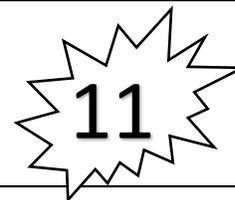


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Hello, Friends!

Another month has arrived and we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring, warmer days and the ability to travel once again. I am happy to say that the planning of new trips has begun! There are several new day trips in this newsletter. Check them out and see if you find anything interesting!

I am still working on confirming several other trips, so there will be more coming in next month's newsletter. We have also had some trips move due to reasons beyond our control. I am also looking for input on some of the bigger trip ideas we've had suggested. Check out the page of suggestions in this newsletter.

We are anxiously awaiting the opening of the Canadian border... as there are several trips that depend on our need to cross the border.

I'd like to thank all those volunteers who have come in to help with the newsletter each month. Your efforts are appreciated! It is a big project.

As more people are able to get the vaccines, I am finding that the interest in travel is once again rising to a higher level. While we will likely be wearing masks for a while, it will be good to get on a bus and go somewhere different!

I will be attending a Travel Conference at the beginning of March and Katrina and I will be attending another one in April. So many places are hoping for us to bring groups to their destinations. This really helps me to keep aware of what is happening around the state, the country and the world. We are looking for new, exciting ideas and hope to add some new travel adventures to our schedule.

It does look like a few of the bigger trips for this year may be cancelled and most likely be rescheduled for 2022. We are checking almost daily on the status of these destinations. Our goal is to travel, but to do it as safely as possible. Every trip has an element of risk and we travel anyway... we have experienced an earthquake, a volcano, floods, plane delays, disabled busses, extreme heat and bitter cold. It becomes a part of the journey and something to talk about in later years. It takes flexibility to be an experienced traveler.

Thanks to all who have traveled with me over the years. Thanks for bringing your friends and families to experience the adventure of travel. It has amazed me that throughout this last year, during a pandemic, we have consistently added 10 to 15 people a month to the mailing list! This is a direct result of all of you...! I certainly haven't been able to offer anything much during the past year.

Thanks to all!

Ann

Thought for the Month:

" The promise of spring's arrival is enough to get anyone through the bitter winter." - Jen Selinsky

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 October 1st, 2021. 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 right of your picture. The newer ones also have a star in the upper right hand corner.

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.

Please check your driver's license and your passport for their expiration dates.

Regarding Passports...

New Passports are available at the Clio Post Office by appointment. Call 810-686-0810 to schedule your appointment. You need your birth certificate with a raised seal to apply for one. They are good for ten years. The post office can take your picture or you can get a passport photo taken at another location such as Walgreen's or Rite Aid. If you live in another city, check your local post office for their passport hours. They may vary at each post office.

To renew a passport, you do not need an appointment. You can pick up a form and instructions and mail the completed form.

In an effort to help facilitate the process, the Post Office has given me the applications for new passports and the forms for renewing a passport along with instructions. You can get them at my office as well as the post office.

Please Note: Due to Covid-19, it is taking longer to process passports. If you are needing to renew your passport it may be helpful to do it in advance and not wait until just before a trip!

Become a STAR!

I offer a special program for frequent travelers.

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

Driver Tips

For all day trips, the driver tip is included in the cost of the trip. On overnight trips, we do pass an envelope for the driver.

Monday Morning Memories

Since we are still limited in the area of travel and folks seem to be missing the adventure, I am offering an opportunity to travel back in our historical archives and enjoy the adventures of the past. I will select a poem from a past trip and read it each Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. You can enjoy listening by going to Ann's Adventures page on Facebook. I will live stream at 9:00 a.m. If you are not available at that time, you can always listen to it later.

Travel Club Networking Meeting

Thanks for all your new ideas for future day trips! We discussed some destinations and several people also contacted me with ideas after the meeting. It looks like live theatre will be returning by fall at many of the big theatres around Michigan. The Tigers are planning to open gradually in the spring and then add more people to the stadium as the summer progresses. We will be offering some day trips starting in the spring and there was a lot of interest in potential mystery trips. We will see what we can do about adding the Jackson Prison Tour and Charity Island back into the schedule for this summer. We had a few suggestions of somewhere warm next February and they included Panama Canal, Costa Rica, Alabama – the Gulf Coast area, or a return to San Antonio, Texas. If you have a preference, please let me know.

The Easter Mystery Trip that was supposed to happen last year will be offered next year in 2022. I am still excited about that trip and want to see it happen.

The next Travel Club Networking Meeting will be held in June. Watch for details! The meeting will be held at the office! All are welcome and should bring their mask. This is also a great chance to meet a potential room mate for an upcoming trip. If you would like, I can introduce you to others who may also be looking to share a room on a trip. It sure makes the trip more affordable!

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.

