

Diane's FUNTASTIC GETAWAYS

SPRING 2011/2012

With the holidays behind us and winter at our doorstep, it's time to look forward to some spring trips to brighten these long winter days. We've got some great day-trips planned for you, including the **Irish Rovers** at the Log Cabin, famous for 'the Unicorn Song'; **Celtic Women**; the **Dead Sea Scrolls** exhibit in NYC; and "Lost Egypt" at the Museum of Science. For overnights, we have **Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun** and the **Luck of the Irish; Washington DC** for the 100th anniversary of the Cherry Blossom Festival; a **NYC overnight** you'll LOVE with a **brand new show "Ghost, the Musical,"** which is coming to Broadway direct from London with rave reviews; **Ocean City & Cape May**; the **Rochester Lilac Festival**; and **Lancaster, PA with Gettysburg, Hershey & Longwood Gardens**. We will also head to **Nova Scotia**, at end of June, and you'll see it all - Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton Island & the Cabot Trail, Nova Scotia, and the spectacular **Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo** with a **behind-the-scenes tour & program**. **You'll LOVE this trip!**

Our **Funtastic Getaways facebook page** is a great place to stay in touch, **post trip pictures**, and find out about **new trips & specials**. So, click on the "like" Funtastic Getaways button to stay updated, see and post trip pictures, and let us know what you are thinking.

Signing up for a trip is easy – simply call us with your name, phone number, number of seats needed, and pick-up location. **The person that made the reservation** will receive an invoice 6-7 weeks prior to the trip with departure times and any balance due listed. If you are mailing in a payment, **please keep the lower portion for your records, as your pickup time & location are printed on the invoice**. For an overnight trip, you will receive a mailing with your itinerary and luggage tags approximately 30 days prior to your trip. Payments should be sent to: **Funtastic Getaways, 15 Mill Pond Way, East Falmouth, MA 02536**.

Senior Center Signups - If you sign up through a Senior Center, **please send your payment to the Senior Center**, and they will forward it to me. **You will not receive an invoice from me for the trip - your Senior Center will contact you for payment and inform you of departure times**. For overnight trips, you will receive your itinerary and bag tags about 30 days prior to the trip. Credit card payments can not be accepted for Senior Center signups

Traveling by motor coach is the GREEN way to go. Motor coaches currently provide 184 passenger miles per gallon, and emit the least carbon Dioxide per passenger mile when compared to other vehicles.

WATER - Bring your own refillable bottle or use our paper cups. On the overnight trips and longer daytrips with multiple stops, **I supply spring water and paper cups**. In an effort to be environmentally friendly, I **do not** supply individual bottles, but the spigot on my water container makes it easy to re-fill your reusable bottle with cold water, so **bring your favorite bottle with you & help us to stay green**.

Be Prepared - **You can no longer travel to Canada or overseas without a valid passport** (allow up to 8 weeks to process). **Passport cards** are available for those that **will not be** traveling outside the Western Hemisphere or by air.

Pickup locations:

1. **Patriots Square, Route 134, Dennis**
2. **Kmart, Route 132, Hyannis**
3. **Sagamore Commuter lot**, at the foot of the Sagamore Bridge

Your requested pickup location will be printed on your sales receipt or invoice. Please **arrive at your pickup location at least 10 minutes prior to the departure time**, and **call the office if you decide to change to a different pickup location**. The office is open **Monday through Friday between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM**. If you get my voicemail when you call, please leave a message and I will return your call – most times I am in the office but simply on the other line helping another customer.

In the interest of fairness to those boarding in Hyannis & Sagamore as well as our handicapped passengers, **we assign seats on the bus, as they do on the airlines**. **If you are traveling with friends be sure to let us know so we can try to seat you near each other**. Single travelers will be given their own seats if space allows or may be seated with another single traveler. Please sit in your assigned seat until we have picked up in Sagamore, after which you can spread out when there are empty seats available.

Cancellations:

Since I am obligated to make financial commitments to my suppliers prior to a tour's departure based on your anticipated participation, I have instituted the following reservation & cancellation policies:

Day-trips: full payment is due 45 days prior to the trip
Refundable up to 14 days prior to the trip

Day-trips with ticketed events (theatre, show, or ballgame):
Shows priced under \$ 100 require full payment to reserve
Shows over \$ 100 require \$50 per person to reserve
Balance is due 45 days prior to the trip
Non-refundable unless your ticket is resold

Overnight trips: \$ 50 per person deposit to reserve space
Balance is due 45 days prior to departure.
Refundable up to 30 days prior to departure.

Overnight trips with ticketed events (theatre, show or ballgame):
\$ 50 per person non-refundable deposit to reserve
Balance is due 45 days prior to trip
Deposit will be refunded if your ticket is resold
Balance is refundable up to 30 days prior to departure.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE is available for all trips - for overnight trips, you'll receive pricing with your invoice, for daytrips, please call for pricing.

Space will be held on a tentative basis for you when reserving a trip; however **I reserve the right to cancel your reservation if payment is not received in a timely manner**.

Customary end-of-tour gratuities are included for the driver, escort, tour guide (when guide is hired), wait staff, and baggage handlers. Gratuities for hotel housekeeping staff are not included unless otherwise noted on your itinerary, and a basic gratuity of \$ 2 per person, per day is customary.

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DAY TRIPS

FEBRUARY

Sunday, February 5, "Love is in the Air," Museum of Fine Arts – Treat yourself and cure your cabin fever at the same time! We will visit the **MFA in Boston** to explore their exhibits including the current traveling exhibit "**Aphrodite and the Gods of Love**". Known today as the goddess of love and beauty, Aphrodite, or Venus as she was known to the Romans, was one of the most powerful ancient Greek divinities and a favorite subject in ancient art. This is the **first exhibition about the powerful goddess** that both ancient writers and artists described as complex and even dangerous. Through the presentation of 150 Greek and Roman works of art, "Aphrodite and the Gods of Love," which includes **spectacular loans from Rome and Naples**, reveals the most popular ancient goddess in her role as adulterous seductress, and much more. Before our visit to the MFA we will indulge ourselves at **Boston's most famous** **desserterie Finale**, where we will enjoy a **dessert party** featuring a selection of **salads and sandwiches** and, of course, an **extensive dessert buffet**. \$ 92



Thursday, February 16, Mary Poppins – Mary Poppins is bringing its own brand of Broadway magic to theaters across the country, which has Variety raving, "This is the rare touring production that over-delivers on every level!" Featuring the irresistible story and unforgettable songs from **one of the most popular Disney films of all time**, plus **brand-new breathtaking dance numbers** and **spectacular stage-craft**, Mary Poppins is everything you could ever want in a hit Broadway show! So get swept up in the fun of this high-flying musical the New York Post gives 4 out of 4 stars and calls "a perfect piece of musical theater." We have **orchestra seating for the 2:00 PM matinee** at the Providence Performing Arts Center with free time for lunch before the show \$ 92

Saturday, February 18, Mystery Tour – WAITLIST ONLY- if requests warrant, we will add a second bus. Don't you love surprises? Bring your adventurous spirit and join us for a secret trip **where you won't know our destinations until you arrive!** We don't want to spoil the surprise but here are some clues to entice you to join us....we will experience two European countries (and even a piece of heaven!) without ever leaving Massachusetts...we will visit a lemon house, an orange house, a country house and a "green" house....we will meet twin turtles who love the cold...we will look out the windows to heaven and the windows to winter...we will enjoy a little bit of Christmas and a little bit of summer all on a crisp February day...have we got you guessing yet? **A full lunch is included as well as a gift to take home**. \$ 79



