, meal gratuities and luggage handling.

There will be a Departure Meeting on Wednesday, September 17: 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the office. Please plan to come and pick up your travel packet, meet other travelers, and ask questions.

Single: \$1600.00; Triple: \$1225.00 per person

**Grand Experience – Mackinac Island New!**

Dates: Sunday – Wednesday, October 19 – 22, 2025  
 Cost: \$990.00 per person double occupancy  
 Deposit: \$250.00 per person  
 Final Balance Due: August 20, 2025  
 Cancellation Protection: \$90.00 per person due w/ deposit

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 fudgie 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 season. This trip is offered in cooperation with MRPA (Michigan Recreation and Parks Association).

Single price: \$1220.00 Triple price: \$910.00 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.

**Please Note:** All rooms are "luck of the draw"! I can put in a request if you have a particular need, but there is no guarantee. Last minute requests are extremely difficult to obtain. Please let us know when you sign up if you need a walk in shower, grab bars, 1 bed, 2 beds, etc. With over 500 seniors at the hotel, we cannot accommodate every request. Departure Meetings will be Wednesday, October 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.

### **The Naughty List – Turkeyville # 1**

Date: Thursday, November 13, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 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!

Sparkles the Elf dances like a snowflake and has the voice of a snow angel, and she is always the star of the annual Christmas Pageant at Santa's Workshop. But when a new and talented elf comes onto the scene and threatens to steal the spotlight, Sparkles is overwhelmed with feelings of jealousy that threaten to land her on ... the Naughty List!

### **The Naughty List – Turkeyville # 2**

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Cost: \$95.00 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!

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### **Exploring South Africa # 1**

Dates: February 2 -16, 2026

Cost: \$9098.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person (includes cancellation)

Final payment due: December 4, 2025

Status: Sold Out!

This is a 15-day trip to South Africa including Victoria Falls & Botswana. This particular trip is designed as a small group exploration with 8 wildlife safaris, 2 National Parks, Cape Winelands, Cape Town, Table Mountain and more.

The cost includes the airlift, transfers to and from the airports, cancellation and insurance. Since this is a more unique experience, the space available is considered a small group and will be limited to 19 people. Visas, vaccines, and Malaria pills will be an additional expense.

### **Exploring South Africa # 2**

Dates: February 13 - 26, 2026

Cost: \$9098.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person (includes cancellation)

Final payment due: December 4, 2025

Status: Sold Out!

Same as Trip # 1!

### **South Africa Trip # 3**

**New Info!**

Dates: March 5 – 18, 2026

Cost: \$9098.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$1297.00 per person (includes cancellation)

Final payment due: December 4, 2025

Status: Seats available!

Same as Trip # 1 – Both Trips 1 & 2 sold out quickly and we are adding a third trip as we have had many more requests.

**Detailed Flyers are available for all three Africa trips.**

### **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!

### **Route 66 in April of 2026**

#### **100 Years of the Mother Road 1926 - 2026**

Dates: April 13 – May 2, 2026.

Cost: \$6720.00 per person, double occupancy

Deposit: \$600.00 per person (includes cancellation protection valued at \$300.00 per person)

Status: Almost ½ full!

Final payment due: February 1, 2026

Route 66 will be 100 years old in 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. This will keep the trip fresh even though we will be traveling the same highway.

I am planning stops at many iconic locations including Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet Area Historical Museum and Route 66 Welcome Center, Edinger's Filling Station, Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum, Amarillo Route 66 Historical District, Cadillac Ranch, Midpoint Café, Route 66 Historical Village, Neon Signs, Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, Uranus, Totem Pole Park, Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum, Pops Soda Ranch, TeePee Curios, New Mexico Route 66 Museum, the Continental Divide, Oatman, Williams, Santa Monica Pier. And, of course the "End of Trail Sign. We will start in Chicago at the Begin Route 66 Sign. Of course, other stops are being considered as well.

The cost includes 20 nights lodging, 40 meals, the motorcoach, admission to attractions along the route, cancellation protection (valued at \$300.00). Please note: that I am still working on finalizing all the many details and that detailed flyers will not be available until early 2025. So many people have been asking about the cost, that I wanted to get this information out there as soon as possible.

Single and triple pricing will be coming soon. This trip departs from Clio and will return to Clio.