Snowbirds... Please take note!

The post office does not forward bulk mail. If you want to receive the newsletter and are heading south for any length of time, please let me know. You have a couple of options. You can receive the newsletter via email – then you can get it wherever you are. You can call and give me a winter address and let me know how long you will be gone. Or you can have the newsletter stopped. You can call and resume it in the spring. Newsletters are returned to me as undeliverable if you have your mail forwarded. This is costly. Last year it cost over \$80.00 to pay for all the returned newsletters. Fifty-five cents a piece does add up. When a newsletter is returned, we remove the person from the mailing list until we hear from them. This saves not only postage, but paper and printing costs. We just ask that you let us know. Thanks for your help!

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 or other special events.

Medical Forms

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

Money Matters

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

Do I need to send a deposit?

A deposit assures your seat on a trip. When you call to put your name on a trip list, that lets me know how many people are interested. Your deposit (or full payment) assures you of a seat. Sometimes there are more names on the interest list than there are actual seats available. When the maximum number of seats with money deposited are full, the rest becomes the wait list. The bottom line is... if you really want to go, you should put down a deposit. For day trips, a \$20.00 deposit will hold your seat. For extended trips, the deposit amount is listed at the top of the article. **The remaining balance for all trips is due 1 month prior to the trip unless specifically noted.**

Can I get a Refund?

Refunds will be given only if there is a wait list and I am able to fill your place prior to departure. Partial refunds may be given if I am able to recover the costs of prepaid tickets, meals, etc. Cancellations and no-shows on the day of the trip will not be entitled to a refund. **Refund checks are issued after the trip is completed.**

What is cancellation protection?

Cancellation Protection is a specified amount of money **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.

Dietary Restrictions:

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

Shirts For Sale!

The grey t-shirt says "Not all who wander are lost" and is on a section of a Michigan map surrounding Clio. The cost for the grey t-shirt is \$12.00 for S, M, L & XL. The cost for 2XL is \$13.00.

There are also polo shirts (with a collar) in red or royal blue. They are monogrammed with "Ann's Adventures" and the cost is \$15.00 for the M, L & XL. The 2XL is \$16.00. Check them out next time you are in the office!

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! You'll be glad you did!

Turkeyville Special Event!

Date: Saturday, March 6th, 2021

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

Status: Sold Out!

"It Might As Well Be Spring; A Hopeful Cabaret"

Cornwell's Professional Dinner Theatre is announcing a "Unique Show" featuring a lineup of powerhouse Michigan singers as they present an uplifting and upbeat vision of the future through a mix of Broadway classics and fun cabaret favorites! This narrated concert will provide much-needed laughter and smiles as we turn the page to 2021.

The trip includes the wonderful turkey dinner we all know and love. This is a one-time event and we've been invited to come and check it out! Call to reserve your seat!

Ark Encounter & Creation Museum

Date: Fri – Sat, March 26 - 27, 2021

Cost: \$248.00 per person (double occupancy)

Deposit: \$75.00 per person

Balance due: Now!

Cancellation Protection: \$40.00 per person due w/ deposit

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

Status: A few seats may be available!

The trip includes a self-guided tour of the Creation Museum which brings the pages of the Bible to life; a visit to the Ark Encounter which allows you to go at your own pace through the life-sized reconstruction of Noah's Ark; 1 night stay at the Hampton Inn, 1 breakfast and 1 luncheon buffet; and the motorcoach transportation.

Single \$322.00; Triple \$244.00

Itineraries & info will be mailed the second week of March

Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale # 1 and # 2

The Annual April event has been cancelled for 2021! This event will be held in 2022. I will refund your payment or you can have it held until 2022. Let me know your choice.

Meijer Gardens – Butterfly Exhibit

New!

Date: Thursday, April 15, 2021

Cost: \$68.00 per person

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

This trip will get us in the mood for spring. We will visit Meijer Gardens and the special Butterfly Exhibit. The trip will include a luncheon voucher in the cafeteria, a tram ride through the grounds (weather permitting) time to explore the conservatory and the grounds and the motorcoach transportation. We should return to Clio around 5:00 p.m. Dress for the weather. Brightly colored shirts or sweaters attract the butterflies if you want them to land on you! Bring a camera if you want to capture the beauty of these unique butterflies. There will be some time for the gift shop as well.

Horrocks Farm Market

New!

Date: Tuesday, April 20, 2021

Cost: \$35.00 per person

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

We are offering an opportunity to go shopping at this amazing Farm Market in Lansing.

We will have time for shopping for fruits, vegetables, meats and cheeses and more! There is a deli where you can purchase lunch. Wine tasting and beer tasting is also available. Where else can you enjoy a glass while shopping? Bring a cooler if you want to bring home items that would be better off being kept cool. There is a new coffee shop area with tables and chairs.

