



Upcoming **EVENTS**



SEPTEMBER

DAKOTA GAMBLER & THE BLACK HILLS

September 14th-18th

\$469 Double \$639 Single
Please RSVP Immediately

This five-day trip takes us to the beautiful Black Hills where we'll spend two nights at Royal River and two nights at First Gold Casino. You'll receive \$70.00 in slot play, meal coupons at First Gold Casino, two breakfasts and two dinners at Royal River. No trip to the Black Hills is complete without a stop at Wall Drug and Mount Rushmore.



NOVEMBER

BRANSON CHRISTMAS TOUR

November 15th-20th

\$999 Double \$1299 Single
Please RSVP Immediately

Who doesn't love Branson and their fantastic shows? On this trip we'll be enjoying the following acts: Noah at Sight and Sound Theater, the Texas Tenors, Neil Mc Coy, Andy Williams Ozark Mountain Christmas Tribute, Doug Gabriel, Mickey Gilley & Johnny Lee, Clay Cooper's Country Express, Doug Gabriel Christmas Show, and the Christmas Light Tour. Also included on this tour are five breakfasts and four dinners.



2021

FEBRUARY

DESERT OASIS & SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NATIONAL PARKS

February 21st-28th



\$2,795 Double
\$3,645 Single

Las Vegas welcomes us with a trip to Hoover Dam and the Mob Museum. We'll head towards Death Valley and stop at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Death Valley National Park and the famous Zabriskie Point. The next two nights are spent in Palm Springs. We'll tour the city and hear stories about the town's most famous residents and their colorful past. While we are in Palm Springs, we'll take the Palm Springs Aerial Tram and then travel to Temecula for wine tasting. We'll end the tour in San Diego after a delightful harbor cruise and farewell dinner.

JUNE

IDAHO ADVENTURE (A LEWIS & CLARK DISCOVERY)

June 6th-12th

\$2995 Double \$3945 Single

This brand-new adventure begins at the famous Coeur d'Alene Resort where we'll spend the first two nights. You can try your luck at the silver mine in Wallace before we feast at the historic Rider Ranch with a steak cookout. We'll learn all about Lewis and Clark at the Lewis and Clark Discovery. On day four, the great Idaho outdoors awaits. Hold tight to your hat as we experience the narrated speedy Salmon River Jetboat tour. We'll journey through the Sawtooth Mountains and spend our last two nights in Sun Valley.



SIX RAILS of COLORADO

June 18th-26th

\$3119 Double

We'll experience six scenic rail excursions following historic routes of the old west: the Leadville Colorado & Southern Railroad, Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, Royal Gorge Route Railroad, the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad and the Pikes Peak Cog Railway. Our eyes will be wide open to the beauty of Rocky Mountain National Park, Mesa Verde National Park and Gunnison National Park. Along the way, we'll also tour the U.S. Air Force Academy, the Garden of Gods Park with its unique red sandstone formations.

MAJESTIC CANADIAN ROCKIES with BANFF, LAKE LOUISE & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

June 20th-26th

\$3,445 Double \$4,135 Single

We'll begin our adventure in Calgary where we'll enjoy a tasty get-acquainted dinner with our fellow travelers. In the morning we'll drive west into the majesty of the Canadian Rockies. After entering Banff National Park, visit the Lake Louise ski area and ride a ski lift for an exceptional view. Athabasca Glacier and Icefields Parkway are next on the itinerary. We'll spend a free day in Banff where there is much to explore. On day five, we'll hit the open road as we travel to Bar U Ranch. This is one of the oldest ranches in Alberta. The scenery continues as we enter Waterton Lakes National Park. Our last full day is spent in the amazing Glacier National Park. We'll board the famous "Red Jammers" for a fun ride on the "Going-to-the-Sun" highway. We'll return home from Calgary after our motor coach skirts us along the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.