### Trips At A Glance!

Starbright Christmas # 1	December 3, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
Starbright Christmas # 2	December 4, 2024	\$125.00	Petrolia, Ontario
The Singing Christmas Tree	December 7, 2024	\$95.00	Muskegon
A Capital Christmas	December 12 – 16, 2024	\$1899.00	Washington D.C.
Winter Wonderettes # 2	December 18, 2024	\$88.00	Turkeyville
Christmas Mystery Trip	December 27 - 29, 2024	\$625.00	????
A Beautiful Noise	January 2, 2025	\$125.00	Fisher Theatre - Detroit
Footloose	January 15, 2025	\$78.00	Meadow Brook
Detroit Auto Show	January 16, 2025	\$62.00	Detroit
Jimmy Buffet	January 18, 2025	\$83.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Genitti's	January 28, 2025	\$91.00	Northville
Fourteen Funerals	February 12, 2025	\$85.00	Purple Rose – Chelsea
<b>Come From Away</b>	<b>February 13, 2025</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>	<b>Fisher Theater - Detroit</b>
San Antonio	February 17 - 21, 2025	\$1960.00	Texas
Angel Next Door	February 26, 2025	\$78.00	Meadow Brook
Good Morning, Vietnam	February 27, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
Red Wings	March 4, 2025	\$130.00	Little Caesar's Arena
Hawaiian Islands	March 6 – 19, 2025	see flyer	Hawaii
BritBeat (Beatles)	March 22, 2025	\$84.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Vanities: The Musical	March 26, 2025	\$78.00	Meadow Brook
Almost, Maine	March 28, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
Miracles – Smokey Robinson	March 29, 2025	\$94.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Menopause the Musical 2	March 30, 2025	\$90.00	Wharton Center for Performing Arts
Reflections of Italy # 1	April 2 – 11, 2025	\$5353.00	Italy
Reflections of Italy # 2	April 6 – 15, 2025	\$5353.00	Italy
<b>Make 'Em Laugh</b>	<b>April 22, 2025</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>Petrolia, Ontario</b>
My Mother & the Michigan / Ohio War	April 24, 2025	\$85.00	Purple Rose - Chelsea
Rat Pack Lounge	April 30, 2025	\$78.00	Meadow Brook
<b>Vera Bradley Sale</b>	<b>May 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>	<b>Fort Wayne, Indiana</b>
Nunsense	May 6, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
iLuminate	May 9, 2025	\$84.00	Macomb Center for Performing Arts
Great Canadian Cities	May 11 – 19, 2025	\$3099.00	Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa
<b>Rockin' the 50's</b>	<b>May 22, 2025</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>Petrolia, Ontario</b>
<b>Daniel O'Donnell &amp; Shiphewana</b>	<b>May 28 – 29, 2025</b>	<b>\$330.00</b>	<b>Shiphewana, Indiana</b>
Shear Madness	June 4, 2025	\$78.00	Meadow Brook
Lancaster – Noah # 1	June 9 - 12, 2025	\$670.00	Pennsylvania
<b>Dear Jack, Dear Louise</b>	<b>June 17, 2025</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>Petrolia, Ontario</b>
<b>The WIZ</b>	<b>June 18, 2025</b>	<b>\$122.00</b>	<b>Fisher Theater - Detroit</b>
Gilmore Car Museum	June 19, 2025	\$75.00	Hickory Corners, MI
Zekelman Holocaust Center	June 24, 2025	\$70.00	Farmington Hills, MI
<b>Bay City Fireworks</b>	<b>July 5, 2025</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>Bay City, MI</b>
Lancaster – Noah # 2	July 7 – 10, 2025	\$670.00	Pennsylvania
<b>Nunsense</b>	<b>July 22, 2025</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>Petrolia, Ontario</b>
<b>Mud Hens &amp; Tony Packos</b>	<b>July 29, 2025</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>Toledo, Ohio</b>
<b>Tiger Night Game</b>	<b>August 5, 2025</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>Comerica Park – Detroit</b>
<b>Sexy Laundry</b>	<b>August 7, 2025</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>Petrolia, Ontario</b>
South Dakota	August 11 – 18, 2025	\$2470.00	South Dakota
<b>Labor Day Bridge Walk</b>	<b>September 1, 2025</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>Mackinaw City</b>
Lancaster – Noah # 3	September 8 – 11, 2025	\$670.00	Pennsylvania
Joseph & Technicolor Dreamcoat	September 16, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
<b>Tiger Day Game</b>	<b>September 18, 2025</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>	<b>Comerica Park – Detroit</b>
<b>All About ABBA</b>	<b>September 24, 2025</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>	<b>Petrolia, Ontario</b>
New Hampshire – Vermont	October 3 – 11, 2025	\$3789.00	New Hampshire, Vermont, New York
<b>Grand Ole Opry 100<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>October 13 – 17, 2025</b>	<b>\$1300.00</b>	<b>Nashville, TN</b>
<b>Grand Experience</b>	<b>October 19 – 22, 2025</b>	<b>\$990.00</b>	<b>Mackinac Island</b>
The Naughty List # 1	November 13, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
The Naughty List # 2	December 16, 2025	\$95.00	Turkeyville
South Africa # 1	February 2 – 16, 2026	\$9098.00	Africa
South Africa # 2	February 13 – 27, 2026	\$9098.00	Africa
<b>South Africa # 3</b>	<b>March 5 – 19, 2026</b>	<b>\$9098.00</b>	<b>Africa</b>
Route 66	April 13 – May 2, 2026	\$6720.00	Illinois to California

"Not all who wander are lost... Some wander with wonder whatever the cost!"

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