They also have items for your gardens and yards! There is lots of room under the bus! We will depart about 1:30 to head back to Clio. This is a great opportunity to get items for the spring season.

Shades of Ireland

Dates: April 22 - May 1, 2021

Status: Hold your final payments for now... this trip has a high probability of being cancelled. We are waiting for a decision from the sponsoring tour company.

If it is cancelled, I am considering offering it again in 2022 or 2023. The dates for 2022 are within one week of our return from the Rhine River Trip. There are several travelers that are signed up for both trips. Please let me know your thoughts.

This trip includes 10 days exploring Ireland and is offered with Collette Vacations. It will include 13 meals: 8 breakfasts & 5 dinners. This trip will also include your insurance (329.00 value), round trip air, taxes and fees and hotel transfers. **A passport is required for this trip!**

*** Please hold your final payments until a decision is made about this trip.**

Ikea – Fall Shopping

New!

Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Cost: \$35.00 per person

Departure: 9:00 a.m. @ Clio K-mart

If you've heard about IKEA, but have never been there or you would like to go again, now is your chance! This shopping experience is not like any other store. They have everything for the home... (no clothes!) There are small items as well as big furniture items. We will have the entire luggage bays to bring home any great bargains you might find! The restaurant on the premises is open with limited seating and the bistro is available for takeout for a break or for lunch. Please wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring your blue Ikea bag and your orange "family" membership card if you've been before. You are welcome to bring a cooler if there are frozen food items you'd like to purchase from the grocery section.

A reminder that Ikea accepts credit cards, debit cards and cash. No personal checks are accepted. We should return about 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Beautiful – the Carol King Musical

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021

Cost: \$110.00 per person

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

Status: Over ½ full!

This Broadway musical, Beautiful, tells the story of Carole King, superstar. Her music would become the soundtrack to a generation. She fought her way into the record business as a teenager and, by the time she reached her twenties, had the husband of her dreams and a flourishing career writing hits for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll. It wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her true voice. BEAUTIFUL tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom. This trip includes main floor tickets for the 8:00 p.m. show at the Fisher Theatre and motorcoach transportation. We'll make a supper stop (on your own) on the way to Detroit.

French Lick Resort – Spring Excursion

Date: May 10 – 14, 2021; Mon - Fri

Cost: \$1299.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$100.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$80.00 per person due w/ deposit
Status: Seats available!

This trip includes 4 nights at this historical hotel, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners, a step on guide history tour, a Historic Landmarks Walking Tour of French Lick Hotel, an Elephant Encounter, French Lick Scenic Railway, Leisure time at Resort, Gasthof Amish Village, Monastery Immaculate Conception, Historical Walking Tour of West Baden Springs, and Patoka Lake Wildlife Cruise. This resort is located in the southwest part of Indiana and should be full of spring flowers blooming everywhere!

Shipshewana in the Spring!

Date: Mon – Tues; May 17 – 18, 2021

Cost: \$260.00 per person, double occupancy

Deposit: \$75.00 per person

Cancellation protection: \$40.00 per person due w/ deposit

Final Payment due: April 1st, 2021

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

Status: Over ½ full!

This trip includes 1 night lodging at Farmstead Inn, 1 dinner, 1 breakfast, the show ticket, and visits to the flea market or the shops in town, a bakery, a cheese shop and the bulk food store. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a hat, and dress for the weather. Many people like to bring a cooler in case they buy items at the bulk food store that need to be refrigerated. We will see a brand new show...

"After one too many burnt batches of bread, two too many crooked quilts and a few more gardening glitches than a person can handle, Rachel Miller decides to step out of her comfort zone on the farm and see how 'the other half' lives. After all, she's seen the Telemundo soap opera actresses on the TV at Walmart. How hard can this acting thing be?!?!? But after trading in the "Amish apple dumpling" for the "Big Apple", Rachel finds out the grass isn't always greener on the other side. In fact, there may not be any grass at all! You'll laugh a lot and may even cry a little as you follow the Amish girl, a fading Broadway star, and a handsome stranger in their quest to find the best of themselves. Love, laughter, and the lights of Broadway brighten the stage in The Best of Me! ... A new musical comedy - the newest show to join the decade of hits produced by Blue Gate Musicals."

Single: \$315.00 Triple: \$240.00 per person

Right Bed, Wrong Husband – Turkeyville New!

Date: Wednesday, June 2, 2021

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

A fast-paced, side splitting farce that you can take to the bank! Ted is a young, penniless bachelor whose uncle holds the strings to his trust fund. In order to increase his meager allowance, Ted hatches a plan to convince his uncle he has gotten married. When his uncle shows up unexpectedly Ted has to work double time to convince his uncle that his best friend's wife is, in fact, his own. Things might have gone smoothly, until Ted's actual fiancée arrives, as does the maid, along with the neighborhood drunk who likes to sack in with Ted. Filled with slamming doors, mistaken identities and all the naughty antics you can cram into the show.

