

D & S Travel Tours

2024 Travel Adventure Catalog

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Everywhere,
But It’s on My List”

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General Travel Information

Reservations: When you see a tour, you should make your reservations as soon as possible. Many tours fill up amazingly fast and we can only accommodate so many travelers for each tour. We recommend booking trips as soon as possible.

How To Make a Reservation: Call our office at 704-864-0348 or 704-813-2427. If you get our answering system, please leave a message with your name and phone number, which tour you are interested in, and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Securing Your Reservation: Mail your deposits with your name, address, phone number, which tour you are interested in and make checks payable to D&S Travel Tours and mail your payments to PO Box 2375, Gastonia, NC 28053. You can also make reservations by email at

dwitch2112@aol.com

Tour deposits are required 21 days (about 3 weeks) of making a reservation and deposit amounts vary from trip to trip. See tour information page for deposits and final payments. If a deposit is not received within 21 days (about 3 weeks), your seat will be canceled. One day tours are also to be paid for in full 21 days (about 3 weeks) after making a reservation.

Refund Policy: Our cancellation and refund policy varies from tour to tour. Please refer to the tour information page for specific refund information. **If you cancel a tour after the cutoff date, that money cannot be moved to another tour or refunded.**

All Tours Include: Transportation by late model, wide body motor coaches equipped with restrooms, reclining seats, air conditioning, and video entertainment systems. Accommodation at first class hotels, and all sightseeing tours and admissions as listed in the itinerary of each tour. Insure your tours to protect your investment.

What's Not Included:

- *Gratuities to the Motor Coach Driver are \$4 per person per day*
- *Gratuities for any step on guides are not included in the tour price*
- *Meals except for the ones listed in each tour itinerary.*

Personal expenses such as room service or valet service and any other items of a personal nature.

The use of alcoholic beverages and smoking, including electronic smoking devices, is prohibited on any of our motor coaches.

Luggage is limited to (1) large sturdy bag and one carry-on bag per person. Your large piece of luggage should weigh no more than 46 pounds. Each passenger is responsible for all carry-on luggage. When available, we provide luggage handling for one large bag stowed under the bus.

Liability: D&S Travel Tours does not assume any responsibility for the loss of damaged luggage or any personal property. We are not responsible for any items you may leave on a motor coach. We are also not responsible for any injuries, expenses, or damage incurred or claimed by a tour member.

Motor Coach Seating: Seats are not assigned and are on a first come basis. Seats are not reserved for tour members unless there is a medical issue we know about in advance. We have (4) rows of seats on each side of the bus we can reserve. The first rows on each side are for D & S Staff members only. Rows 2-4 can be reserved for travelers with medical issues only and must be reserved at sign up in advance. NO EXCEPTIONS. We do have stops for restroom breaks and WE DO NOT ROTATE SEATS at D&S Travel.

If you require assistance on a tour, you must have a travel companion with you that can assist you with all your needs. The staff of D&S Travel or the motor coach drivers are NOT allowed to assist once you are off the bus.

D&S Travel Show
Saturday, January 27, 2024
First Assembly of God Church
777 Myrtle School Road
Gastonia, North Carolina 28052

DOORS WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL 9:30 AM

The show will be held in the Family Life Center in the back parking lot of the church from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Come bring your friends and spend the day.

Sign up for the 2024 tours and receive a 2% discount on all tours when you sign up that day excluding International Tours. Discounts do not apply if you are not at the travel show.

A free lunch will be served, and we will have some good entertainment. No need to make reservations.

We will be drawing for prizes off and on all day and you must be present to win.

Please bring your own 2024 catalog to the show since the catalogs will be scarce at the show!

If you have any questions, please call Doug Ritch at 704-864-0348 or 704-813-2427. See you at the show!



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Chinese Lantern Festival

Cary, NC

Monday, November 25, 2024

\$119.00 per person

Activity Level: Moderate to Heavy

Cue the lights, the region's most stunning holiday tradition is back! Cary's Koka Booth Amphitheatre will once again welcome the North Carolina Chinese Lantern Festival when it returns this winter for the 9th straight year.

Chinese artisans are already busy crafting more than 40 all new displays, each one comprised of hundreds of parts, and thousands of lights. These larger-than-life lanterns will captivate visitors at every turn with amazing craftsmanship and artistic beauty. Cultural arts performances will take place each night on the main stage.

If you have never seen this festival, please do not miss it. It is a remarkable sight, and you will return home spellbound.

We will depart our area and head to the Raleigh area and have an included supper in the area and then on to the festival. This is a walk-through event on a paved walking area that is wheelchair and walker friendly. It takes about 90 minutes (about 1 and a half hours) to go through the entire event.

This trip includes transportation, dinner, and tickets. Payment is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after November 4, 2024.

Pick up points are as follows:

11:30 am Hickory at Big Lots parking lot

11:50 am Lincolnton at Lowes hardware in the right upper lot

12:30 pm Gastonia at Franklin Square behind Chili's Restaurant

We should return to Gastonia at 10:30 pm and then to Lincolnton and Hickory.

Motown Magic: Sounds from Motor City
At The Chapman Cultural Center
Spartanburg, SC
Saturday, January 20, 2024
3:00 pm Show
\$120.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

Calling out around the world! Are you ready for a brand-new beat? Put on your best dancing shoes and get ready for a non-stop musical trip to Motor City, in this electrifying tribute to the legends who invented the iconic Motown sound. Featuring dozens of hits by acclaimed soul artists Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight, the Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas, the Jackson 5, and many more. This live musical event will have everyone 'dancing in the street'!

Lunch is included before the show at a local restaurant.

***GET READY
FOR A GOOD TIME
AT THE THEATRE!***

Full payment is due when you sign up and no cancellations or refunds after January 1, 2024. Motor coach pick-ups will be in Hickory, Lincolnton, Gastonia, and Gaffney.

**Menopause the Musical 2:
Cruising through “The Change”
Saturday, February 3, 2024
2:00 pm Show
\$154.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy**

All aboard, sisters! We will travel to Wortham Center for the Performing Arts in Asheville, North Carolina. The hysterical sequel to the smash-hit Menopause. The musical is finally here! Five years after their chance encounter in a department store, we set sail with our beloved ladies for more high jinks on the high seas. This is a hilarious and heartfelt look at the joys of menopause and friendship-plus hot flashes, mood swings, and memory lapses! Join us on a trip of self-discovery, backed by a new soundtrack of toe-tapping parodied hits from the 70's, 80's, and 90's. For these four ladies, menopause was not the end, but the beginning of a beautiful friendship where love conquers all, and friendship never fails.

For 104 travelers who went with us to Charlotte earlier this year to see the original Menopause, and experienced the side-splitting comedy and music of this great show should not miss the next step of the show. This will not disappoint. This is going to be a popular one-day adventure.

This trip includes motor coach transportation, reserved seats at the theatre and lunch in downtown Asheville. Payment needs to be made by cash or check within 5 days after you register.

No refunds or cancellations after January 1, 2024, for any reason!

2024 D&S Travel Tour Mystery Tour
Saturday, February 10, 2024
\$139.00 per person
Activity Level: Moderate

- 1.You will leave North Carolina
- 2.You will enter a large building
- 3.You will see things like never before
- 4.You will not experience anything like this ever again
- 5.You will not experience this anywhere else on the planet
- 6.This mystery tour is great for everyone
- 7.**SIMPLY NOT TO BE MISSED**
- 8.Lunch is included so do not get left out

The payment is due when you sign up. No refunds or cancellations after January 7, 2024.

*DON'T EVEN TRY TO FIGURE
THIS OUT!!!!!!!!!!!!*
LET'S GO AND HAVE FUN

One Night in Memphis
Newton Performing Arts Center
Newton, NC
Saturday, February 17, 2024
7:30 pm Show
\$99.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

The number one Tribute to

Elvis Presley *Carl Perkins*
Jerry Lee Lewis *Johnny Cash*

If you have seen The Million Dollar Quartet, you will also love this musical tribute to the great talents. Get ready for a night of rockability, country, gospel, and pure 1950's rock and roll with "One Night in Memphis". This is a high energy concert that takes you back to December 4, 1956, the night when four of the biggest names in early rock and roll gathered for an impromptu jam session at the legendary Sun Studios in Memphis.