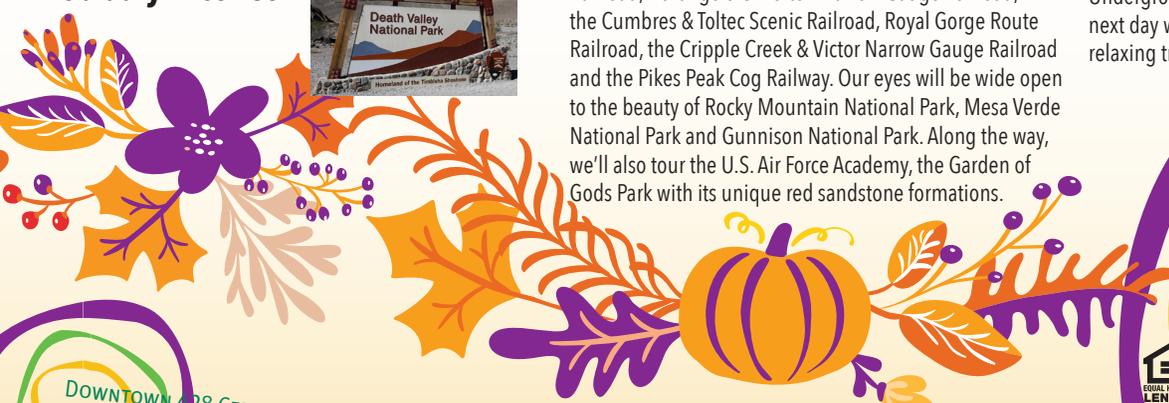
DECEMBER

MONTREAL & QUEBEC CITY CHRISTMAS MARKETS

December 2nd-7th

\$2495 Double \$3,145 Single

Upon arrival in Montreal, we'll transfer to the historic Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel. Pack a big tote bag because the shopping is off the charts! We'll begin at the Underground City and then the Christmas Market. The next day we'll board the Via Rail Canada for a scenic and relaxing train ride to Quebec City. (Otherwise known as



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TIDBITS AND TRIVIA

50 astonishing facts about our 50 states

- * Alabama is the only state whose official drink is an alcoholic beverage. That would be Conecuh Ridge Alabama Fine Whiskey.
- * Alaska is known for fishing, mining, and oil, but its latest industry is peonies and they are blossoming.
- * Arizona produces enough cotton each year to make two T-shirts for every American.
- * Arkansas is famous for its diamond trade. Arkansas is the only state where tourists can search for diamonds in their original volcanic source.
- * If California were a country, it would have the eighth-largest economy in the world beating out Italy, Russia and India.
- * Colorado was intended to be a perfect rectangle. Its surveyors wandered a bit off course. A tiny kink in the western border disqualified it from rectangle purity.
- * Connecticut was the first state to publish a phone book. This was in February 1878 and it contained just 50 names.
- * Delaware is the state with the most generous laws regarding company ownership. This has been modeled in the Cayman Islands and other offshore tax havens.
- * In Florida, the remains of an 8,000-year-old human civilization were found buried in a peat bog. The bodies were so well preserved that human brain tissue was found in a woman's skull with her DNA still intact.
- * In Atlanta, Georgia, the picturesque community of Serenbe requires each of its 200-plus homes to include a porch.
- * Hawaii is the only state covered entirely by its own time zone, Hawaii-Aleutian. They also don't observe daylight savings.
- * Boise, Idaho celebrates the New Year by dropping a 16-foot-tall steel and foam potato. Every year, thousands of "spec-taters" gather to watch.
- * In 1887, engineers in Chicago, Illinois began to reverse the flow of the Chicago River to stop pollution from contaminating the city's water supply. The reversal was complete in 1990.
- * At 8pm on March 31st, 1880, Wabash, Indiana became the first city in the world to be lit by electricity. This was done with four "Brush lights," invented by Cleveland Charles F Brush.
- * The world's largest painted ball resides in Alexandria, Iowa. The 4,000-pound baseball with a 14-foot circumference is the creation of Michael Carmichael, who began the project more than 50 years ago after dropping a ball in paint. He now adds another coat or two every year.
- * Kansas is the state that was proved to be quite literally flatter than a pancake.
- * Underground vaults at Fort Knox, Kentucky, holds the largest stockpile of gold in the country. Not many people have seen the stash and some even question whether the 27.5-pound bars truly exist. They have an estimated value of six billion.
- * In 1988, the last second home team touchdown at Louisiana State University sent the fans into such a frenzy that the victory registered as an earthquake on a local seismograph.
- * Maine is the only one syllable state in our country. Their state flower is a pinecone which isn't actually a flower.
- * Maryland is the wealthiest state in the country as measured by the median household income.
- * Massachusetts hold the title for the windiest state. Sixteen of the top 25 windiest cities are located here.
- * Michigan, the Great Lake State offers the highest recycling refund in the country. Ten cents per bottle or can,
- * Minnesota is known as the land of 10,000 lakes. Technically, we have more than 11,000. Oddly enough, our neighbors to the east, Wisconsin, has over 15,000 lakes. Alaska holds the record with more than 3 million lakes.
- * In Mississippi, hat maker John B. Stetson made his western creation at Dunn's Falls after the Civil War.
- * Thanks to St. Louis, Missouri, and snacks popularized at the 1904 World's Fair, American's can sip on Dr. Pepper, cotton candy, iced tea, waffles and frankfurters.
- * The temperature in Loma, Montana once climbed from -54 degrees to 49 degrees within 24 hours. The largest one-day hike ever recorded.
- * About 80 percent of the world's sandhill crane population alights on Nebraska's Platte River during the cranes' annual spring migration.
- * From 1951-1992, a swath of land about 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada was used for hundreds of nuclear weapons tests.
- * In New Hampshire, the state's license plates-bearing the slogan "Live Free or Die" are made by prison inmates.
- * New Jersey is known as the Garden State. However, they have more horses per square mile than any other state and the lowest divorce rate.
- * According to New Mexico state law, "idiots" are not allowed to vote. The statute doesn't give a clear definition of who fits that description.
- * Twice a year in New York, the setting sun aligns perfectly with the Manhattan street grid. This illuminates the borough's east-west streets with an orange glow.
- * The Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina, is the largest privately-owned home in the country. Four acres of floor space and 250 rooms including 35 bedrooms and 43 bathrooms.
- * In 2007, North Dakota won the title for Most People Making Snow Angels Simultaneously by the Guinness World Record. They had 8,962 people "angeling" on the Capitol's lawn.
- * Half of the presidents who died in office were from Ohio: William Harrison, James Garfield, William McKinley and Warren G. Harding.
- * Oklahoma serves up the only official state meal. Fried Okra, squash, cornbread, barbecue pork, biscuits, sausage and gravy, grits, corn, strawberries, chicken-fried steak, pecan pie and black-eyed peas.
- * Oregon claims to have the nation's fastest talkers. According to an analysis of consumer phone calls placed to businesses across the country.
- * The Liberty Bell is in Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania is misspelled on the bell. It's engraved as Pensylvania. In our Constitution, Pennsylvania is also misspelled in one area.
- * The smallest state in the country has the longest official name: State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.
- * The Angel Oak Tree located in Charleston, South Carolina, is estimated to be one of the oldest living things in the country. It produces a shadow that covers 17,000 square feet.
- * South Dakota has been rated as the least sleep deprived state in the country.
- * On a clear day, seven states are visible from Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- * The phrase, "Don't mess with Texas," originated in 1985 as the slogan for a campaign meant to combat littering. It has gone on to be a very famous line within the state and even appears on the crest of the USS Texas submarine.
- * The Cleveland-Lloyd Dinosaur Quarry in Utah holds the highest concentration of Jurassic-era remains ever found. More than 12,000 dinosaur bones (and one egg) have been excavated since the 1920s.
- * Don't visit the Haskell Free Library and Opera House in Derby Line unless you've prepared for travel. The stage is in Canada, while the fans watch from Vermont; the entrance is in the U.S. while the stacks are in lumberjack country.
- * Virginia ranks number one in patriotism among the 50 states.
- * The world's largest building by volume is Boeing's final assembly factory in Everett, Washington. This massive building spans 98.3 acres and 472 cubic feet. Seventy-five football fields could fit inside.
- * In 1776, a group of residents asked the Continental Congress to create a 14th colony called Westsylvania, including parts of West Virginia and surrounding areas. The plea was ignored and it's West Virginia.
- * Have you been to A World of Accordion's in Wisconsin? This museum houses more than 1,000 types of squeezeboxes.
- * Wyoming only has two sets of escalators in the entire state.