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, and the show. We should return between 6:00 and 6:30 depending on traffic.

Lion King Updated Info!

The Stranahan Theatre has notified me that this amazing show will be moved to the end of September. If you can go on the new date, great! If you cannot, please let me know you need a refund.

Date: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 (waiting confirmation)

Cost: \$135.00 per person

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

Status: A few seats may be available!

"Embark on an extraordinary coming-of-age adventure as Simba, a lion cub who cannot wait to be king, searches for his destiny in the great "Circle of Life." You will be thrilled by the breathtaking animation, unforgettable Academy Award®-winning music (1994: Best Original Score; Best Original Song, "Can You Feel The Love Tonight") and timeless story."

Join me for this phenomenal adaptation of Disney's animated "Lion King" to the Broadway musical stage! We have seats on the loge for the 7:30 p.m. performance at the Stranahan Theatre in Toledo. We will include a dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse before the show.

Lancaster – Queen Esther

Dates: Mon – Thurs; July 12 – July 15, 2021

Cost: \$570.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$100.00 per person

Final Payment Due: May 26, 2021.

Cancellation Protection: \$60.00 per person due w/ deposit.

Status: A few seats may be available!

This year's trip will include the production of Queen Esther at the Sight and Sound Theater. We will also visit the Chalk Artist; visit Turkeyhill and make your own flavor of ice cream; and attend the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre which will be featuring "Beauty and the Beast!"

Esther is described in the Book of Esther as a Jewish queen of the Persian King Ahasuerus. In the narrative, Ahasuerus seeks a new wife after his queen, Vashti, refuses to obey him, and Esther is chosen for her beauty. The king's chief advisor, Haman, is offended by Esther's cousin and guardian, Mordecai, and gets permission from the king to have all the Jews in the kingdom killed. Esther foils the plan and wins permission from the king for the Jews to kill their enemies, and they do so.

The cost includes 3 nights lodging, motorcoach transportation, 2 dinners, 3 breakfasts, 2 shows, the Chalk Artist, and more!

Single price: \$735.00 Triple price: \$515.00 per person

Authentic Alaska ...

Date: June 7 - 22, 2021

Updated info! I am keeping an eye on the status of the Canadian border in order to determine the success of our trip to Alaska in June. Norwegian Cruises are under a no sail status through the end of May. This makes it a challenge to know what to plan. Based on many of your calls, it sounds like many prefer to wait until June of 2022 and be able to do the entire trip – land and sea! I know everyone will have varying opinions, but I'm willing to listen and take into account your thoughts on this trip.

Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park

Date: July 19 – 26, 2021

Cost: \$3899.00 per person, double occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Cancellation Protection is included (\$150.00 value)

Final payment will be due June 9, 2021

Status: Over half full.

This trip will include round trip, non-stop air from Windsor to Calgary. Since this trip involves crossing the Canadian border, we are currently waiting on the status of the border reopening to international travelers. We will keep you posted as we hear any updates.

Detailed flyers are now available!

Single occupancy: \$5139.00

Triple occupancy: \$3649.00

Godspell – Turkeyville**New!**

Date: Thursday, July 29, 2021

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

A ragtag group of misfits help Jesus Christ tell different parables by using a wide variety of games, storytelling techniques and hefty doses of comic timing. An eclectic blend of songs, ranging in style from pop to vaudeville, is employed as the story of Jesus' life dances across the stage. Dissolving hauntingly into the Last Supper and the Crucifixion, Jesus' messages of kindness, tolerance and love come vibrantly to life.

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, and the show. We should return between 6:00 and 6:30 depending on traffic.

New York City

Date: Sun-Sat; August 1 – 7, 2021

Cost: \$1750.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Final payment will be due June 1st, 2021

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

Status: Almost half full

This exciting trip will provide an opportunity to visit New York City and includes 6 nights lodging and two breakfasts. We will stay 4 nights at 52nd Street and Broadway in New York City at the Novotel! We will have easy access to many attractions and theatres. The trip includes visits to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, an all-day guided sightseeing tour, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the Flight 93 Memorial and more! There will be an optional opportunity for the World Yacht Dinner Cruise and a couple of Broadway Shows. Many meals are "on your own" because it is more cost effective to offer this trip that way. There are many restaurants and deli's within walking distance of our hotel. Single Occupancy: \$2500.00 Triple Occupancy: \$1600.00

Branson Fall Extravaganza!