Friday, February 24, RI Flower Show - Enjoy a break from the winter weather to see dazzling floral exhibits and take in the sweet fragrances of the displays at the Rhode Island Flower Show! The 2012 show is bound to live up to its reputation as an utterly creative and uplifting experience - a tonic for winter blues. At a time when life is hectic, this show provides a welcome alternative. **This year's theme "Simple Pleasures"** will evoke images of those moments in our lives that we recall as the special ones - memories of childhood, in Grandma's garden, bursting with daisies, roses, delphinium.....perhaps a longing to return to the Zen garden we enjoyed on our last holiday, or teasing out a plan to create our own meditation garden. There will be **landscape gardens, discovery gardens, speakers, and demonstrations**. The flower show is at the Rhode Island Convention Center, which also has indoor access to the Providence Place Mall, where there are plenty of options for lunch and shopping. A sure cure for "cabin fever!" Even if you're not a gardener, join us for **a breath of springtime & shopping**



at Providence Place Mall! \$ 55

MARCH

Saturday, March 3, Come Fly Away, a new Musical – Come Fly Away is the new Broadway musical that brings together the **legendary vocals of FRANK SINATRA** and the creative vision of **Tony Award® winner TWYLA THARP** (Movin' Out). This one-of-a-kind experience combines the seductive vocals of "Ol' Blue Eyes" with the sizzling sound of a **live on-stage big band** and the visceral thrill of **Tharp's choreography**. As fourteen of the world's best dancers tell **the story of four couples falling in and out of love**, you will experience the exhilaration of a first kiss, the excitement of a first dance, and the bittersweet moments of a first good-bye in a world of sparkling romance and astonishing beauty. Come Fly Away features a score of beloved Sinatra classics including "Fly Me to the Moon," "My Way," "New York, New York," and "Witchcraft". We have orchestra seating for the 2:00 PM matinee at the Providence Performing Arts Center with free time before the show for lunch \$ 105



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Wednesday, March 7, Cabin Fever and the "Irish Rovers" – After a long, cold winter it's time to break out of our homes and enjoy a breath of spring. Start the day at the Log Cabin in Holyoke where we will enjoy a **delicious full Irish feast and entertainment** sure to bring out the Irish in us all. "St Patty's" lunch to include potato & leek soup, Guinness stew, O'Brien potatoes, **Corned Beef & Cabbage**, salmon with parsley cream and bread pudding with Bailey's Sauce. **The Irish Rovers (of The Unicorn Song fame)** have been called the International Ambassadors of Irish music; they have maintained their timeless ability to deliver a rollicking, rousing performance of good cheer. Their songs have become anthems of revelry and joy among generation after generation of fans. After lunch we'll visit the **8,000 square-foot Magic Wings Butterfly Conservatory**, which is home to **over 4,000 native and tropical butterflies** year round. It is also home to many **gorgeous plants, flowers and flowering trees**, a **pond with a small waterfall** and brilliantly colored Japanese koi sure to get us thinking about spring! You'll be delighted with the many different varieties of butterflies fluttering gracefully amidst the beautiful plants and flowers; and if you stand still, you might find that a butterfly will gently descend and land on your shoulder! End the day browsing the fresh spring scents at **Yankee Candle Shop**. Watch candles being dipped, browse the enormous selection of scented candles, stroll the expansive Bavarian Christmas Village, Nutcracker Castle, and venture into the Black Forest to watch the snow fall! You'll find candles and collectibles of all sorts in this enormous store, and don't miss the **bargains at the second's shop! \$ 119**



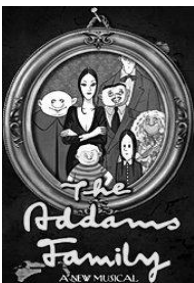
Friday, March 9, Celtic Woman "Believe" - Celtic Woman returns to the Citi Performing Arts Center Wang Theatre as part of their **BELIEVE 2012 North American Tour**. Celtic Woman's breathtaking new show, BELIEVE, features the all-female singing sensation performing classic Irish tunes, such as **'The Water Is Wide,' 'Green Grow the Rushes,' 'A Woman's Heart,' and 'The Parting Glass,'** timeless pop anthems such as **'Bridge Over Troubled Water' and 'Sailing,'** and inspirational songs including **'You'll Never Walk Alone' and 'Ave Maria,'** with their signature Celtic Woman twist, under the distinct musical direction of Emmy-nominated music producer, David Downes. Celtic Woman's awe-inspiring vocalists and mesmerizing violinist will be backed by a **dazzling six-piece band, the Aontas Choir,** and renowned **championship Irish dancers**. We have orchestra seating for the 8:00 PM show at the **Citi Performing Arts Center** with free time for dinner at the Prudential Center. **\$ 105**



Friday, March 16, Boston Flower Show - The Boston Flower Show is back and **better than ever!** Visit the flower show at its new location at the **Seaport World Trade Center**. The tradition loved by New Englanders for **more than 100 years** has been **re-established and updated** to appeal to everyone who loves flowers and plants, gardens and landscape design. From the first-time gardener to the greenest green thumb, Boston's biggest horticultural happening will provide the tools and inspiration to kick off the season in style! The theme - **First Impressions-** will showcase ways to express one's **personality and style as well as add enjoyment and value to one's property**. Set to the backdrop of **over 25 garden displays** by cutting-edge landscape professionals and area nurseries, the 2012 Boston Flower & Garden Show will also offer **48 lectures and demonstrations** by top garden writers, industry professionals and chefs, shopping from **200 vendors** featuring plants and hundreds of the newest gardening products, as well as garden furnishings and handcrafted gifts. Among the presenters for this date are **HGTV star John Gidding, host of Curb Appeal: The Block,** where he will be demonstrating easy garden makeover ideas. **\$ 60**



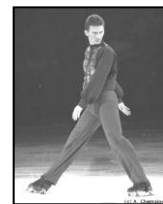
Friday, March 23, Life is Sweet – Bring your sweet tooth as we travel to southern New Hampshire and celebrate all that makes life so sweet! Start the day with a delicious sugar party brunch at **Parker's Maple Barn** featuring **eggs, sausages, blueberry pancake, bacon, maple ham, and plenty of fresh maple syrup products!** After brunch we'll take a **tour of the sugar house** to learn how they make their maple syrup the old fashioned way, over a wood fire. You'll enjoy browsing their unique gift shop to pick up some maple products to enjoy at home. Next, we'll head to **Van Otis Chocolates** where we will take a **"behind closed doors"** look at how they get all of those yummy things inside their chocolates. **Try your hand at some of the candy making tasks** (the best part is if it doesn't turn out exactly right you can eat your mistakes!) while **enjoying delicious samples** and of course there will be time to shop for goodies in their store before we round our day out at **Flagg Hill Winery**, where we will enjoy a **tour of the winery** to learn how their wines are made and fermented. Then, we'll enjoy a **fun and informative wine tasting**, and we will each receive an **engraved souvenir wine glass** to take home. **\$ 79**



Saturday, March 24, Addams Family - The weird and wonderful family comes to devilishly delightful life in **THE ADDAMS FAMILY**. This magnificently macabre **new musical comedy**, based upon the original illustrations by legendary cartoonist Charles Addams, is created by **Jersey Boys authors Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice**, with creative consultation by **four-time Tony Award® winner Jerry Zaks**. It's every parent's nightmare. Your little girl has suddenly become a young woman, and what's worse, has fallen deliriously in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. Yes, **Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has a "normal" boyfriend**, and for parents Gomez and Morticia, this shocking development will turn the Addams house downside up. Come meet the family. We'll leave the light off for you. Orchestra seating for the 2:00 PM matinee at Providence Performing Arts Center with free time before the show for lunch at the Providence Place Mall. **\$ 109**