Each artist will perform all their greatest hits from "Blue Suede Shoes," "I Walk the Line," and "Great Balls of Fire." The cast members who have an uncanny sound, look, and feel of the original legends will be backed up by a rockability back-up band. The audience will feel as though they are witness to a rock and roll royalty jam session with the legendary performers whose music have stood the test of time.

This trip includes motor coach transportation and tickets to the show. Payment is due when you sign up and there are no refunds or cancellations after January 31, 2024.

Departure times are as follows:

6:15 pm Gastonia from Franklin Square behind Chili's Restaurant

6:45 pm Lincolnton-Lowes Hardware-upper lot in front of PetSmart

The Sunshine Tour

Key West, Florida

February 19 – 25, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

February 19 - We will board our deluxe motor coach this morning and head south to the “Sunshine State” of Florida. Later in the afternoon, we will arrive at beautiful Daytona Beach, Florida – our home for the night.

February 20 – Breakfast at the hotel is included this morning. We will continue via Fort Pierce and West Palm Beach. We will arrive in Fort Lauderdale. With more than 300 miles of navigable waterways and 23 miles of Atlantic beaches and a myriad of rivers, inlets, and man-made canals. Fort Lauderdale easily lives up to its nickname, the Venice of the America’s! The waterways provide a port to over 40,000 vessels (it is the second largest passenger cruise port in the world). This afternoon we will board the Jungle Queen for a relaxing three-hour cruise to see the port area and all the famous multi-million-dollar homes. Later this afternoon, we will continue south to stay overnight in the exciting city of Miami.

February 21 – Breakfast is included at the hotel. Today, one of our stops will be Vizcaya Museum and Gardens (70 room Italian Renaissance style villa with 10-acre classical Italian gardens) home of James Deering, who was the International Harvester industrialist in the early 20th Century. This afternoon we will depart Miami and continue south across the Florida Keys, via Key Largo and Marathon, to spectacular Key West, our home for the next two nights.

February 22 – Breakfast is included at the hotel. Now, the day we have been waiting for, an exciting one of fun sightseeing in Key West, the southern-most city in the continental United States! This morning, we will board the famous Conch Train at Mallory Square Depot. This narrated tour of the city includes over 100 sights. Our guide will tell us of the days of early Indian battles, sea captains, pirates, and developers. We will see the 19th Century Gingerbread Houses, Sloppy Joe’s Bar and much more. Following our tour, we will visit the Harry S. Truman Little White House (vacation home of the 22nd President. He spent many working vacations here between 1946 and 1952). Lunch is included

at Kelly's Caribbean Grill, one of the best and most famous restaurants in the Keys. This afternoon, we will tour Ernest Hemingway House and Gardens, where he wrote two of his most famous works, *Whom the Bell Tolls* and *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*. This evening is free to shop, have dinner, and enjoy the sunset at Mallory Pier.

February 24 – Breakfast at the hotel is included and then we will head north through the Keys to the mainland and into the Everglades National Park. We will arrive at Gator Park, take an airboat ride through the Everglades, and visit the gator display. Next, we will enjoy some lunch! Continuing across "Alligator Alley" takes us over to the west coast and on to Sarasota to stay overnight.

February 25 – We will enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel. When we think of grand performers, we automatically think of John Ringling. The famous Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus has entertained millions. We will tour the 66-acre estate that was left to the people of Florida at Ringling's death in 1936. This tour includes the 32 room Venetian Gothic Mansion, featuring a 400-pipe organ, Venetian glass windows, marble floors, hand wrought iron work tapestries and furnishings from the world. We will also tour the Art and Circus Galleries. Continuing north this afternoon, takes us into the Tampa – St. Petersburg area for a chance to visit the historic waterfront district – famous for its specialty shops and restaurants. Banana and shrimp boats unload every day, and you can see the Cuban and Spanish influence everywhere. Later this afternoon, we will travel to Gainesville for an overnight stay.

February 26 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we will bid the "Sunshine State" goodbye traveling north through the beautiful horse farm country off northern Florida and on through Georgia and South Carolina. We should arrive home this evening with lots of new friends, memories, and pictures of another great tour.

Total cost of this tour per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$1685.00	\$1485.00	\$1385.00	\$2085.00

A \$200.00 deposit is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after January 5, 2024.

The Barn Dinner Theatre
Sing Hallelujah—A Gospel Musical Tribute
Tuesday, March 19, 2024
Each tour is \$129.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

The birds are shining, the sun is singing, it is a beautiful morning at Shady Creek Baptist Church! The lights come upon the interior of Shady Creek, a simple, rustic country church...the kind we imagine, and hope may still exist somewhere in rural North Carolina. Generations have been baptized and buried here. Victoria Johnson and her sidekick Penelope Pope along with Deacon Spalding have “kept things straight” at Shady Creek until the new pastor, Reverend William Higgins, fresh out of the Louisville Baptist Seminary, finds a way to bring revival to his flock. Things are going well until the three of them find the new preacher on the “wrong” side of town! A toe tapping musical comedy that warms the heart and brings spontaneous laughter.

A Musical-The 50's Barn Hop
Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Enjoy the music of the 50's—from the birth of Rock 'n Roll, the soulful sounds of Rhythm & Blues, even a little Rockability too! The 50's had it all and so will the 50's Barn Hop! Come sing along with your favorite 50's tunes!

A Carol *IN* A Christmas
Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Join us for a day of Christmas Delight! Within a Carol-in-a-Christmas, you will discover the sincere heart of Christmas coupled with some of your favorite Christmas carols! This heart-warming, family-friendly comedy will be a fun-filled way to start your holiday season!

This tour includes transportation, lunch, and a show.

**Full payment is due when you sign up and there are no refunds or cancellations
21 days (about 3 weeks) prior to the show.**
Dinner begins at 1:00 pm for each show.

The Collingsworth Family in Concert
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Crossroads Baptist Church
Spartanburg, SC
7:00 pm show
\$99.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

Excitement, spiritual anointing, family-emphasis, and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you step across the threshold of the auditorium for an evening of Family Worship and Praise with the Collingsworth Family.

Since their first engagement together as musicians for a church camp in Petersburg, Michigan in August 1986 until now, the ministry God has given Phil and Kim has expanded and flourished until it is a full-time livelihood that involves their entire family. Their boundaries of influence have expanded until they have sung and played all over the United States (as well as internationally) into their 36th year of ministry. Their constant, persistent attention to innovative arranging, musical excellence and a proper balance of spiritual emphasis are the keys to success God has helped them tap.

We have two exciting tours to go experience the gospel concert of the year.
Our first tour will be Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm.

Our next tour is Christmas with the Collingsworth Family on Saturday, November 23, 2024, at Tri-City Baptist Church in Conover, North Carolina at 6:00 pm.

This tour includes tickets to the concert and transportation. There are no meals included. The total amount is due when you sign up and there are no refunds and no cancellations 14 days (about 2 weeks) prior to each concert.

**Hub Dinner Theatre
Hudson, North Carolina
\$112.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy**

Thursday, March 28, 2024 - “The Miracle Worker”

The Miracle Worker is another award-winning play; this show is about Helen Keller and her formative years with her teacher, Annie Sullivan. Both the Broadway play, and movie version starred Patty Duke and Anne Bancroft.

The total cost is due when you sign up and includes motor coach transportation, dinner, and the show. No refunds or cancellations after March 14, 2024.

Saturday, October 12, 2024 - “My Fair Lady”

This is the classic Lerner and Loewe musical about Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins and is sure to please with such classical musical selections as: “Get Me to The Church On Time,” “I Could Have Danced All Night,” “I’ve Grown Accustomed To Her Face,” “On The Street Where You Live,” “The Rain in Spain,” “Wouldn’t It Be Lovely.”