Dates: Tues – Mon; September 14 – 20, 2021

Cost: \$990.00 per person, double occupancy

Deposit: \$100.00 per person

Cancellation Protection: \$80.00 per person due w/ deposit

Balance due: August 15th, 2021

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

Status: Seats available!

Join me for this all new fall trip to Branson! New shows! Warmer weather! Fall Color! We will travel to the Ozark Mountains and enjoy some fall color as we enjoy shows from the area as well as shopping in Historic Downtown Branson, visiting the College of the Ozarks, and enjoying some great food!

This trip will be seven days, six nights, and include the motorcoach, 6 dinners, 6 breakfasts, 6 nights lodging, and 9 shows including The Duttons; Doug Gabriel; Clay Cooper's Country Express; Hughes Brothers; Tribute to John Denver; Irish Tenors & Celtic Ladies; The Presley's; Johnson Family Strings; and CJ's Classic Country and Comedy. We will visit the historic downtown as well as the College of the Ozarks.

Branson is a delightful place to visit as the entire area seems to focus on God, family and country! It is an upbeat community which has a variety of musical styles to share! If you've never been, this is a great opportunity to go! If you've been at Christmastime, this is a great way to see the area in the fall!

Single occupancy: \$1250.00 per person

Triple occupancy: \$920.00 per person

Ring of Fire – Johnny Cash – Turkeyville #1 New!

Date: Wednesday, September 29, 2021

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

From the songbook of Johnny Cash comes this unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and the healing power of home and family. More than two dozen classic hits – including "I Walk the Line," "A Boy Named Sue," "Folsom Prison Blues," and the title tune - paint a musical portrait of the Man In Black that promises to be a foot-stompin', crowd pleasin' salute to a unique musical legend! Though he is never impersonated, Johnny Cash's remarkable life story is told through his music, delivering a concert that will both move and exhilarate!

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, and the show. We should return between 6:00 and 6:30 depending on traffic.

Ring of Fire – Johnny Cash – Turkeyville #2 New!

Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

From the songbook of Johnny Cash comes this unique musical about love and faith, struggle and success, rowdiness and redemption, and the healing power of home and family. More than two dozen classic hits – including "I Walk the Line," "A Boy Named Sue," "Folsom Prison Blues," and the title tune - paint a musical portrait of the Man In Black that promises to be a foot-stompin', crowd pleasin' salute to a unique musical legend! Though he is never impersonated, Johnny Cash's remarkable life story is told through his music, delivering a concert that will both move and exhilarate!

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, and the show. We should return between 6:00 and 6:30 depending on traffic.

Vermont & New Hampshire – Fall Colors

Dates: Fri - Sat, October 1 – 9, 2021

Cost: \$2549.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$200.00 per person

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

Balance due: August 1st, 2021

Status: 10 – 15 seats available!

This 9 day trip will show you the splendor of fall colors in Vermont and New Hampshire as well as upstate New York. In Vermont we will visit Hildene, the Green Mountain Rail, 2 nights at White River Junction, Quechee Gorge, Cold Hollow Cider Mill, tour the Von Trapp Family Lodge, visit Ben & Jerry's, Chutter's Candy Counter (world's largest), and Cannon Mountain Aerial Tram. In New Hampshire we will spend 3 nights at Indian Head Resort, and visit Winnepesaukee Rail, Mt Washington Cruise, the Cog Rail up Mt Washington, and visit North Conway. We will visit the Finger Lakes Region, Sonnenberg Gardens, and more!

Fall color in New Hampshire and Vermont is outstanding! The Finger Lakes region of upstate New York is also incredibly beautiful! Pictures of the area are great, however being there can easily take your breath away!

The cost includes 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners, all lodging, the motorcoach and scheduled events. We will be traveling through Canada to save miles and time!

***A passport or Enhanced Driver's license is required for this trip!** We will be traveling through Canada.

Single price: \$3,449.00 Triple price: \$2349.00 pp

Detailed trip flyers are available!

Utah – Mighty 5 National Parks

Date: Sat - Sat, October 16 – 23, 2021

Cost: \$3299.00 per person double Occupancy

Deposit: \$250.00 per person

Cancellation Protection Included

Final Payment Due: July 15, 2021

Status: Sold out! Wait List started!

***** You must have a TSA approved ID for this trip!**

Please remember I need your name as it is on your TSA approved Identification and your birthdate. The name must match the airline ticket and I want to give them the correct information.