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Stars on Ice, Date to be Announced – Don't miss the 2012 tour of Smucker's Stars on Ice! Skaters scheduled on the 2012 National Tour (skaters vary by venue): **Todd Eldredge** (US World Champion), **Sasha Cohen** (Olympic Silver Medalist), **Kurt Browning** (Canadian World Champion), **Iliia Kulik** (Russia Olympic Gold Medalist), **Ekaterina Gordeeva** (Russian Olympic Gold Medalist), **Kyoko Ina & John Zimmerman** (3 time National Champions), and **many more** of your favorite skaters (more special guest announcements to come). Free time for lunch or dinner (depending on show time) at Providence Place Mall, performance at **Dunkin Donuts Center in Providence**.
Final schedule has not been released as of this printing – please call for details



APRIL



Tuesday, April 3, New York City Day-trip with optional Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit – Take a fascinating journey through the Holy Land in this **once-in-a-lifetime exhibit featuring the famed Dead Sea Scrolls**. The Dead Sea Scrolls are a collection of texts from the Bible and extra-biblical documents found on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea, from which they derive their name. The texts are of great religious and historical significance, as they include **the oldest known surviving copies of Biblical and extra-biblical documents**. These manuscripts **date between 150 BC and 70 AD**. **Experience the Holy Land through over 500 never-before-seen artifacts from biblical times** – the largest collection of artifacts ever assembled; see the **Dead Sea Scrolls**, the oldest known texts of the Bible; discover first-hand the traditions, beliefs and iconic objects of ancient Israel that impact world religions today; and place your prayer on an authentic **3-ton stone from the Holy Land's Western Wall**. The exhibit is at the **Times Square Discovery Center**, you will have a total of **5 hours in the city**, to enjoy the exhibit, and do some sightseeing. **\$ 97** with the exhibit -- **\$ 79** without the exhibit (transportation only)

Saturday, April 14, Historic Portsmouth, New Hampshire – Join us as we travel to Portsmouth, NH to learn about the city's rich maritime history and see the wonderful job the city is doing to preserve and restore its historic properties and downtown area. George Washington visited Portsmouth's future governor, John Langdon at his home in 1789, and the Presidential parade marched along streets packed with cheering onlookers. We'll follow his footsteps on our **"Walk with Washington" walking tour of Portsmouth**. Our local guide will take us down the streets that Washington walked (about a 1 mile walk), talk about the town's history, and point out the restored mansions and landmarks that still line the streets.



We'll learn about the development of Strawberry Banke, and then our guide will step on our bus and take us on a **tour of other historic areas in Portsmouth**. Our lunch at **Warren's Lobster House** begins with a hot cup of clam chowder, includes the seacoast's finest **salad bar with over 60 selections**, and your choice of entrée - Seafood Newberg, Fried baby shrimp, filet of haddock, crab crusted salmon, top sirloin steak, or chicken parmesan. After lunch, we'll **tour the Jackson House, the oldest surviving wood frame house in New Hampshire**, circa 1664, built by Richard Jackson, a woodworker, farmer, and mariner. Continuing in George Washington's footsteps, we'll then stop for a visit at the **Governor John Langdon House**. Please wear comfortable shoes & come dressed for the weather. **\$ 99**

Thursday, April 19, Boston Landmarks, the NEW Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum & Christian Science Plaza – We will spend



the morning exploring the buildings that make up the Christian Science Plaza in Boston. We'll tour the **Mary Baker Eddy Library**, with their **many exhibit halls and galleries including the world famous Mapparium**. Standing three stories tall, the Mapparium is a **beautiful painted glass globe** that is a work of art in itself when viewed from the outside, but to traverse the 30 foot glass bridge **INSIDE** the globe is truly breathtaking. We will enjoy a **guided tour of the Romanesque style Original Church building**, which was built in 1894. It includes frescoes, mosaic work, Italian marble floors, and stained-glass windows, as well as the **1906 Byzantine-Renaissance style Church Extension** with a soaring dome, seating for over 3,000 people, and one of the world's largest Aeolian-Skinner pipe organs. For lunch we will indulge ourselves at **Boston's most famous desserterie Finale**, where we will enjoy a **dessert party featuring a selection of salads, sandwiches** and, of course, an **extensive dessert buffet**. Our final stop is the **Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum**, where we will see their **brand-new wing** and the upgraded exhibit spaces. The Gardner displays an art collection of world importance, including works that rank among the most significant of their type from ancient Rome, Medieval Europe, Renaissance Italy, Asia, the Islamic world and 19th-century France and America. Over the winter the Gardner closed its doors while completing the **final stages of its new wing** to include more galleries, a greenhouse, restaurant, and 296-seat concert hall, **more than doubling the square footage of the museum**. In addition to the new wing, the entire museum received upgrades and restorations. We'll take a **guided tour** of museum and also have time to explore on our own. **\$ 99**

Saturday, April 21, Gourmet Getaway - Travel to New Bedford, Fairhaven, Seekonk & Providence to visit some of the best of the best food purveyors just outside our own doors and to sharpen our culinary skills. We begin at **Lydia's Bakery**, a well-known Portuguese bakery in New Bedford, where we will enjoy a **sample of her delicious baked goods**. Everyone will receive a **bakery sample** and take home a **loaf of her delicious Portuguese sweet bread**. Then, we'll stop for some **shopping at Sid Wainer & Sons, International Gourmet Food Distributor** before heading to **Audrey's Restaurant**, located at the Johnson & Wales Inn, which boasts exceptional cuisine prepared by Johnson & Wales University graduate chefs. We will **enjoy a full lunch** and one of their talented chefs will give us a **dessert**



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demonstration. After lunch, spend some time browsing the culinary hotspot that is Federal Hill. Be sure to pay a visit to **Venda Ravioli**, the gourmet Italian store & grocery and **Scialo Brothers Bakery**, a Federal Hill staple since 1916. We will cap off our trip with a visit to **Dorothy Cox Chocolates** in Fairhaven, where we will take a tour to see them making chocolate, and everyone will get a **sample of her delicious chocolates to take home**. You'll find chocolates, brittles, chocolate covered nuts, truffles and much more to tempt your sweet tooth here! **\$ 92**

Tuesday, April 24, Rhode Island Daffodil Days - This spring, **Blithewold Mansion's** gardens once again come to life as **fifty thousand daffodils, early blooming bulbs, trees and shrubs** are coaxed from winter slumber to enchant guests with their quiet beauty and subtle scents during the **annual Daffodil Days celebration**. Blithewold Mansion is a beautiful seaside garden estate located in Bristol, RI. Visitors experience breathtaking views of Narragansett Bay as they **tour the graceful mansion** decorated with original furnishings. The guided tour continues through the grounds where magnificent trees and a variety of colorful gardens demonstrate Blithewold's prominence in horticulture. A **delicious lunch** at the **Brick Alley Pub** is included, with some free time at the **Brick Marketplace** for shopping before we **tour the Elms**, one of Newport's sparkling mansions. In 1898, the Mr & Mrs Edward Berwind engaged Philadelphia architect Horace Trumbauer to design a **house modeled after a mid-18th century French chateau** outside Paris. Construction of The Elms was completed in 1901, and the extravagant interiors and furnishings of French design provide the perfect backdrop for their **collection of Renaissance ceramics, 18th century French and Venetian paintings, and Oriental jades**. Please note both Mansions have stairs, please wear comfortable shoes. **\$ 89**