The total amount is due when you sign up and includes motor coach transportation, dinner, and the show. No refunds or cancellations after September 28, 2024.

**Center Stage Theatre
Greenville, SC
Saturday, March 30, 2024
Rockin' Boots-Country Hits Throughout the Ages
\$134.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy**

Center Stage's annual hit rock show has gone country. Put on your dancing boots and join us for an unforgettable evening of the top country hits of the century. A knock-out cast of singers and dancers perform your favorite classic hits by some of the biggest country stars of all time. It is a boot scootin, toe tapping, knee slapping, heck of an enjoyable time.

Total cost is due when you sign up and no cancellations after March 1, 2024.

This trip includes motorcoach transportation, dinner, and the show.

**Beautiful! The Carole King Musical
Saturday, July 27, 2024
\$134.00 per person**

The inspiring true story of Carole King's remarkable journey from teenage songwriter to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Featuring such unforgettable classics as You've Got A Friend, One Fine Day, So Far Away, Take Good Care of My Baby, Natural Woman, and so many more.

No refunds or cancellations after July 1, 2024.

The trip includes motorcoach transportation, dinner, and the show.

Departures times for these tours:

2:00 pm Hickory at Big Lots

2:25 pm Lincolnton at Lowes Hardware

3:00 pm Gastonia at Franklin Square behind Chili's Restaurant

Greenville Theatre
Greenville, South Carolina
Activity Level: Easy

Saturday, April 6, 2024 – Driving Miss Daisy

An elderly Jewish widow living in Atlanta can no longer drive. Her son insists she allow him to hire a driver, which in the 1950's meant a black man. She resists any change in her life but Hoke, the driver, is hired by her son. She refuses to allow him to drive her anywhere at first, but Hoke slowly wins her over with his native good graces. The movie is taken directly from the stage play. It covers over twenty years of the pair's life together as they slowly build a relationship that transcends their differences. If you loved the movie, you will for sure love the play.

The total is \$129.00 per person and is due when you sign up. No refunds or cancellations after March 10, 2024. This tour includes motor coach transportation, dinner, and the show.

Escape to Margaritaville
Friday, June 7, 2024

Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville is a musical comedy featuring the most-loved Jimmy Buffett classics, including "Cheeseburger in Paradise," "Margaritaville," "It's Five O'clock Somewhere," "Fins," "Volcano," and many more. This hilarious, heartwarming musical is the party you have been waiting for!

The total cost is \$139.00 per person and is due when you sign up. This tour includes motor coach transportation, dinner, and the show. No refunds or cancellations after May 10, 2024.

Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre
Broadway in the Mountains
Wytheville, Virginia
\$139.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

Thursday, April 11, 2024 – Then Sings My Soul

The Gospel show that started it all makes a comeback for the first time since its premiere. Join us in praise through song and revelation as we present moving and timeless music of the Christian faith paired with bible verses and moving stories. Certain to lift you up and fill you with the spirit.

Thursday, October 3, 2024 – Oklahoma

The groundbreaking musical that set the stage for all that followed! Set in Western Territory just after the turn of the 20th century, Rodgers & Hammerstein's exuberant classic "Oklahoma!" is a lively, tuneful musical full of cowboys, farmers, romance, and fearless optimism. Featuring classic songs such as "Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'," "I Can't Say No," and the title song "Oklahoma!"

Please notice that these tours are on a Thursday and for a matinee performance.

The total cost per person is \$139.00 per person. Full payment is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations 21 days (about 3 weeks) prior to the tour.

All tours include motor coach transportation, lunch, and the show.

The Green Room Community Theatre
Newton, North Carolina
\$99.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

Saturday, April 13, 2024 – Butterfly in Overalls – 7:30 pm Show

Meet Shock Taylor, a boofy-haired, blow-pop-loving, wanna-be-beautician who wreaks havoc on the hair of the ladies from the Sunshine Retirement Village. Her grandfather's unfortunate firecracker explosion causes Shock to lose her spark but with the help of the local funeral director and the Sunshine ladies, her protective cocoon starts to crack. Winner of the Marty Klein Comedy Award at UCLA, *Butterfly* is about loss, love, and laughter – pretty much, life.

Total is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after March 31, 2024.

Saturday, June 15, 2024 – Honky Tonk Hissy Fit – 7:30 pm Show

The town of Doublewide, Texas has grown to 17 mobile homes and a weekend farmer's market – and it has drawn unwanted attention from a mega-corporation in Austin. Meet all the outrageous citizens of the town as they unite to fight “the big guys” and save their town. With a healthy dose of hilarity and a whole lot of heart, you will be throwing fits of laughter!

The total is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after June 1, 2024.

**Gaither Vocal Band
Relentless Church
Greenville, SC
Sunday, April 21, 2024
6:00 pm concert
\$110.00 per person
Activity Level: Moderate**

The Gaither Vocal Band will be in concert with special guest Ladye Love Smith, Gene McDonald, and Kevin Williams. Hear many of the Gaither songs and experience an evening of great gospel music.

We will have a 2:30 pm departure to Greenville. We will arrive in time for the concert. There is no meal included in this tour. Please eat before you come, and we will not stop for a meal when coming home. Please bring a snack with you if you feel you will need something to snack on.

Full payment is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after March 21, 2024, for any reason.

Holland Tulip Festival - Holland, Michigan

May 6 – 11, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

May 6 – This morning we will board our motor coach and head to Holland, Michigan for the 95th Tulip Festival where millions of tulips will be in full bloom. We start the day traveling through North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia and then into Ohio. We plan to overnight north of Columbus.

May 7 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we will head to Grand Rapids where we will visit the Gerald Ford Presidential Library and Museum. This museum tells the story of Ford's life through exhibits, and you will visit a replica of the Oval Office. After our visit here, we will head to Holland, Michigan for a three-night stay. Dinner will be included tonight.

May 8 – Breakfast is included at the hotel and then we will pick up our local tour guide for a tour of this beautiful town. We will also visit the Windmill Island, and the 200-year-old Dutch Windmill, "DEZWANN" surrounded by thousands of tulips. We also will visit the Dextromp Wooden Shoe and Delft Factory which offers wooden shoes and Delft Art. We will also see a performance by a Dutch dance group. Dinner will be included tonight.

May 9 – After we enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel, we will visit Helis Dutch Village. We will visit the Big Red Light House and then in the afternoon, we will have time to visit Veldheer Tulip Farm. Dinner is included tonight, and a show will be included at one of the theaters. The shows have not been released yet.

May 10 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we board our motor coach, and we must depart from Holland, Michigan. This morning we will head to Notre Dame University for a tour of this beautiful campus. This campus was founded in 1842 and it has grown to be one of the greatest Catholic Universities in America. After our visit here, we head to Cincinnati, Ohio for the night.

May 11 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we must depart to head home. We will have a surprise stop in the area and then we should arrive home early in the evening.

Total cost per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$1289.00	\$1189.00	\$1129.00	\$1589.00

A deposit of \$100.00 is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after April 1, 2024.

Amish Village Tour
Hamptonville, North Carolina
Friday, May 17, 2024
and
Friday, October 11, 2024
\$84.00 per person
Activity Level: Moderate

There is an Amish Village in North Carolina, and we are going. Our first stop is at the Moravian Cookie Company. Try some samples and then bring some home with you. Next, arriving in Hamptonville, we will visit the Amish Store (lunch is included here) and then time to shop for all their wonderful products. We will then visit the Amish Furniture Company, the Creamery where you are treated to ice cream, and visit the Nursery to buy some beautiful flowers. This is a great one-day trip.

The total cost is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations 15 days (about 2 weeks) prior to departure.

Pickups will be in Hickory, Lincolnton, and Gastonia

Making Memories Mystery Tour
May 22 – 23, 2024
Activity Level: Moderate

What memories you will make on this 2024, two-day mystery tour.