We will visit all five National Parks in Utah: Zion, Bryce, Capital Reef, Canyonlands, and Arches as well as many other special sights and the landscape is incredible. We will fly in and out of Salt Lake City and also tour that city! A stay at Red Cliffs Lodge in Moab is a true delight! This trip will include 7 breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 5 Dinners, airflight, luggage handling, transportation to and from the airports, the motorcoach around Utah and more! Detailed flyers are available! Single: \$4199.00 Triple: \$3099.00

Mackinac Island & Grand Hotel

Date: October 25 – 28, 2021 Monday – Thursday

Cost: \$850.00 per person double occupancy

Deposit: \$200.00 per person

Final Balance due: August 20, 2021

Cancellation Protection: \$60.00 per person due w/ deposit

Status: 12 seats available

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 and 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 month. This trip offered in cooperation with MRPA (Michigan Recreation and Parks Association). Single price: \$1095.00

Mighty Mississippi River Cruise #1 Memphis to New Orleans

Dates: Saturday – Wednesday; Nov 6 – Nov 17, 2021
Cost: Per Person for double occupancy is dependent upon the room you choose on the ship. Those who moved their money from their 2021 reservation will receive a \$600.00 credit from the cruiseline. Detailed flyers are available and have been sent to those who opted to move their deposits to 2021. Please let me know which room type you are interested in having and if the new dates will work for you! Since several people opted to receive a refund, there are seats available at this time.

Status: Seats available!

***** You must have a TSA approved ID for this trip!**

This trip includes: transportation by bus to and from the Amtrak Station in Chicago, The Amtrak coach seat from Chicago to Memphis and New Orleans to Chicago, the Mississippi River Cruise on the American Queen, 1 night in Memphis, 1 night in New Orleans, shuttles to and from the hotels and the cruise docks, port fees, luggage handling, pre-trip departure meeting, shore excursions, gratuities, meals on board the Duchess, a visit to Graceland in Memphis, 2 breakfasts, and cancellation protection.

Mighty Mississippi River Cruise # 2

Dates: Saturday – Wednesday; Nov 20 – Dec 1, 2021
Cost: Per Person for double occupancy is dependent upon the room you choose on the ship. Those who moved their money from their 2021 reservation will receive a \$600.00 credit from the cruiseline. Detailed flyers are available and have been sent to those who opted to move their deposits to 2021. Please let me know which room type you are interested in having and if the new dates will work for you! Since several people opted to receive a refund, there are seats available at this time.

Status: Seats available!

***** You must have a TSA approved ID for this trip!**

Other than the price and date, this trip is the same as Trip # 1. We will be gone over Thanksgiving on this trip, but everything will be open for our trip.

A Detailed Packet with registration form and itinerary is available at the office for either trip # 1 or # 2. Pick one up or call to have it mailed to you.

A Capital Christmas – Washington DC

Date: December 9 – 13, 2021
Cost: \$1439.00 per person for double occupancy
Deposit: \$100.00 per person
Cancellation Protection: \$85.00 per person with deposit.
Final Payment due: October 1, 2021
Status: Seats available!

Join us for this opportunity to visit our Nations' Capitol at Christmas. This trip includes the motorcoach transportation, 4 night's lodging, an all day sightseeing tour of DC, Evening Illumination Tour including the National Tree, National Cathedral, Christmas at Mt Vernon, 3 Dinners, 4 Breakfasts, a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at Ford's Theatre, a performance of NSO Pops Concert at Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, a visit to Cambridge, Ohio for Dicken's Victorian Village to see how mannequins are made, and the Cambridge Museum of Glass.

Detailed flyers are available!

Single Occupancy: \$1889.00 per person

Triple Occupancy: \$1289.00 per person

Dashing Through the Snow – Turkeyville New!

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Cost: \$80.00 per person

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

The Tannenbaum's are trying to make it back home to Michigan in time to celebrate Christmas with their family, but when a blizzard descends on the Midwest, they are forced off the roads. With all the rooms in every hotel filled with holiday travelers, they are forced to camp out in the lobby of a small, family-owned inn. Feeling discouraged, but determined to make the best of it, the family meets their fellow stranded travelers, and finds the holiday spirit in the most unlikely of places. Featuring holiday favorites such as "Jingle Bells," "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer," "O Holy Night," and many more, this heartwarming night of song, family and laughter is the perfect way to kindle your Christmas spirit!

This trip to Turkeyville will include the turkey dinner, transportation, and the show. We should return between 6:00 and 6:30 depending on traffic.

Coping...

A video series on "Coping" will be offered at Ann's Adventures on Friday, March 12th. This four week series was offered in February. Several people had to miss one session or another due to weather, appointments or other reasons. I am offering a chance to view the missed weeks at the times below on March 12th.

This video series features one of America's most popular and entertaining speakers, Clayton Barbeau. He presents an insightful picture of the basic dynamics of the human personality. He uses humorous anecdotes shaped in life's laboratory to describe how people cope successfully with life's emotional challenges.

The four sessions will include:

9:00 a.m. [Coping with Ourselves](#);

10:30 a.m. [Coping with Others](#);

12:15 p.m. [Coping with Loss](#);

2:00 p.m. [Coping with Feelings](#).