Saturday, April 28 - One FAN-tastic Day – Die hard Boston sports fans, this is the tour for you – celebrate Boston's rich & storied sports history and rejoice (or commiserate!) in its present. Start the day with a **tour of our beloved Fenway Park as she marks her 100th Anniversary!** Though generations have come and gone, Fenway Park remains, much like it did the day it opened on April 20, 1912. Visit the park where the Babe pitched, The Kid hit, Yaz dazzled and today's stars still thrill young fans today. Soak up the rich history; hear the echoes of the past, **see the view from the Press Box**, and step back in time to **stroll through Red Sox history, tradition and memories** on our **behind-the-scenes tour** of this historic ballpark. The tour will also include the **Press Level, a Red Sox private suite, and the view from the Green Monster seats**. Many Boston restaurants and bars have Red Sox tchotchkes on their walls, but none can rival the "museum-quality" memorabilia covering generations of Fenway Park history that you'll find at **Jerry Remy's Sports Bar & Grill** owned by the voice of the Red Sox, Jerry Remy. Enjoy a **full lunch with choice of The Remy Burger, Pulled Pork Sandwich or Grilled Marinated Steak Tips**. Next stop is **Gillette Stadium and the Hall at Patriot Place**. Opened in 2008 The Hall is a modern interactive "museum" that takes guests through New England football history in a cutting-edge way, utilizing amazing video and audio to tap into fans' emotions in a manner never before seen in a sports museum. **Put your finger in a Super Bowl XXXIX ring** and get up close with **all the Patriots Super Bowl Trophies** while confetti rains down upon you, go under the hood and review plays like an actual NFL official. Step inside a **DUCK boat** used in the Super Bowl XXXVI parade, kick a field goal, and listen to never-before told stories from past Patriots. After the museum enjoy some free time to browse the shops of Patriot Place. **This is one trip you'll be telling your friends about!** **\$ 105**



MAY

Saturday, May 12 - Boston Pops Gershwin Spectacular - **George Gershwin fans will love this Boston Pops celebration!** Honoring a composer whose masterpieces are vibrant, lush, jazzy and uniquely American, the Pops will perform many of Gershwin's classic pieces, including his iconic "**Rhapsody in Blue**", as well his songs made famous by Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, and Gene Kelly, such as "**I got Rhythm**", "**SWonderful**", and "**Embraceable You**". **Keith Lockhart is scheduled to conduct** this performance (as always, subject to change). We have **first balcony seating** for the 3:00 PM matinee at Boston's Symphony Hall with free time before the show at the Prudential Center for lunch. **\$ 95**



Tuesday, May 15, Arnold Arboretum Lilacs & the Swan Boats - The **Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University** is the **oldest public arboretum in North America** and one of the world's leading centers for the study of plants. A link in **Boston's Emerald Necklace of parks**, the Arboretum is a unique blend of respected research institution and beloved public landscape. There are **over 422 lilac plants of approximately 194 different varieties** in the Arnold Arboretum collections. Together they provide a **season of color and scent** that extends over five weeks each spring. They may be known for their lilacs, but the arboretum features plants of all kinds from azaleas to magnolias. Our knowledgeable guide will take us on a **fascinating walking tour** of the arboretum sharing their horticultural knowledge along the way. Afterwards we'll head to **Quincy Market** where you will have some free time for lunch & shopping. Cap the day off with a **relaxing ride on Boston's iconic Swan Boats** in the Public Gardens. Come with us and enjoy the best of springtime in Boston! **Please note this is a walking tour, please wear comfortable shoes and come dressed for the weather.** **\$ 60**



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Thursday, May 17 - Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill – Join us as The Beacon Hill Garden Club presents the 83rd annual Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill Tour. Each year the Garden Club welcomes the public into **their member's private gardens** that feature a great



variety of plantings, arrangements, architecture and situation. In addition, ribbon gardens viewable from public thoroughfares will also be presented. The Hidden Gardens is the club's most important and enduring fundraiser, one which benefits environmental, horticultural, and conservation organizations across Boston. This event is held **rain or shine**, and good walking shoes should be worn because of the uneven sidewalks and cobblestone streets. Strolling the picturesque streets and gardens of Boston's historic and exclusive Beacon Hill section – what a wonderful way to spend a spring day! A map of the gardens is provided for this self-guided tour, and a **hearty box lunch** is included. **\$ 90**

Wednesday, May 23, Springtime Mystery Tour – So, it seems we have more than a few daring souls among our customers!

Our February Mystery Tour sold out so fast we knew we had to plan a **new one for the spring!** So grab some friends and bring your adventurous spirit on this **surprise trip where you won't know our destinations until we arrive.** This time we will be *trotting* to a neighboring state and then we'll slow down and take the time smell the roses, or at least their hips! On this tour we will discover what a delicious combination Joe Pye and the Lemon Queen make! We'll go to a holy place to visit the good Reverend's dynasty, *gaze* at an actresses breathtaking combinations of natural and man-made beauty, and *graze* with a carousel horse. You'll really dig this trip, so come on you know you are curious, join us for a spring day of fun and friends! **A full lunch** is included as well as a **surprise gift** to remind you of our fun for years to come! **\$ 89**



Tuesday, May 29, Steve Martin Performing with The Boston Pops & the Steep Canyon Rangers – Join us for an evening of Bluegrass & Comedy! One of the greatest comedic actors of our generation, **Steve Martin** is also a **renowned author, art collector,**



playwright, highly-trained banjo player and songwriter! He joins **Keith Lockhart & the Boston Pops** for his orchestral debut, and brings with him the **Steep Canyon Rangers**, who, along with Steve Martin were the **winners of the IBMA's Emerging Talent Award.** Selections include songs from his **Grammy Award-winning album "The Crow"**, his most recent release "Rare Bird Alert", and a few surprises along the way. The first half of the concert will include Copland's "**Outdoor Adventure,**" "**Prairie Night**" and "**Celebration**" from Billy the Kid. We have first balcony seating for the **8:00 PM show** at Symphony Hall, with free time before the show for dinner at the Prudential Center. **\$ 95**

Thursday, May 31, Boston Museum of Science, "Lost Egypt" - Lost Egypt is an immersive quest for knowledge that reveals how archaeologists use modern science and technology to uncover and understand the ancient civilization of Egypt. See real **human and animal mummies**, as well as **scans, forensic facial reconstructions** and - for the **first time ever** - **life size rapid prototypes displaying the mummy in various stages of "unwrapping."** Explore the art and artifacts from the daily life and funerary culture of ancient Egypt and connect with real scientists working in Egypt through video interviews and photographs from the field. See archaeologists uncover the city of builders of the world's first skyscrapers: **the pyramids.** Who were the tens of thousands of people who built these massive structures? Modern science illuminates our understanding of the ancient past. Through **hands-on challenges, authentic artifacts** and **guidance from archaeologists**, you will unearth the mysteries of Egypt, its culture and its people. You will have time to explore the Lost Egypt traveling exhibit as well as time to visit the other exhibit halls or take in an IMAX film. **\$ 65**



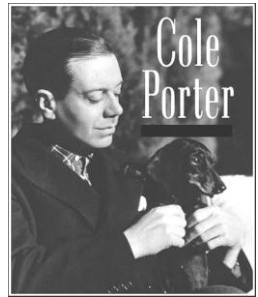
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Tuesday, June 5, Coastal Maine Culinary Getaway - Whether you're a novice or an experienced cook, we invite you to join us for a culinary adventure to coastal Maine! **Stonewall Kitchen** in York, Maine, named for the graceful stone walls that surrounded the original farm where this New England business began, has seen a remarkable growth in the past two decades. Started from humble origins they are now **nationally renowned for their gourmet, specialty foods.** They have now opened their kitchens to the public in **the new Stonewall Kitchen Cooking School, voted Best Cooking School by the Taste of the Seacoast Magazine.** Their "Learning with Lunch" series will **teach us how to prepare a tasty meal** while also being served the recipe we are learning (**includes three-course lunch**). You'll go home with a clear understanding of how to recreate the recipes in your own kitchen and have the opportunity to purchase the finest foods, tools, appliances and utensils used by the chefs after lunch. Then we'll head to **Portland** to visit a brewery and shop some of their famous culinary stops. We will visit **Shipyards Brewery, where we will enjoy a virtual video tour, view the bottling line, and sample their fine ales and Capt'n Eli Soda.** Since 1994, Shipyards Brewing has been brewing fine quality products with a wide range of style profiles using only top quality ingredients hand crafted from recipes developed by their master brewer. Afterwards, you will have **two hours** to discover for yourself why Portland has been named the **Foodiest Small Town in America.** Shop for kitchen gadgets in K. Horton Specialites or grab a slice of authentic Italian pizza at Micucci Grocery. Maps and suggestions will be provided. **\$ 92**