- . You will travel outside of North Carolina*
- . You will see incredible scenery*
- . You will stay in a large hotel*
- . We will have unreal activities*
- . It will be so much fun in just two days*
- . A wonderful dinner is included, and breakfast is included the next morning.*

Total cost per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$379.00	\$369.00	\$359.00	\$479.00

A \$100.00 deposit is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after April 22, 2024.

Flat Rock Playhouse
Hendersonville, North Carolina
\$159.00 per person
Activity Level: Mild

Saturday, June 1, 2024 – Jersey Boys – 2:00 pm Show

“The Four Seasons story still hits all the high notes!” Experience the Unforgettable Music and Untold Story of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons with Jersey Boys. This Tony Award-winning musical, filled with chart-topping hits, captivating storytelling, and electrifying performances, will have audiences singing and dancing in their seats. Featuring iconic songs like “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Walk Like a Man,” and “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You,” this musical is a celebration of the timeless music that defined a generation. Don’t miss your chance to experience the magic, the music, the story of Jersey Boys.

Total is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after May 1, 2024. **Please note that Jersey Boys contains adult language. If this offends you, DO NOT make this trip.** This tour includes motor coach transportation, lunch, and the show.

Jesus Christ Superstar in Concert – Saturday, September 7, 2024
2:00 pm Show

Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber’s iconic rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar-in concert is heading to the Rock. Born of the evocative 1970 concept album, this groundbreaking production, with lyrics by Sir Tim Rice, is a rock radio play that immerses audiences in a formidable and emotional musical journey. Electrifying music, and gut-punching vocal stylings unite to help narrate the last seven days of Jesus’ life through the eyes of Judas Iscariot. In music industry parlance, it’s all killer, no filler. Expect a powerful and unforgettable experience that will resonate long after the final note is sung.

Total is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after August 7, 2024. This tour includes motor coach transportation, lunch, and the show.

Saturday, November 2, 2024 – Cats - 2:00 pm Show

An extravaganza of fantasy and theatre magic, CATS has enchanted audiences for decades with its fiercely energetic dancing, showbiz razzle-dazzle, and unforgettable lyrics drawn from T.S. Elliot's Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats. As one of the most popular Broadway blockbusters of all time and winner of seven Tony Awards, this certified classic has brought cheer to millions of theatre lovers of all ages! You and your family are sure to leave the theatre tapping your toes and 'feline' groovy!

Total is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after October 2, 2024. This tour includes motor coach transportation, lunch, and the show.

**A Flat Rock Playhouse Christmas
Thursday, December 5, 2024
2:00 pm Show**

'Tis the season to be jolly! The tradition continues with the same great holiday cheer to put you in the Christmas spirit. All new renditions of your holiday favorites will help you get those sleigh bells jinglin', and chestnuts roasting! There is truly no better way to kick off your holiday season. So, hurry on over with your family, friends, and loved ones to share in the joys and excitement of this seasonal spectacular that will have you feeling merry and bright! Ring-a-ling-a-ding-dong-ding, ya'll!

Total is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after November 5, 2024. This tour includes motor coach transportation, lunch, and the show.

Passport Required

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Niagara Falls, Canada

June 19 – 23, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

June 19 – Today you will travel through the Shenandoah Valley as we head to one of the greatest vacation spots in the world, Niagara Falls. Tonight, we will take a ride on the Duquesne Incline for a beautiful view of Pittsburg at night. We will stay overnight in the Pittsburg area.

June 20 – Breakfast will be included at the hotel and then we will travel through Pennsylvania onto Buffalo and here we will cross the International Border into Niagara Falls, Ontario. We will check into our hotel on Clifton Hill for a two-night stay. Dinner is included tonight at the Top of the Skylon Tower.

June 21 – Breakfast is included at the hotel and then we will begin our day with a guided tour of this magical place. We will have a driving tour of the Niagara School of Horticulture, the Hydro Electric Plant, and visit the famous Floral Clock. Lunch is included at Betty's Restaurant. This afternoon we will take the Journey Behind the Falls Tunnel Tour and we will board the cruise boat for the ride of a lifetime to the base of the falls. The evening will be free.

June 22 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we must leave Niagara Falls behind us and head towards Hershey, Pennsylvania to overnight.

June 23 – After we have breakfast at the hotel, we are going to visit Hershey Chocolate World. We plan to arrive home late in the evening.

Total cost per person is as follows:

Double

\$989.00

Triple

\$889.00

Quad

\$869.00

Single

\$1248.00

A \$100.00 deposit is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after May 19, 2024.

Our Nation's Capital
Washington, DC
June 27 – 30, 2024
Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

If you have never been to our nation's capital or if you have children or grandchildren who have never been, be sure this is your year to go!

This trip includes the following:

- Motor coach transportation
- Three nights first class lodging
- Three breakfast and three dinners
- Sights you will visit on this tour are the tram tour of Arlington Cemetery including Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Kennedy's grave site. Guided tour of the Capital Building, visit the Ford Theatre, and visit the Iwo Jima Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, WWII Memorial, White House, and time to spend at several museums at the Smithsonian. On day four, we visit the Home of George Washington at Mount Vernon. We will visit the 911 Memorial at the Pentagon and the United States Marine Memorial and so much more.

When we depart on day four, you will be able to say, "I have seen Washington, DC."

Total cost per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$689.00	\$669.00	\$619.00	\$889.00

A total of \$100.00 is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after May 27, 2024.

Please note: Children 12 and younger are 1/2 price when sharing a room with two (2) full paying adults.

Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore, and Dakota Badlands

Featuring: Jackson Hole and Pikes Peak

July 8 – 21, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

Have you just wondered what it was like to live in the
“WILD WEST?”

Well, pack your bags because we are getting ready to show you
Cowboy Country.

We are going to the heart and soul of the American West.

July 8 – This morning we will board our motor coach as we head out for the vacation of a lifetime. We will travel through North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, and cross into Indiana. We will stay overnight in the Indianapolis area.

July 9 – We will have an included breakfast at the hotel and our first stop is the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. We may even get to take a lap around the “Buckyard.” Today, we will continue through some beautiful farmlands of Wisconsin with an overnight stay near Tomah.

July 10 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we will cross the Mississippi River into Minnesota. Later, we will enter South Dakota and pass through Sioux Falls. When we arrive in Mitchell, we will tour the Corn Palace. This is a building that is decorated with crop art. The murals are made from corn and grains. Later today, we will arrive in Oacoma, South Dakota for an included dinner and for an overnight stay.

July 11 – We have breakfast that has been included at the hotel and then we will visit the Badlands National Park, a wonder of colorful pinnacles and spheres. On our arrival, we will stop at the Visitor Center to see the exhibits and displays. This alone is a wonder of wonders itself. After our visit here, we will go to Wall, South Dakota. This is the home of Wall Drug. We will have lunch here

and some time for shopping. Our next stop is the Crazy Horse Memorial. This is carved out of Thunderhead Mountain. This carving pays homage to the Lakota Warrior Crazy Horse. Our next stop is Mt. Rushmore National Memorial. Dinner will be included in the area, and we will return to Mount Rushmore to see the incredible light show at the Mountain. We will stay overnight in Rapid City.

July 12 – We will have an included breakfast at the hotel and then we cross into “Cowboy State” of Wyoming. Our first stop is Devils Tower National Monument. This is a large volcanic stump rising 867 feet above the ground. This afternoon, we will travel through Big Horn Mountain on our way to Cody, Wyoming. This is where the Old West Lives. Cody was founded by Buffalo “Bill” Cody in 1896. On our arrival, we will check into the Irma Hotel for a (2) night stay. Dinner is included at the hotel, and we will attend a real Western Rodeo.

July 13 – An incredible breakfast is included at the hotel. After breakfast, we will go to the Buffalo Bill Heritage Center and Museum. After our visit here, we will return to the hotel, and you will have plenty of time to explore this town. Dinner is included at the hotel and then tonight we will attend the Wild West Spectacular, the musical – live at the Historic Cody Theatre.