The hour long videos will conclude with discussion facilitated by Ann Anderson. "This series is beneficial for everyone, especially when dealing with stress and emotional issues. It helps many people realize a different approach to the issues and relationships they face on a daily basis. It also opens up new thoughts for discussion."

Now Available In The Office!

Each year the Genesee County Commission On Aging prints a Senior Resource Directory for distribution to all who would like one at Senior Power Day. Since the 2020 Senior Power Day was cancelled due to Covid and many Senior Centers were closed, there are many directories still available. I have picked up a case and they are here at the office. Stop in and pick one up. They are a great resource to have!

Jewels of the Rhine River & Tulip Time

Date: April 27 – May 7, 2022

Cost: See flyer... depending on room you choose

Trip Insurance included! (\$450.00 value)

Deposit: \$850.00 per person

Free Airfare if deposit received by 3/31/21

The per person price ranges between 5,000.00 and \$7250.00 depending on the room type you select.

Status: As of this printing, there are 5 cabins available on the Riviera Deck.

Think ahead to 2022 and cruising down the Rhine River while visiting Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands! Plan now and save with early sign-up! Call for a detailed flyer. Choose the type of cabin you'd like and let's start dreaming of that vacation you've been waiting for!

This trip includes the opportunity to visit 4 countries, 23 meals, free airfare, 2 nights hotel in Lucerne, Switzerland, 7 nights in a suite or stateroom of your choice onboard the Emerald Waterways Star-Ships, complimentary regional wines, beer and soft drinks with onboard lunches and dinners, and many shore excursions with English-speaking local guides. Spring will be a great time to visit these countries.

Those who register after 3/31/21 will add \$750.00 per person for airfare.

You will need a valid passport for this trip. We will be partnering with Mayflower Tours.

Oberammergau... Passion Play New Info!

Date: August 15 – 27, 2022

Cost: \$7549.00 per person, double occupancy

Insurance is included (valued at \$500.00)

Deposit of \$1300.00 due to reserve your seat

It began all the way back in 1633. Oberammergau was suffering from the Bubonic Plague. The surviving villagers appealed for Divine intervention to save their families. They vowed that if God were to spare them, they would perform a Passion Play every ten years. They say not a single person fell victim to the Plague after that. Keeping their promise, the people of Oberammergau performed the first play in 1634 and have continued to do so throughout the centuries.

Today, many of Oberammergau's residents still take part in this powerful work of art featuring dramatic performances, beautiful music and choral accompaniment. The residents of Oberammergau will again perform The Passion Play in 2022.

This trip will visit Berlin, Hamburg, Marburg, Rothenburg and the Oberammergau Region. This newly revised trip will include a high speed train between Berlin and Hamburg. The Passion Play will be a highlight. This 13 day trip includes 11 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 6 dinners. The airfare and luggage handling are also included.

I do have someone looking for a room mate. We have limited seats available for this trip. Let us know if you are interested!

Trips At A Glance!

Might As Well Be Spring	March 6, 2021	\$80.00	Turkeyville
Ark Encounter & Creation Museum	March 26 - 27, 2021	\$248.00	Kentucky
Meijer Gardens Butterflies!	April 15, 2021	\$68.00	Grand Rapids
Horrocks Farm Market	April 20, 2021	\$35.00	Lansing
Shades of Ireland	April 22 – May 1, 2021	\$4128.00	Ireland
Ikea – Spring Shopping	May 4, 2021	\$35.00	Canton, MI
Beautiful	May 6, 2021	\$110.00	Detroit
French Lick	May 10 – 14, 2021	\$1299.00	Indiana
Shipshewana	May 17 – 18, 2021	\$260.00	Indiana
Right Bed, Wrong Husband	June 2, 2021	\$80.00	Turkeyville
Authentic Alaska	June 7 – 22, 2021	see article	Alaska
Lion King	June 29, 2021	\$135.00	Toledo
Lancaster – Queen Esther	July 12 – 15, 2021	\$570.00	Pennsylvania
Canadian Rockies	July 19 – 26, 2021	\$3899.00	Canada
Godspell	July 29, 2021	\$ 80.00	Turkeyville
New York City	August 1 – 7, 2021	\$1750.00	New York City
Branson Extravaganza	September 14 -20, 2021	\$990.00	Missouri
Ring of Fire – Johnny Cash	September 29, 2021	\$80.00	Turkeyville
New Hampshire / Vermont	October 1 – 9, 2021	\$2549.00	Vermont / New Hampshire
Ring of Fire – Johnny Cash	October 12, 2021	\$80.00	Turkeyville
Utah – Mighty 5 National Parks	October 16 -23, 2021	\$3299.00	Utah
Grand Experience	October 25 – 28, 2021	\$850.00	Mackinac Island
Mississippi River Cruise # 1	November 6 – 17, 2021	see flyer	Memphis to New Orleans
Mississippi River Cruise # 2	November 20 – Dec 1, 21	see flyer	Memphis to New Orleans
A Capital Christmas	December 9 -13, 2021	\$1439.00	Washington D.C.
Dashing Through The Snow	December 14, 2021	\$80.00	Turkeyville
Jewels of the Rhine River	April 27 – May 7, 2022	see flyer	Switzerland-France-Germany-Netherlands
Oberammergau Germany	August 15 -27, 2022	\$7549.00	Germany

Ideas? What do you think?