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Friday, June 8, Boston Pops Cole Porter Tribute - Spend the evening with the music of one of the best-known contributors to the Great American Songbook, Cole Porter. **Keith Lockhart & the Boston Pops**, along with Broadway's golden couple **Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley**, bring to life a selection of his many hits including **"So In Love"**, **"In the Still of the Night"**, and **"Anything Goes"**. **Keith Lockhart** is scheduled to conduct (as always, subject to change). We have first balcony seating for the **8:00 PM performance at Boston's Symphony Hall** with free time before the show for dinner at the Prudential Center. **\$ 95**



Sunday, June 10, New York City with the National September 11 Memorial & Museum - Commemorate the tragic attacks on our country with a visit to the **new 9/11 Memorial**, which opened this past September, a tribute of remembrance and honor to the nearly 3,000 people killed in the terror attacks of September 11, 2001, as well as the six people killed in the World Trade Center bombing in February 1993. The Memorial's **twin reflecting pools are each nearly an acre in size** and feature the largest manmade waterfalls in the North America. **The pools sit within the footprints where the Twin Towers once stood.** The names of every person who died in the 2001 and 1993 attacks are inscribed into bronze panels edging the



Memorial pools, a powerful reminder of the largest loss of life resulting from a foreign attack on American soil and the greatest single loss of rescue personnel in American history. We will also visit the **9/11 Museum Preview Site** located across the street from **St Paul's Chapel**. The 9/11 Museum, set to open in late 2012 has opened the **preview site** to allow guests to view the still growing collection of artifacts, photographs, personal effects and memorabilia & remembrance honoring the victims of the terror attacks. You will have free time to **explore St Paul's Chapel** and the **Wall Street financial district** before returning to the Cape. Maps & suggestions will be provided. **\$ 75**

Thursday, June 14, Newport Rail & Sail – A **NEW Rail & Sail adventure** for all of our train & boating enthusiasts! We will begin our day browsing the shops in posh Newport, RI. Then enjoy the experience of Rhode Island's only moving Dinner Train on a **22 mile, sentimental journey along scenic Narragansett Bay**. Each of the three dining cars was built between 1941 and 1952 with the interior of each dining car meticulously restored to quietly reflect the Golden Age of Railroad. While enjoying the **narrated, scenic railway journey** we will be treated to a **full lunch onboard the train**. The Newport Dinner Train is proud to be **one of the three outstanding dinner trains in the country selected by the Food Network for dining excellence**. Next, relax and enjoy the beautiful sights of Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay aboard a **1953 classic wooden ferry boat** as we enjoy an **hour long, narrated cruise**. While cruising we will be served **coffee, tea and cookies** by the boat staff. Round out our adventure with a stop at **Newport Vineyards** where we will enjoy a **guided tour of their vineyard and wine making facilities as well as a wine tasting**. Everyone will receive a **Newport Vineyards wine glass** to remember our day. **\$ 119**



Saturday, June 16, Duck Tour - Always a fun day in Boston and never the same tour twice! Start the day at **Maggianos where we'll enjoy an Italian feast** where you are guaranteed to leave very full and very happy! Then we'll board our DUCK as we cruise by all the places that make Boston the birthplace of freedom and a city of firsts, from the **golden-domed State House to Bunker Hill and the Fleet Center, Government Center** to fashionable **Newbury Street, Quincy Market to the Prudential Tower** and more. Your ConDUCKtor will give you **lots of little known facts and interesting insights** about this unique city, then, **splashdown into the Charles River** for a breathtaking view of the Boston and Cambridge skylines. After the tour you'll have **free time to browse the shops on Newbury Street or the Prudential Center**, or take the elevator to the Skywalk Observatory at the top of the Prudential Center. **\$ 95**

Tuesday, June 19, Downeaster Rail & Sail - In Colonial times, Maine shipbuilders created some of the finest sailing vessels ever built and called them "Downeasters." Today, Amtrak's sleek and sophisticated Downeaster train runs between Boston and Portland, Maine with a magical journey along the New England shoreline. Along the Downeaster route you'll find historic colonial cities, beautiful beaches & quaint villages. We'll **board the train at Boston's North Station** for our one-way journey to Portland, Maine. We'll meet our bus and enjoy **free time for lunch in Portland's exciting downtown area**.



Then, enjoy a **narrated 90-minute scenic cruise** through the busy Portland harbor and innermost islands to see lighthouses, forts, lobster boats, and seals. **Four lighthouses** can be seen up close with as many as seven in view during the cruise, including a close-up view of Maine's oldest and most photographed lighthouse, **Portland Head Light!** You'll have free time to browse the shops in Portland before we depart. **\$ 82**

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Friday, June 22, Ansel Adams at Peabody Essex Museum – We will begin our day with an informative **guided bus tour of Salem, MA**. During our hour long tour we will enjoy the sights of Salem as our knowledgeable guide tells us of the history and happenings in this small coastal town. Next, browse the shops and enjoy lunch on our own at **Pickering Wharf** before we spend the afternoon at the **Peabody Essex Museum** and **Yin Yu Tang Chinese House**. The museum was founded in 1799, and its **2.4 million dollar collection** ranks among the finest of its kind. Peabody Essex's most stunning architectural acquisition, **Yin Yu Tang House**, is **the only complete Qing Dynasty house located outside China**. We'll explore this **16-bedroom Chinese merchant's house** with our docent guide to discover this rare example of the regions architecture and learn about the daily life of the eight generations of the Huang family that inhabited the house for over 200 years. You will have **4 hours to enjoy the museum**, including their current traveling exhibit, "**Ansel Adams: At Water's Edge**". Wherever he photographed, Ansel Adams' appreciation for water was never far from the surface. We will enjoy a **docent tour of this exhibit** as we explore Ansel Adams' famous images and some of his extraordinary but lesser-known examples, expanding our knowledge of Adams' work and building appreciation for the artist as an important and innovative modernist. **\$ 72**



Wednesday, June 27, "DINO - His Son Remembers" at Foxwoods - For six decades, **Dean Martin** entertained millions of adoring fans around the world. And now, his son, Ricci Martin, travels around the globe entertaining millions of Dean Martin fans - both young and old alike - in a profoundly entertaining show. "**DINO**" features **Ricci Martin singing the classic hits of his father** in a tribute like you've never seen before! Wearing the trademark Martin tux, Ricci croons "**Everybody Loves Somebody**," "**Volare**," "**Houston**," "**That's Amore**," "**Mambo Italiano**," "**Memories Are Made of This**" and all the other easy-going, romantic hits that put his dad into the stratosphere of stars. Reviews of the show and audience response have been tremendous! It's loaded with **live music, personal video and true life stories** not only about Dean Martin, the International Entertainer, but also Dean Martin, the Father - and they are told from the heart by none other than his son, Ricci. In addition to the show you will have free time to enjoy **Foxwoods Casino as well as a \$10 Keno bet and \$15 food voucher**. **\$ 72**



UPCOMING TRIPS

Tall Ships are coming, first week in July! Call us or check our website at the end of January for details!



Wednesday, July 4th, Constitution Turnaround & the commemoration of the War of 1812 – Don't miss this very special turnaround cruise for the **oldest active commissioned war ship in the world**. Our **narrated tour of Boston's inner harbor** focuses on the **annual turning of the USS Constitution**. This historic turn happens to ensure her sides weather evenly while she is at dock, and in order to keep her active commission in the US Navy she must travel one nautical mile each year. On this voyage she heads out to Castle Island in South Boston, where she fires a **21-gun salute** before returning to her berth in Charlestown. This is the 200th year commemoration of the war of 1812, in which the USS Constitution fought, and I'm told it will bring some added surprises – we have booked the **special 5-hour turnaround cruise with luncheon** (cruises 10am – 3pm), and are awaiting final details to be announced early January. Please call the office for details & pricing.