July 14 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we must leave this western town. This morning we will travel to Yellowstone, America’s first National Park. We will travel and make many stops including Old Faithful. Lunch will be on your own at the hotel and we can watch Old Faithful do her thing from many different stops you choose. After our visit here, we will stop at Hot Holes and other locations. After leaving from here, we will head for Jackson Hole for a (2) night stay.

July 15 – Breakfast is included at the hotel and this morning we will take a float trip on the Snake River. We take in views of the Tetons and at times see bald eagles nesting in their habitat. This afternoon, you are on your own in Jackson for some shopping, exploring, and dinner at one of the many restaurants nearby.

July 16 – We will enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel and then we leave Jackson, and we will go through the Ventre Range of the Rocky Mountains. We

will see the East Side of Bridges – Teton National Forest. Today we will travel to Rawlings, Laramie, and Cheyenne on our way to Denver, Colorado for the night.

July 17 – Breakfast is included at the hotel and then our first stop is the U. S. Air Force Academy and the Garden of the Gods. At our next stop we will board the Cog Railway Train for a ride to the top of Pikes Peak. You will be up 14,110 feet (about half the height of Mount Everest), this is one of the most famous mountains in the world. We will overnight in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

July 18 – We will enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel, and we will travel through the farmlands of Colorado and enter the wheat fields of Kansas. We will make a stop in Victoria at the beautiful Cathedral of the Plains. We will continue east and plan to stay overnight in Salina, Kansas.

July 19 – Breakfast will be included at the hotel and this morning, we will find ourselves in Independence, Missouri where we will tour the Harry S. Truman Museum. This afternoon, we will arrive in St. Louis where we visit the Gateway Arch. This is where we will take the ride of a lifetime. We will stay overnight in the area.

July 20 – We will have our included breakfast at the hotel, and then we will continue through Illinois, Kentucky, and arriving in the Nashville area for the night. Tonight, we will attend a great Western Dinner Theatre for our final evening.

July 21 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we must board our motor coach for our final day together. We should arrive home early in the evening.

Total price per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$2899.00	\$2799.00	\$2599.00	\$3699.00

A \$200.00 deposit is required when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after May 24, 2024.

Mackinac Island
August 10 – 17, 2024
Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme
“A Trip of a Lifetime”

August 10 – We will have an early departure as we head north through North Carolina, Virginia, and on into Ohio. We will make a stop in Virginia at Historic Shot Tower. We will spend the night in the Canton, Ohio area.

August 11 – Breakfast is included at the hotel and this morning we will visit the Football Hall of Fame. This is an incredible experience where football is HONORED and RESPECTED. Next, we will travel to Cleveland to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, and then to “A Christmas Story” house, where the movie will be celebrating its 40th year. Dinner is included tonight, and we will stay overnight in the area.

August 12 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we will head to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. We will check into our hotel for a two-night stay. Enjoy this beautiful town and dinner will be on your own. You can sit and watch the huge ships come through the locks and it is one of the greatest wonders of the world and the largest waterway in the world.

August 13 – Breakfast will be at the hotel and today we will board our riverboat for a cruise through the locks on our Soo Locks Boat Tours. This afternoon we will visit the Museum, The Ship Valley Camp. This is a lake freighter that served on the Great Lakes for 50 years and is now a museum. Tonight is free to have dinner and explore more of this town.

August 14 – Breakfast is included at the hotel and then we will visit White Fish Point, the oldest Lighthouse on Lake Superior. The scenery here is unreal. We will depart here and head to Mackinac Island. On arrival, we will leave our bus behind and board a boat to the Island. No cars of any kind are allowed on the Island. When we get there, we will board our horse drawn carriages and then we check into the Grand Hotel for a (2) night stay. A full dinner will be included tonight. **Formal dress is required.** Your evening will be free.

August 15 – Our breakfast is included at the hotel and then we have a carriage tour of the Island. This afternoon is free to go into town and do some great shopping. **Formal dress is required for our included dinner tonight.**

August 16 – After our included breakfast at the hotel, our bags will be picked up and we will be transported back to the mainland. This afternoon, we will arrive in Frankenmuth to visit Bonner's Christmas Wonderland. This is the largest Christmas store in the world. Today we will travel to Cincinnati for the night.

August 17 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we must board our motor coach and head for home making stops along the way. We will arrive home late in the evening.

Total price per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$2199.00	\$1929.00	\$2899.00

A \$200.00 deposit is required when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after June 17, 2024.

North Carolina Outer Banks and Lighthouses

August 20 – 23, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

If you have never been to the beautiful Outer Banks, let this be your time to go. What an experience this will be.

This trip includes the following:

- (3) Three-night first class hotel
- Breakfast will be included each morning
- Visit the Wright Brothers Memorial
- Visit the Corolla Wild Horse Adventures
- Tour Roanoke Island Festival Park and here you tour the Elizabeth II, see a historical movie, and enjoy the Indian Village
- Visit the Bodie and Cape Hatteras Lighthouse
- We will see the outdoor drama “The Lost Colony”
- (3) Dinners included at some of the best restaurants at the Outer Banks

Total price per person is as follows:

Double

\$729.00

Triple

\$699.00

Quad

\$629.00

Single

\$929.00

A \$100.00 deposit is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after July 20, 2024.

Disney's Lion King
Belk Theatre in Charlotte
Saturday, August 31, 2024

2:00 pm show

\$179.00 per person

“There is simply nothing else like it.”

Activity Level: Easy

Seen by over 105 million theatre goers and now in its 25th year on Broadway, this number 1 musical is returning to Charlotte.

Join the Circle of Life and experience the Lion King like never before. Do not miss this great theatrical experience!

The total price for this event is \$179.99 per person. You must pay \$89.50 when you sign up and the final payment is due by June 30, 2024. No refunds or cancellations after this date.

Children prices are the same regardless. No meal will be included on this tour and motor coach travel is included. You will be dropped off and picked up in front of the theatre.

DO NOT MISS THIS AMAZING SHOW!
YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT!

Ark Encounter/Creation Museum

September 12 – 14, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate

September 12 – This morning we will have an early departure headed to Kentucky. We will stop in Corbin, Kentucky for an included buffet lunch at Bubby's Restaurant. After lunch we will head to Georgetown and visit Keeneland Racetrack. We will check into our hotel for a two-night stay.

September 13 – Breakfast will be included at the hotel, and we will be off to The Old Friends Horse Farm. This is a retirement home for thoroughbred racehorses. We will have a guided tour of this farm and learn how it operates. After our visit here, we will stop for lunch (not included) and then we will head to the Ark Encounter. If you have never been here, you will not believe your eyes as you tour this incredible structure. The Bible is brought to life before your eyes. Dinner is included tonight at the Ark in the Emzara's Restaurant. After dinner we will return to the hotel.

September 14 – We will have an included breakfast at the hotel and then we will head to the Creation Museum. Here the Bible comes to life, and you get to experience the creation according to God's Word. We will have lunch here (on your own) and then board our motorcoach for our return trip home. We will arrive home late in the evening.

Total cost of this trip per person is as follows:

Double	Triple	Quad	Single
\$479.00	\$469.00	\$459.00	\$589.00

A \$100.00 deposit is required when you sign up and the final payment is due August 10, 2024. No refunds or cancellations after this date. Pickups will be in Hickory, Lincolnton, and Gastonia.

Love Me Tender Tour

Celebrating the Life of Elvis Pressley

September 18 – 22, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

September 18 – We will have an early departure headed South. We will stop in Atlanta for an included lunch at Mary Mac's Tea Room. We arrive in Tupelo, Mississippi, the birthplace of Elvis late in the evening and check into our hotel.