Considering several options for next February 2022... someplace warm? Check out these suggestions!

Gulf Shores, Alabama 9 day trip

Including Huntsville, AL; U.S Space & Rocket Center – world’s largest space museum, and learn about future of U.S Space Mission; Burritt Mansion – awesome views; Harrison Brothers Hardware – shoppers delights and glimpse into Huntsville’s past; Overnight... Cullman, AL; St Bernard Abbey Monastery & talk about “Life as a Monk”; Ave Marie Grotto – “Jerusalem in Miniature” (incredible!) To Gulf Shores – 3 nights; Free morning Dolphin Cruise; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall.....www.alabamagulfcoastmusichall.com; Tour of Fairhope Tour two Castles – Storybook Castle from HGTV and Mosher Castle; Beautiful downtown; Bellingrath Gardens – Mobile; Perdido Queen Riverboat Dinner Cruise. Tour Alligator Alley Farm; To Monroeville – Visit Old Courthouse Museum and step into setting of “To Kill a Mockingbird” – the novel praised for its sensitive treatment of a child’s awakening to racism and prejudice in America’s South; To Selma and meet Dianne Harris for guided tour and tour of Brown Chapel AME Church. Dianne was a student activist with firsthand knowledge of the area’s Civil Rights Movement; Overnight – Montgomery, AL – 2 nights; Hyundai Motors Factory Tour; Tuskegee Airmen – learn about the African American men and women who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II and the “Tuskegee Experience”; Harriett II Riverboat Dinner Cruise; Birmingham “Ground Zero” Tour of Civil Rights Movement; the Institute and Sixteenth Street Baptist Church; Last night in Nashville area

San Antonio, Texas 6 day trip

Visit the Institute of Texan Culture; Drury Plaza Hotel Riverwalk 5 nights, Go Rio Cruises – we will board our boats at the Riverwalk entrance of the hotel for a delightful ride through the well-known Riverwalk! It is beautiful at night! SAS Shoes Factory Tour – learn about this American Made Product and how the shoes are made. Visit their delightful store. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Mission Trail. We will visit the five missions including the Alamo. The Alamo is 4/10ths of a mile from our hotel and approximately a 10 minute walk. By visiting this mission last, you can spend as much time there as you like and return to the hotel whenever you choose. Explore the Riverwalk; the Visitor’s Center; free time; Gonzales, Texas – home of the “Come and Get It Cannon”; Visit the museum and the Jail; Gruene, Texas This historic town has a variety of specialty shops as well as many historic buildings to explore. It is also home to the Gruene Hall where many country legends have performed. This town is on the National Register of Historic Places. Gristmill River Restaurant. Austin, TX – visit the State Capitol; lots of free time to explore the Riverwalk. And more...

Costa Rica 9 day trip

San Jose, Costa Rica lush forests and stunning waterfalls, exotic wildlife; coffee plantation; Guanacasteland it’s sandy beaches; Monteverde Cloud Forest; butterfly garden and hummingbird gallery; Lake Arenal Cruise; a riverboat rip in a panga (a covered canoe); topiary garden and so much more... experience the culture and the food. And more...

Discover Panama 9 day trip

A land of contrasts, remote rainforests; rich history; diverse wildlife; spectacular coastlines; board dugout canoes to visit an Embera indigenous village; as “Keepers of the Rainforest” the Embera strive to preserve their heritage and share traditional techniques of home building and handicrafts; learn a traditional dance, share a meal; Panama Canal Cruise and pass through two locks; visit Miraflores Locks Visitor Center; Anton Valley – delve into history and biodiversity; visit a frog conservation center; orchids; butterflies; hike a rainforest trail and see an amazing waterfall; meet local artists, cigar rollers, whimsical masks, and wearable works of art; visit a local farm; learn about cooking at a clay oven bakery; and more...

Let me know if any of these adventures sound appealing. The suggestion with the most interest will have me making more detailed plans...

Note: While South Africa was on our schedule in February of 2020, I am holding off on that trip due to the variant Covid strains that have surfaced in Africa. Perhaps more time will let that get under control.



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