"Paris of North America.") Once in Quebec, we'll visit the Albert Gilles Copper Museum and Montmorency Falls. What a fun journey before Christmas. You'll come home filled with lots of holiday merriment.

OCTOBER
LANDSCAPES & LIGHTHOUSES OF COASTAL MAINE Featuring **FIVE NIGHTS IN KENNEBUNKPORT**
October 9th-15th

\$2999 Double \$3199 Single
 This fantastic fall trip begins in Boston with a city tour and Fenway Park tour. We'll then head to Portland, Maine where we'll enjoy some leisure time at the Old Port Historic District before heading to Cape Elizabeth for a visit of the Old Portland Head Lighthouse and Museum. Day four is filled with the Wedding Cake House, the Seashore Trolley Museum, Ogunquit, Perkins Cove, and the scenic Casco Bay Cruise. Our evening ends with a lobster clambake. We'll have a free day to explore on your own before we head to North Conway and the White Mountains.

2022
APRIL

TULIP TIME OF THE JEWELS OF THE RHINE

April

We were scheduled to do this trip in April of 2020. We had to cancel due to Covid19. So here we go again! I can almost smell the tulips at the Keukenhof Gardens! We begin in Lucerne, Switzerland and end in Amsterdam. In between, we'll sail to Germany and France. You may extend your stay for a few extra days in Amsterdam if you wish. This is a fantastic trip filled with leisurely cruising and accommodations, an English-speaking crew, all gratuities included, complimentary regional wine and beer, 23 meals featuring international cuisine and \$55.00 to spend on board the Emerald Waterway ship.



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Notes from Kim...

Hello my friends!

What a journey we've been on for the past 6 months. I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well, staying positive, and ready for some fun!! The travel world is welcoming us back with lots of changes to keep all of us safe and healthy. You'll find the buses looking a little different with plexiglass shields, lots of sanitizing, both on the bus and for our curious hands. The planes have greatly improved their cleaning measures, clean filtered air and lots of space in between you and your fellow passengers.

Where shall we go first???? There are so many wonderful places to experience in our beautiful USA. We've decided to focus on domestic travel for a while with an occasional venture into the north country, Canada. Heck, we're almost there already!

During this crazy time, I personally enjoyed a couple great road trips. Pack up the Jeep, throw in some snacks, a good pair of sunnies, a map and hit the open road. We are so fortunate to live in this spectacular, beautiful country. Land of the brave and home of the free! God bless the USA.