September 19 – Breakfast is included at the hotel and then we begin our day at the Visitors Center and meet our tour guide. We will visit the Elvis Birthplace and Museum, Tupelo Hardware where his mother Gladys bought him his first guitar, the Elvis Statue, the school he attended, and the Assembly of God Building where he worshipped as a kid, the Elvis Wall, and the Fountain of Life. Lunch is on your own in downtown Tupelo. This afternoon, we will travel to Memphis and check into our beautiful Guest House Hotel at Graceland for a (2) night stay. Dinner will be included in one of the beautiful ballrooms.

September 20 – Breakfast at the hotel is included and then this morning we will visit Graceland. You will tour the Mansion, visit the museums and entertainment complex, tour his personal planes and so much more. Lunch will be on your own in one of the restaurants. This afternoon, we will meet our step on tour guide for a fun tour of Memphis. We will learn the history of Memphis plus visit Sun Studios and the famous Peabody Hotel. Dinner is included tonight at one of the famous restaurants on Beale Street.

September 21 – Breakfast will be included at the hotel and then we will board our motor coach for Nashville. On arrival, we will check into the Opryland Resort Hotel. Dinner is on your own tonight at the hotel and then we will head to the Grand Old Opry for the Saturday night show.

September 22 – Breakfast is on your own at the hotel and we must check out and board our motor coach for our journey home. We will make some sightseeing stops in Nashville before heading home. We will arrive home late in the evening.

Total cost per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$1029.00	\$999.00	\$899.00	\$1349.00

A \$200.00 deposit is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after August 18, 2024.

Barter Theatre
The State Theatre of Virginia
Abingdon, VA
The Play That Goes Wrong
\$139.00
Activity Level: Easy

Saturday, September 28, 2024 – 2:00 pm Show
Do not go to this show if you do not want to laugh!

The Play That Goes Wrong is an ill-fated play-within-a-play, set on the opening night of the Cornley Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*. Throughout the night things go from bad to utterly disastrous as their leading lady is knocked unconscious, their corpse cannot play dead, and their actors trip over everything – including their own lines! Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences. Come and see why this show is called “the funniest play Broadway has ever seen.”

We saw this show on our New York City Tour in December 2023, and we loved it. The total price is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after August 28, 2024. Lunch will be included along with the show.

New Orleans, Louisiana

October 16 – 20, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

October 16 – This morning we will depart our area and head to the Cajun Country of New Orleans. We will travel through South Carolina and on into Georgia. Arriving in Atlanta, we will have an included lunch scheduled at Mary Mac's Tea Room. After lunch, we will continue South arriving in Tuscaloosa for the night.

October 17 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we will depart for New Orleans. Arriving early in the afternoon, we begin our tour of this exciting city. Tonight, we will have a dinner cruise.

October 18 – Breakfast will be included at the hotel this morning; we will pick up our step-on guide for a tour of this incredible city. We will take a River Boat Cruise and enjoy a spectacular view of the city. We will visit the cemetery, the garden district, see beautiful mansions, and tonight we walk down Bourbon Street. Dinner will be included tonight.

October 19 – After we enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel, we will travel into Cajun Country. Our first stop will be the Tabasco Sauce Factory on Avery Island where we will learn all about the sauce and how it is made. Be ready to do some shopping in the store. This afternoon, we will take the swamp tour where we will see alligators and other wildlife. We will stay overnight in the Lafayette area.

October 20 – Breakfast is included at the hotel, and we will head to Baton Rouge to visit and tour Martin Accordions. You will get to see how all the accordions are made. You will enjoy the great Cajun music played on other instruments. We will stay overnight in the Birmingham area.

October 21 – We will enjoy an included breakfast at our hotel and then we will head home. We should arrive early in the evening.

Total cost of this tour per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$1269.00	\$1169.00	\$1069.00	\$1569.00

A \$200.00 deposit is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after September 15, 2024.

**Fall Foliage Riverboat Cruise
On the Virginia Dare Riverboat
Smith Mountain Lake, VA
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
\$146.00 per person
Activity Level: Moderate**

This morning we will head to Smith Mountain Lake for a lunch cruise. The scenery is just wonderful on the lake. After our cruise we will head to Bedford, Virginia for a tour of the D-Day Memorial.

*This is a reminder of how much we owe to the ones who served
our country.*

We will return home late in the evening.

The total cost of this tour is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after September 24, 2024.

Pickups will be in Hickory, Lincolnton, and Gastonia.

The Wow Mystery Tour
Saturday, November 9, 2024
\$119.00 per person
Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

All You Need to Know is
WOW

Total amount is due when you sign up and no
refunds or cancellations after
October 15, 2024!

This tour includes 1 meal!

WOW!

The Red Skelton Tribute Show
Friday, November 15, 2024
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
\$129.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

*See Bryan Hoffman as “America’s Clown Prince”
Red Skelton.*

Remembering Red, A tribute to Red Skelton is a heartfelt trip down memory lane. Reminisce with Bryan as he performs the jokes and routines that made Red Skelton famous. Bryan will have you in stitches as he re-creates some of Red’s most well-known characters. Laugh with Clem Kadiddlehopper, Gertrude, and Heathcliff, the two seagulls and Freedy the Freeloader. Add some great pantomimes and the Pledge of Allegiance making this a true tribute to Red Skelton.

We will have a 7:00 am departure from Gastonia and on arrival, lunch will be included at the Applewood Restaurant. The show begins at 2:00 pm. We will return home after the show.

The total cost of this tour is due when you sign up or within 21 days of signing up and no refunds or cancellations after October 30, 2024.

Pickups will be in Hickory, Lincolnton, and Gastonia.

Christmas in Savannah
The Great Christmas Show
at the Savannah Theatre
November 21 – 22, 2024
Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

November 21 – This morning we will depart our area and head to Savannah. When we arrive, we will check into our hotel, and we will then head to the Savannah Theatre for a grand Christmas Show. This is one of the best you will ever see. After the show, we will have an included dinner at Lady & Sons Restaurant. We will return to the hotel for the night.

November 22 – We will enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel, and we will go back to Savannah for a trolley tour of this historic city. After the tour, we will have lunch on your own and then we will do some shopping on the Riverfront before returning home.

Total cost of this tour per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$379.00	\$369.00	\$359.00	\$439.00

A \$100.00 deposit is due when you sign up and there are no refunds or cancellations after October 21, 2024.

The Barter Theatre
The State Theatre of Virginia
Abingdon, Virginia
\$139.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”
Saturday, November 30, 2024

This new play with music gives witness to the lives of ordinary Appalachians as they celebrate “the most wonderful time of the year.” From the young girl in Tennessee obsessed with being a ballet dancer in *The Nutcracker* to the Kentucky father whose sons are fighting on opposite sides of the Civil War. These people and songs remind us of what Christmas in the mountains is all about. Come join us for a holiday memory you will never forget.

Lunch is included.

Total price is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after November 1, 2024.

**Christmas at the Grove Park Inn
Asheville, NC
National Gingerbread House
Competition and Display
Monday, December 2, 2024
\$146.00 per person
Activity Level: Moderate**

Welcome aboard the Christmas Express as we travel to Asheville to the incredible Grove Park Inn. We will experience the greatest holiday buffet you can imagine and afterwards, you can enjoy the beautiful holiday displays and see the National Gingerbread House Competition and Display. After all this, you just might want to relax by the high stone fireplace.

After our visit here, we will do some shopping in the area and tonight
— ARE YOU READY FOR THIS?????? —

We will board the Holly Jolly Christmas Trolley for a Christmas light tour of the Asheville area!

Live music and caroling are included. If this does not get you in the Christmas spirit, nothing will. After the trolley tour, we will serve a bag supper on the way home. We will arrive home late in the evening.

Total price is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after November 15, 2024.

Pickups will be in Hickory, Lincolnton, Gastonia, and Shelby.

Christmas at Northwood Church
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Saturday, December 7, 2024
\$129.00 per person
Activity Level: Easy

Come with us and explore the Christmas Experience with the Northwood Choir and Drama Team.

This is a Christmas program not to be missed.
The true meaning of Christmas will come to you in
this incredible production.