MULTI-DAY TRIPS



Thursday, March 15 – Friday, March 16, "Luck of the Irish" at Foxwoods & Mohegan Sun - Beat the mid-winter blues and find out if you have the "luck of the Irish" on this Saint Patrick's week overnight getaway to both Mohegan Sun & Foxwoods. We will **overnight at 4-diamond Mohegan Sun**, and you'll love their beautiful, spacious rooms, the indoor **7-story waterfall, glowing crystal mountain**, and décor. Not feeling lucky? There are **many shops** to visit, a **10,000 square-foot solarium with a pool and whirlpool**, and a **full-service spa** (offering facials, manicures, pedicures, and stone therapy or Swedish massages). There are **many casual and fine dining restaurants** to choose from – including Seasons Buffet, Bobby Flay's Bar America, Todd English's Tuscany, and Michael Jordan's Steakhouse. You'll receive a casino bonus from Mohegan Sun for an **all-you-can-eat buffet dinner** (or use voucher towards dinner at one of the other restaurants), **breakfast buffet** and a **\$ 10 slot bonus**. The next morning, we'll head to Foxwoods, **the largest casino in the world**, with 340,000 square feet of gaming space comprised of six connected casinos that collectively offer over **7,000 slot machines**, an incredible **400 tables** for 17 different types of table games, and **the world's largest Bingo hall**. Your casino package from Foxwoods includes **all-you-can-eat buffet lunch and keno bonus**. **Package Includes:** one night's accommodation at Mohegan Sun, dinner & breakfast buffets, casino bonus, Foxwoods buffet lunch, keno bonus. **\$ 185 per person, double occupancy, \$ 245 single occupancy**



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Sunday, April 1 – Wednesday, April 4, 100th Anniversary of the Cherry Blossoms in Washington DC – Travel to historic Washington DC to see, with Mother Nature’s co-operation, the beautiful Cherry Blossoms in full bloom. This year marks the **100th Anniversary of Japans gift of 3,000 cherry blossom trees**, and they are gorgeous in the springtime! We will break up our drive with a late afternoon stop at **Baltimore’s Inner Harbor** for shopping and dinner (on your own), and overnight just outside Washington, DC at the Holiday Inn in Greenbelt, MD. Our licensed guide will take us on a **tour of Washington DC**, including the **World War II Memorial**, the **FDR Memorial**, **Vietnam Memorial**, **Lincoln Memorial**, **Jefferson Memorial**, **Iwo Jima Memorial**, **US Capitol**, **Korean War Memorial**, and the **new Martin Luther King Memorial**. You’ll have time to explore independently some of the eight **Smithsonian Museums** that line the national mall, such as the National Air & Space Museum, the Museum of American History, National Gallery of Art and the Museum of Natural History. We’ll take the tram through **Arlington Cemetery**, stop at the **Kennedy gravesites**, and we’ll witness the **changing of the guard**. We’ll visit **Ford’s Theater**, where a **National Park Ranger** will tell us

about President Lincoln’s assassination, and we’ll also visit the **Ford Theater Museum** and **Petersen House**, where Lincoln was brought after being shot. We’ll visit the **new Center for Education and Leadership** (due to open February 2012), where you will learn about the immediate aftermath of the assassination and the evolution of Lincoln’s legacy. We’ll take in the beauty of Washington on our **illumination tour**, including a **tour of the Kennedy Center** that ends with the **spectacular view of DC from the rooftop**. We’ll take a walk back in time on our **guided tour of Old Town Alexandria**, where we’ll walk the cobblestone streets and visit **historic Christ Church**, where George Washington and Robert E Lee were regular worshippers. We’ll enjoy a delicious **dinner at Gadsby’s Tavern**, a historic tavern where George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams gathered to talk politics. **Package Includes:** Three nights at the Holiday Inn Greenbelt, three full breakfasts, two dinners (including one at Gadsby’s Tavern), monuments & memorials tour of Washington, illumination tour of DC with a tour of the Kennedy Center, free time at the Smithsonian Museums, Ford Theatre Ranger presentation, Ford Museum, Peterson House, the Center for Education & Leadership, Arlington Cemetery, Old Town Alexandria tour with Christ Church.
\$ 585 per person, double occupancy, \$ 749 single occupancy



Friday, April 27 – Saturday, April 28, New York City Icons & “Ghost the Musical” on Broadway – “Ghost the Musical” opens on



Broadway in March, direct from the London stage, and is **destined to be the runaway hit of the year**. We’ll be **among the first in the US to see this timeless story** about the power of love, based on the Oscar winning film, which features **new music and lyrics** as well as the classic **Unchained Melody**. Original London cast members Richard Fleeshman and Caissie Levy will re-create their London roles in the Broadway production, directed by Tony Award-winning director Matthew Warchus. Portraying a disembodied spirit as one of the main characters provides plenty of opportunities for their **stunning special effects and ‘illusions,’** and reviewers say that “Caissie Levy takes to the role of Molly effortlessly with her vocals offering shivers to the spines of the audience.” Besides the new musical, we’ll also enjoy tours of **some of the best-known icons of New York City** – **NBC Studio**, **Lincoln Center for Performing Arts & Metropolitan Opera House**,

Carnegie Hall, and the **Waldorf Astoria**. On the **NBC Studio Tour through 30 Rockefeller Plaza**, you will visit the NBC Sharp Globe Theater, Broadcast Operations, the Make-up Room, and get a backstage look at some of their most famous studios: **The Nightly News**, **Saturday Night Live**, **the Today Show**, **Late Night with Jimmy Fallon**, **msnbc**, and **the Doctor Oz Show**. There are no guarantees of what, or who you might see on the tour, as these are working studios. On our guided tour of **Lincoln Center**, the **world’s premier performing arts center**, we’ll see the **Revson Fountain**, the newly transformed **Alice Tully Hall** and the **Metropolitan Opera House**. We’ll **go behind the scenes**, and may sit in on a rehearsal, walk out onto a stage or meet a star – each tour is unique. We’ll also experience the magic of **Carnegie Hall**, the concert hall that has inspired artists for over a century on our **guided tour**. We’ll enjoy an insider’s view of this great hall, and learn about the story of the Hall’s construction and the legacy of the great artists who have performed there. We’ll enjoy a **delicious luncheon buffet at the historic Waldorf Astoria**, widely recognized as **one of the most significant examples of Art Deco art and architecture in the world**.



This impressive New York luxury hotel is a living museum of design and decorative ornamentation, filled with unusual paintings and striking motifs. Enjoy a **fascinating guided tour of the hotel**, focusing not only on the Waldorf’s unique historic and architectural heritage, but also on its legacy as a **host to the world, unparalleled culinary innovator and gourmet destination**. We’ll overnight at the Hampton Inn Meadowlands, NJ, just 15 miles outside the city. **Package Includes:** one night accommodation at the Hampton Inn Carlstadt, breakfast, baggage handling, orchestra seating for “Ghost,” NBC Studio Tour, Lincoln Center & Metropolitan Opera House Tour, Carnegie Hall tour, Waldorf Astoria tour & lunch buffet.