LUNCH IS INCLUDED BEFORE THE SERVICE

The total cost of this tour is due when you sign up and there are no refunds or cancellations after November 23, 2024.

Christmas in New York City

December 12 – 16, 2024

Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

There is simply nothing else like Christmas in New York City!

December 12 – We will have an early departure this morning as we head north for a great holiday adventure. In Southern Washington, D. C., we will visit the beautiful National Museum of the Marine Corps. After our visit here, we will head to Maryland for the night.

December 13 – Breakfast will be included at the hotel and then we will depart Maryland and head to New York City. As we arrive, we will have a delicious lunch at the Empire State Building. We will also have tickets to go to the top for a view of the city. We will also visit Macy's. Tonight, we will visit Times Square and take in a hit Broadway Show. We will cross over to New Jersey and check into our hotel for the next (2) nights.

December 14 – We will enjoy an included breakfast at the hotel and then we will head back into the city. Our first stop this morning is the Statue of Liberty. We will board the ferry to the Statue, and you can also visit Ellis Island. After our visit here, we will visit the 911 Memorial and then the top of the Freedom Tower for an amazing view. We will go back into Manhattan and visit Central Park and see the Plaza Hotel and shop along 5th Avenue before we return to our hotel for the night.

December 15 – After we enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel, we will check out the hotel this morning. We will head to Brooklyn to attend a worship service by Pastor, Jim Cymbala and hear the famous Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir in person. If you have not heard the choir sing before, you will be swept away. After our visit here, we will head to Rockefeller Center to see the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall that features the famous Rockettes. We will see the famous tree at Rockefeller Center, visit St. Patrick's Cathedral and see the Christmas displays at Saks on 5th Avenue. Next, we will leave New York City and head for Maryland for the night.

December 16 – This morning you will get to sleep in a little later and have an included breakfast at the hotel. We must head for home. We will make a few stops along the way, and we should arrive home late in the evening.

\$200.00 DEPOSIT AT SIGN UP AND NO REFUNDS AFTER OCTOBER 28, 2024

Total cost per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$1529.00	\$1409.00	\$1339.00	\$1848.00

Christmas in Fredericksburg
December 19 – 21, 2024
Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

Christmas time in Fredericksburg is like nothing you have ever seen. This is such a beautiful and historical town all decked out for the holidays.

December 19 – This morning we will board our motor coach for a holiday tour of Fredericksburg. When we arrive, we will check into our beautiful hotel for a (2) night stay. Tonight, we take our seats at the Riverside Dinner Theatre for a great meal and a wonderful Christmas show. We will return to the hotel after the show.

December 20 – Breakfast will be included at the hotel. We will begin our day with a trolley Christmas tour of this beautiful city. We will tour the downtown area and historical sites. After the tour, we will visit the downtown area for lunch, some shopping, and to see all the beautiful Christmas window displays. Each merchant tries to outdo each other for the Best Christmas Display. After our visit, we will then visit the Wee Christmas Dollhouse and Miniature Exhibit. A Christmas dinner is included tonight, and we will attend the Festival of Lights Exhibit.

December 21 – We will enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel and then this morning we will visit the Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitors Center. Here, we will learn about the battles that took place here and see a film about them. After our visit here, we will head for home.

Total cost per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Quad</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$559.00	\$539.00	\$519.00	\$699.00

A \$100.00 deposit is due when you sign up and there are no refunds or cancellations after November 19, 2024.

**New Year's Eve
Myrtle Beach, SC
at the Beach Cove Resort
December 29, 2024 – January 1, 2025
Activity Level: Moderate**

The Beach Cove Resort is an oceanfront, all condominium hotel conference center located in beautiful Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The hotel is less than 1 mile from Barefoot Landing, which combines beauty and nature with the excitement of shopping, dining, and entertainment. This outstanding location offers a secluded, wide stretch of beach with easy access to the area's most popular dining, shopping, and recreation outlets.

Beach Cove Resort features 320 oceanfront condominiums. Beach Cove Resort is proud to announce the newly renovated Town Center which includes a brand-new game zone, oceanfront lounge, gift shop and coffee shop for our guests to enjoy. Other amenities include Tradewinds Cafe (a full-service restaurant), oceanfront fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools, lazy river, hot tubs, saunas, racquetball court and other recreational facilities. These are enhanced by our oceanfront tropically landscaped pool area and Breeze's Pool Bar and Grill.

This trip includes the following:

- (3) night lodging – one bedroom will have (2) beds, a living room with a queen sleeper sofa, kitchenette, 1 bath and a private balcony with a direct view of the ocean.
- (3) included breakfast
- (1) dinner at Original Benjamin's
- (1) dinner at Chesapeake House
- (1) New Year's Eve dinner and party at the hotel
- *Legends in Concert* and *Christmas at the Alabama Theatre*
- Motor coach transportation

Total cost of the trip per person is as follows:

<u>Double</u>	<u>Triple</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$639.00	\$599.00	\$799.00

A \$100 deposit is due when you sign up and no refunds or cancellations after November 29, 2024.

Alaska Adventure Cruise
Featuring the Alaska Railroad, Denali National Park,
and the Inside Passage
July 23 – August 4, 2024
Mayflower Cruises and Tours
Activity Level: Moderate to Extreme

DAY 1 Fly to Fairbanks: Your flight to the “Land of the Midnight Sun” takes you to Fairbanks, Alaska, where your Tour Manager greets you at the hotel. The first day of travel will come to a quite close as you explore the new surroundings and prepare for your adventure.

DAY 2 Fairbanks, the “Golden Heart City”: Cast off aboard the Riverboat *Discovery*, the only authentic sternwheeler in Alaska. Your narrated cruise takes you to Old Chena Village where native Alaskan guides show the culture and lifestyle of the original Alaskans. This afternoon you will visit Gold Dredge #8 Camp for a rail journey through an old mining camp. Here you will be able to try your hand at gold panning in an authentic setting. Dinner this evening is at Pioneer Park for a sumptuous feast of grilled salmon, prime rib, or deep-fried cod. Afterwards, enjoy humorous skits and songs about early Fairbanks in the Palace Theatre’s production, *Golden Heart Review*. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 3 Alaska Railroad and *Music of Denali* Dinner Show: Today, board the Alaska Railroad’s flagship *Denali Star* for the trip to Denali National Park. The track cuts through the northern boreal forests of the interior on a journey where sparkling salmon streams, stands of aspen and birch and carpets of purple fireweed create a dramatic landscape. The train arrives just outside Denali National Park in the early afternoon. The afternoon is free of scheduled activities so you can explore the scenic surroundings on your own. Tonight, sample Alaskan cuisine at the *Music of Denali Dinner Show*. Then, enjoy the show for an evening of hilarious tall tales, fun songs, and foot-stompin' music. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Natural History Tour of Denali National Park: Rise early and enjoy an experienced local guide who conducts this morning’s Natural History Tour of Denali National Park. Weather permitting, see North America’s tallest mountain, Denali. Learn about Denali’s varied and interesting collection of birdlife as well as the over 650 species of flowering plants. Later, travel down the George Parks Highway

where you might catch a glimpse of Denali and the rest of the Alaska Range through the strands of spruce and pine. A stop at the Iditarod Trail Headquarters showcases the race's exciting history. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 5 Alaska Native Heritage Center and Anchorage Sightseeing:

Today, visit the Alaska Native Heritage Center which features interactive displays and exhibits. Here, you will explore the rich cultural history of Anchorage through guides in traditional dress in their model lakeside village. Later, arrive in Anchorage where your driver guide conducts a panoramic tour of Alaska's largest city. Learn the history and culture of the area, watch seaplanes splash land of Lake Hood, journey to scenic overlooks offering ocean and mountain views and make a stop at Earthquake Park. **Meals: B**

DAY 6 Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center: This morning takes in the dramatic views of Turnagain Arm enroute to the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center. This haven for orphaned or injured Alaskan wildlife hosts an array of animals. Then, take the Anton Anderson Memorial Tunnel to Whittier. This 2.5-mile-long tunnel is the gateway to Prince William Sound. Later, board your ship, Holland America Line's *Noordam* to begin the unforgettable cruise portion of the tour. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 7 Prince William Sound and Hubbard Glacier: With its 3,000 miles of shoreline, Prince William Sound is one of the most scenic archipelagoes of tidewater glaciers in the world. Keep one eye on the shoreline while cruising, as you may just spot otters, seals, bears, eagles, and deer. From anywhere on the ship, you will be able to view Hubbard Glacier, a massive 1,350-square mile natural wonder of blue ice. It is the longest river of ice in North America and one of the most active glaciers of its kind in Alaska.