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Sunday, May 6 – Thursday, May 10, Ocean City, Assateague Island, Cape May and Saint Michaels, MD – Enjoy 3 nights at the



all-suite ocean-front Holiday Inn Hotel, centrally located on the boardwalk in Ocean City. Each room is equipped with a full kitchen, sitting room, bedroom, bathroom and private patio or balcony; and the hotel has both indoor & outdoor pools, lounge and restaurant. We'll take a **tour of Ocean City**, and visit the **Assateague Visitor Center** and **view the introductory film** and learn about the wild ponies that roam the island, decedents of the grazing horses that the colonists brought to the island in the 1600s. Our Park Ranger will take us on a **guided motorcoach tour of Assateague Island** to see the wild ponies and learn about the barrier island. We'll take a **90-minute Eco-Boat Cruise** aboard the Discovery to **explore salt**

marshes, observe the wild ponies, ospreys, pelicans and other unique marine birds as we learn about Maryland's unique ecosystem. We'll visit the fascinating **Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art** to see beautifully carved wooden decoys from early settlers to contemporary decoys – some so lifelike you would mistake them for real birds! We'll also stop by the **Country House store** – the largest country store in the East and mail-order giant with nearly 24,000 square feet of retail space. We'll visit the seaside village of **Saint Michael's, MD** and the **Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum's waterfront campus** that was once the site of a busy complex of seafood packing houses, docks, and boats. Now it is a working waterfront museum complex and site of the historic **Hooper Strait Lighthouse**. Since we're in Maryland, we have to try some of their famous crabs, so we'll enjoy a **delicious Eastern Shore Crab Feast (chicken entrée available)** in Saint Michaels. We'll stop at the **Ocean City Lifesaving Museum**, and then we'll take the **Cape May-Lewes Ferry to the countries' oldest seaside resort, Cape May, NJ**, where we will enjoy a delicious **dinner at Althea's Restaurant** and overnight at the ocean-front **La Mer Beachfront Inn**. Cape May is noted for its large number of well-maintained Victorian gingerbread houses, second only to San Francisco, and we'll take a **narrated trolley tour** through the town as our guide points out landmark buildings, architectural features, and entertain us with stories of Cape May's reign as "Queen of the Seaside Resorts." We'll step back in time when we stop at the **Emlen Physick Estate** for a guided tour of this beautiful Victorian mansion, built in 1879, which features many of the original furnishings, textiles, and artwork. We'll take time for lunch (on your own) & shopping in the historic downtown area before returning to the Cape. **Package Includes:** Three nights at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront, one night at La Mer Beachfront Inn, four full breakfasts, three dinners, tour of Assateague Island, Assateague Visitor Center, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum & Hooper Strait Lighthouse, Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, Discovery Eco-cruise, Cape May-Lewes Ferry, trolley tour of Cape May, Emlen Physick Estate,



\$ 749 per person, double occupancy, \$ 979 single occupancy

Thursday, May 17 – Sunday, May 20, Rochester Lilac Festival – From the deepest of purples to the purest of whites, Highland Park

will be ablaze in color with over **1200 lilac bushes**, and more than 500 varieties of lilacs that cover **22 acres** of the park. The Lilac Festival is **the largest celebration of its kind in North America**, drawing visitors from around the world to savor not only the delicate fragrance of **the world's largest collection of lilacs**, but to partake in an array of international foods, crafts and musical entertainment. We'll take a **guided tour of Rochester** to learn about its' neighborhoods and landmarks, and visit Rochester's touching **Vietnam Memorial**. We'll **tour High Falls and Brown's Race**, which features a collection of 19th century industrial buildings and a **panoramic view of the Genesee River 96-foot waterfall and gorge**, and we'll visit an urban cultural park that highlights the industrial era, when Rochester was known as Flour City. On our **tour of the George Eastman House**, founder of Eastman Kodak Company, we'll see his **restored 37-room, 13-bathroom mansion** and the **exquisite grounds** that include spacious lawns, eight flower gardens, five greenhouses, rolling pastures and an orchard. We'll indulge our inner child on our trip to the **Strong Museum of Play**, which houses a **world-class antique toy collection**, the **National Toy Hall of Fame**, a **1,700-gallon coral reef aquarium**, the **Dancing Wings Butterfly Garden**, a **life-size pop-up book**, and a working **1918 Allan Herschell carousel**. We'll take a **3-hour cruise on the Erie Canal** aboard the Colonial Belle that includes **passing through the lock at Canal Park**. Onboard, we'll learn about the history of the Erie Canal, and the mechanics involved in the lock system during our pass through the lock. We will also enjoy a **wine-tasting and tour at the award-winning Casa Larga Vineyards** that includes a sample of **ice wine and souvenir glass**. We'll stop at one of the largest garden centers on the East Coast, **The Garden Factory**, with **36 acres of indoor shopping area**, a **tropical greenhouse**, and **nursery**. Their **new Atrium** is the main attraction of the newly renovated store, and they carry indoor plants, outdoor plants, and **38 varieties of lilacs** (just in case you decide to take home a souvenir of the Lilac Festival - we'll save space under the bus)! Even if you're not an avid gardener, strolling through the **2-story atrium** and store will surely brighten your day! We will stop at **Sonnenberg Mansion & Gardens** to tour the **40-room Queen Anne-style mansion, greenhouse complex, gardens, and Japanese Garden & tea house**. You'll find not only lilacs, but daffodils, flowering bulbs, dogwoods, pansies and many other spring blooms as you stroll the expansive garden area. We'll also enjoy a **delicious box lunch in the Carriage House**, followed by a **wine tasting** in the wine center, featuring wines that are made with New York State-grown grapes. **Package Includes:**



three nights' accommodations at the Rochester Airport Marriott, three full hot buffet breakfasts, baggage, George Eastman House and Gardens tour, tour of Rochester, Strong Museum, Erie Canal lock Cruise, Casa Larga Vineyard tour & tasting with Ice Wine & souvenir glass, Rochester Lilac Festival, The Garden Factory, Sonnenberg Mansion & Gardens tour, box lunch at Sonnenberg Carriage House, NY State wine-tasting. **\$ 595 per person, double occupancy, \$ 779 single occupancy**

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Tuesday, June 12 – Saturday, June 16, Lancaster's Amish Country with Gettysburg, Hershey & Longwood Gardens – Travel

with us to Lancaster, PA to enjoy the beautiful countryside, see the Amish tend their farms, and munch on some PA Dutch goodies. We'll enjoy a **guided tour of the Amish countryside**, and a first-hand look into their lifestyle when we **stop at a few Amish shops**, and **enjoy dinner at an Amish home**. We'll stop at **Kitchen Kettle Village**, known for their delicious preserved jams, pickles & vegetables, fudge, and more; and at **Roots Marketplace & Auction**, a piece of Lancaster County heritage offering fresh food Amish crafts, antiques, furniture, apple-smoked meats, cheeses and plenty of bargains. We'll also see the **brand-new production "Jonah,"** at the Millennium Theater – it's most extreme fun-filled adventure yet. From the moment you walk into the theatre and experience the incredible sets, costumes, lighting, immersive scenes, and special effects, you'll be on the edge of your seat, and in the heart of the action. We'll also take a **behind-the-scenes tour of this amazing theater**, known for the phenomenal stage that envelopes the audience. In **Hershey**, we'll take the **chocolate-making "ride,"** explore the shops at **Hershey's Chocolate World**, and enjoy a **guided trolley tour through Chocolate Town USA**. We'll also stop at **The Hershey Story** to take an inspirational journey through the life of Milton S. Hershey, his chocolate company, the town that bears his name, and his generous legacy. We'll also enjoy a delicious **full buffet lunch in the 4-diamond circular dining room at the beautiful Hotel Hershey**. We'll stop at the **Harley Davidson Factory** and take a **guided tour** to watch the assembly line as they put together motorcycles. Your factory tour includes the factory floor where you'll get a **behind-the-scenes look** at the people, processes and products of Harley Davidson. We'll take another **factory tour at Snyder's of Hanover** to see a different kind of assembly line. We'll see how pretzels and potato chips are made on this guided walking tour. We'll visit the raw material warehouse, finished goods warehouse to see the robotics at work, and the state of the art packing room. We'll see how potato chips are made from beginning to end, and watch as they wind their way around on conveyor belts to their next stop. In **Gettysburg**, we'll stop at the **Visitor Center** to see the film **"A New Birth of Freedom,"** visit the **Gettysburg Museum**, and the amazing **Cyclorama**, which is a painting that is longer than a football field and stands 4 stories tall. Our Battlefields guide will join us and take us on a **tour of the Gettysburg Battlefields** to see where the critical battles that were the turning point of the Civil War took place. After our tour, we'll enjoy a delicious **dinner at the historic Dobbin House Tavern**. We'll enjoy a **45-minute train ride to Paradise** and back aboard the **Strasburg Railroad** and we'll visit **Longwood Gardens**, the world's premier horticultural showplace that encompasses 1,077 acres of gardens, woodlands, and meadows. Enjoy over 11,000 types of plants, ponds, fountains, woodland trails, the conservatory & greenhouses, and more before returning to the Cape. **Package Includes:** four nights' accommodations at the Best Western Revere Inn & Suites, four expanded continental breakfasts, full lunches at Hotel Hershey, three full dinners (Shady Maple Smorgasbord, Dobbin House, and dinner with an Amish family), Hershey Trolley tour, The Hershey Story, Hershey Chocolate World, Amish farmlands tour, Millennium Theater behind-the-scenes tour & Jonah, Harley Davidson Factory Tour, Snyder's of Hanover Tour, Gettysburg Visitor Center, Museum, film "A New Birth of Freedom," Cyclorama, Gettysburg Battlefield tour, Strasburg Railroad, Longwood Gardens. **\$ 699 per person, double occupancy, \$ 924 single occupancy**



Thursday, June 28 – Friday, July 6, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton Island & the Cabot Trail - Explore the



beauty of the **Canadian Maritimes** on this getaway, including the **Bay of Fundy, Hopewell Rocks, Peggy's Cove, Prince Edward Island, and the scenic Cabot Trail**. We will overnight in Saint John, New Brunswick at the Chateau Saint John; stop at the **Reversing Falls** to learn about this phenomenon and **travel along the shores of the Bay of Fundy to Hopewell Rocks**, where we will enjoy an included **lunch** and see the flowerpot rocks that were carved by the glacier and shaped by the highest tides in the world. We will travel over the longest bridge in the world, **the Confederation Bridge to Prince Edward Island**, where we will stop at the **Welcome Center** for a bit of shopping before heading to Charlottetown. We'll take a **tour of the COWS Creamery**, where we will watch them

make their award-winning ice cream and cheeses and see them print their whimsical t-shirts. We will overnight for two nights in Charlottetown at the Holiday Inn Express, and meet our local guide to enjoy a **tour of Prince Edward Island** and learn about the history and people of the island. We'll **tour Cavendish and Charlottetown**, and stop at the **House of Green Gables**. Our National Park Ranger will give us a **guided tour through Prince Edward Island National Park**, on the northernmost shore of PEI, to see the red sands and learn about the ecosystem. We'll take the **ferry across the Northumberland Strait** to Nova Scotia, and then cross the Canso Causeway to **Cape Breton Island**, where we'll overnight for two nights at the Silver Dart Lodge in Baddeck. We'll stop at the **Alexander Graham Bell National Historic Site**, a unique exhibit complex where models, replicas, photo displays, artifacts and films describe the fascinating life and work of Alexander Graham Bell. We'll take a **full-day motor coach tour on the Cabot Trail** with our local guide, one of the most scenic ocean drives in the world, stopping along the way to enjoy the views – this is sure to be one of **the highlights of your trip!** Then, it's on to Halifax, where we will overnight for two nights at the beautiful, centrally-located Lord Nelson Hotel. You'll have free time by the waterfront for lunch & shopping before we take our **guided behind-the-scenes tour of the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo** at the Halifax Metro Centre. Over 2,000 performers from around the globe take part in this world-renowned entertainment extravaganza each July. A blend of military and civilian talents like no other - there's bagpipes, highland dancers, la culture de l'acadie, military traditions, innovative acrobatic acts, dancing, and trampoline routines – a fast-paced show like no other, where the acts change every 3-6 minutes and you're sure to leave with a smile on



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your face! We'll take a **Halifax city tour**, where you will learn about the Halifax disaster, the sinking of the Titanic, the history of the Acadians, and see the changing of the guard at the **Citadel**. Our local guide will take us down the Eastern coast of Nova Scotia, along **the lighthouse route**, past Mahone Bay and quaint fishing villages to **Lunenburg**, where we will stop for lunch (on your own) before heading to **scenic Peggy's Cove** to experience this scenic fishing village and see **Peggy's Point Lighthouse**. We'll leave Halifax and **travel along the Bay of Fundy**, which records the world's highest tides, creating tidal bores, lush gardens and the beautiful scenery in the **Annapolis Valley**. We will learn about the deportation of the Acadians at **Grand Pre National Historic Site**, and then enjoy an included **lunch in Digby**, world famous for its Digby scallops (and they are the best!). We'll take the **Cat ferry across Fundy Bay to Saint John**, where we will overnight again before returning to the Cape. **Package Includes:** Two nights in Saint John, NB; two nights in Charlottetown, PEI; two nights on Cape Breton Island, two nights in Halifax, Nova Scotia; 2 expanded continental breakfasts; six full breakfasts; five dinners; two lunches; Hopewell Rocks; Green Gables House; Park fees at Cabot Trail, PEI National Park; Grand Pre Historic Site; Fundy Trail; Alexander Bell Historic Site; tours of Prince Edward Island, Cape Breton & the Cabot Trail, Halifax, Mahone Bay, Peggys Cove, and Lunenburg; ferry from PEI to Nova Scotia, CAT ferry from Digby to Saint John; driver and guide gratuities. **\$ 1,625 per person, double occupancy, \$ 2183 single occupancy** **Please Note: **THIS TRIP REQUIRES A CURRENT PASSPORT OR PASSCARD**

Sunday, July 8 – Monday, July 9, Boston Pops at Tanglewood with Bernadette Peters – Join us at Tanglewood for the **matinee**



performance of the Boston Pops with Bernadette Peters. Broadway superstar Bernadette Peters has dazzled audiences with performances on stage and screen. With **Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops**, she returns to Tanglewood with her singular style, presenting selections such as *Let Me Entertain You*, *Fever*, and *Some Enchanted Evening*. You'll have **free time before the show to explore Tanglewood** and enjoy lunch (on your own). After the show, we'll head to **Jiminy Peak**, where we will overnight. A delicious dinner and **breakfast** the following morning at **John Harvard's** are included. We'll visit the **Norman Rockwell Museum**,

which houses the most significant public collection of Norman Rockwell's work in the world. This collection includes such well-known paintings as *The Problem We All Live With*, *Christmas Homecoming*, *The Art Critic*, and *Girl Reading the Post*. Your admission also includes entrance to **Norman Rockwell's Stockbridge studio**, which is on the museum grounds, and its contents include the artist's materials and equipment; his personal art library of approximately 500 volumes; furnishings; decorative objects; ethnographic objects collected on his travels; mementos; hundreds of prints; and artwork sent by fans and admirers. Enjoy **free time in downtown Stockbridge** for shopping and lunch, then we'll step back in time as a lively **Village guide in traditional Shaker garb** escorts us on a **walking tour of Hancock Shaker Village** that highlights three of the most dramatic and significant of their historic buildings: the Brick Dwelling, the renowned Round Stone Barn, and the Laundry/Machine Shop. You'll learn about the Shaker's way of life in each of the buildings and gain insight into their traditions of community, farming, innovation and technology. **Package Includes:** One night accommodation at Jiminy Peak, dinner, full breakfast, Tanglewood shed seats, Norman Rockwell Museum, Shaker Village.



\$ 329 per person, double occupancy, \$ 384 single occupancy

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