DAY 8 Glacier Bay: Cruise Glacier Bay National Park and take in the sounds of the "living" ice, shrill cries of gulls and soaring eagles and splash of a breaching whale. Frosted peaks towering over mossy forests, wide tidewater glaciers, and marine wildlife are given on Glacier Bay cruises, but every experience in this changing biosphere is unique. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 9 Skagway and the Lynn Canal: As your ship approaches Skagway, see the town resting peacefully at the base of a river valley bordered by the Coast Mountains. When gold was discovered in the Klondike region of the Yukon Territory, it results in the historic Gold Rush of 1898. As thousands of gold-crazed adventurers sought the best jumping-off spot for their trek, they found the deepest penetration by

boat was at the northern tip of the Lynn Canal. This is how Skagway was born. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 10 Juneau and Sawyer Glacier: Your port of call this morning is the Alaskan Capital of Juneau, considered by many to be the most beautiful capital city in the nation. Founded during the gold rush in 1880, the former goldmining town counts among its riches some of Alaska’s most spectacular scenery. Ther terrain is hilly and winding, and narrow streets present a small-town quaintness existing side-by-side with cosmopolitan sophistication. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 11 Ketchikan: A popular destination along Alaska’s famed Inside Passage, Ketchikan is teeming with Native American culture. Known as the “Salmon Capital of the World,” it is home to the largest concentration of Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian people in the state. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 12 Cruising and Inside Passage: Cruise the Inside Passage, a 1,000-mile-long sea corridor from Alaska to British Columbia, the longest sheltered inland waterway in the world. Its scenery is as grand as that of Norway. Be on the lookout for orcas and humpback whales as you take in the sheer cliffs, massive glaciers, and snow-capped mountains. **Meals: B, L, D**

DAY 13 Vancouver to Seattle and Home: Arrive in Vancouver early and take your motor coach transfer to the airport in Seattle for flights home departing after 4:00 pm. **Meals: B**

Total cost per person:	Stateroom	Per Person	Single
	<u>Category</u>	<u>Twin</u>	<u>Room</u>
	Inside	\$6,648	\$9,447
	Outside	\$7,148	\$10,577
	Balcony	\$8,148	\$12,647

A \$799 deposit is due when you sign up and final payment is due by March 25, 2024.

Pricing includes Tour, Airfare, and Travel Insurance.

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$399 per person (included)

This nonrefundable fee waivers all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellations one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness, or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24-hour hotline, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets are provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Classic Italy by Rail
Featuring Venice, Florence, and Rome
Mayflower Cruises & Tours
October 21 – 30, 2024
Activity Level: Energetic

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Venice, Italy.

DAY 2 Venice, Italy: Upon arrival in Venice, you will be met by a Mayflower Cruises & Tours representative who will escort you to the canal boat for your transfer to the hotel. Flights should arrive by 3:00 pm. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure before the included welcome dinner. **Meals: D**

DAY 3 Venice: Venice is the “Jewel of the Mediterranean,” a glorious cityscape with a wondrous artistic and musical heritage. The city itself boasts a marvel of engineering feats, built on 118 small islands crossed by its world-famous canals. Who can think of romance without imagining a pair of lovers floating beneath graceful bridges in a Venetian gondola? During the included walking tour, your local guide will help you discover the exotic sights that surround you as you navigate the picturesque alleyways and cross bridges over the quaint canals filled with gondolas. See the soaring domes of St. Mark’s Basilica, the Doges Palace, and Bridge of Sighs among other sites of this remarkable city built on water. During the afternoon at leisure, sip coffee in a small cafe, shop in boutiques and watch artists at work, recreating these lovely scenes. **Meals: B**

DAY 4 Venice – Florence – Montecatini: This morning, depart Venice on a high-speed train to Florence. What a fantastic way to travel as you watch picturesque hill towns, lush vineyards and beautiful wineries pass by. Upon arrival, walk in the footsteps of great rulers, artists, and philosophers as you explore Florence, the breathtaking capital of the Italian Renaissance, on the included walking tour. The city is steeped in the achievements of great minds who found inspiration here. A visit to the famous Accademia Gallery is included where you will get an up-close view of Michelangelo’s masterpiece, *David*, undoubtedly the world’s most famous sculpture. The museum also

houses five other Michelangelo sculptures – the four unfinished Prisoners and St. Matthew – and a collection of Gothic and Renaissance paintings that were once in the Medici collections. After the tour, enjoy your free time shopping for Italian leather goods, art, and crystal as lovely reminders of your journey through Italy. This afternoon, continue to Montecatini, home for the next three nights. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 5 Siena: After breakfast enjoy an included excursion to Siena. This is one of Italy's most popular destinations, known for its fine cuisine, art, museums, medieval cityscape and the Palio, a horse race held twice a year in the Piazza del Campo. Your local guide will walk with you through this beautiful Tuscan town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Discover the highlights of the city, including the Duomo of Siena, the 12th-century cathedral that serves as a splendid example of Italian Romanesque-Gothic architecture. See the Palazzo Pubblico, once City Hall, now an art museum, showcasing its famous frescoes or climb the “Torre del Mangia”, the tall bell tower overlooking the Piazza del Campo. Siena is also known for its glazed terracotta pottery as well as locally produced wines and olive oil. Be sure to taste the delicious gelato and panforte, a cake made with honey and candid fruits. You will have free time for lunch on your own and shopping for local specialties before returning to Montecatini this evening. **Meals: B**

DAY 6 Pisa: Today's adventure begins with an included excursion to Pisa, best known for the bell tower of the cathedral, the “Leaning Tower of Pisa.” Your local guide will explain the history of this beautiful town as you walk around the Piazza del Miracoli and see the architecture and historic walls of this medieval city. Return to Montecatini for an afternoon at leisure. It is the perfect time to stroll through the city center or visit a spa with the curative water and healing springs for which the town is famous. **Meals: B**

DAY 7 Montecatini – Florence – Rome: Leaving the resort town of Montecatini, return to Florence by coach and board a high-speed train for the journey to Rome. With a history spanning more than 2,500 years, Rome offers a breathtaking overview of the highlights of Western civilizations. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic tour of the city and a guided visit to the Coliseum. Built between 70-80 AD, the Coliseum is considered one of the greatest works of Roman architecture and engineering and remains the largest amphitheater in the world. The tour ends at the hotel. **Meals: B**

DAY 8 Vatican City / Rome: This morning, enjoy a guided visit to the spiritual center of the Roman Catholic Church and the smallest independent state in the world: Vatican City. During the guided visit of the Vatican Museums, walk through halls containing some of the most priceless art treasures in the world. The highlight of the visit may be the Sistine Chapel which houses the single most impressive work of art by Michelangelo. During the visit to St. Peter’s Baroque periods. Be sure to see Michelangelo’s famous statue, *Pieta*, created by the artist when he was only 25 years old. The afternoon and evening are free to enjoy on your own. **Meal: B**

DAY 9 Rome: The last day in Rome is yours to enjoy as you wish. This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 10 Rome / USA: As you bid “arrivederci” to Italy you will be filled with memories of Renaissance art and architecture, rolling hills and vineyards, and all the glory of the Roman Empire. **Meals: B**

Total cost of this tour per person:	<u>Per Person Twin</u>	<u>Single Room</u>
	\$5,048	\$5,987

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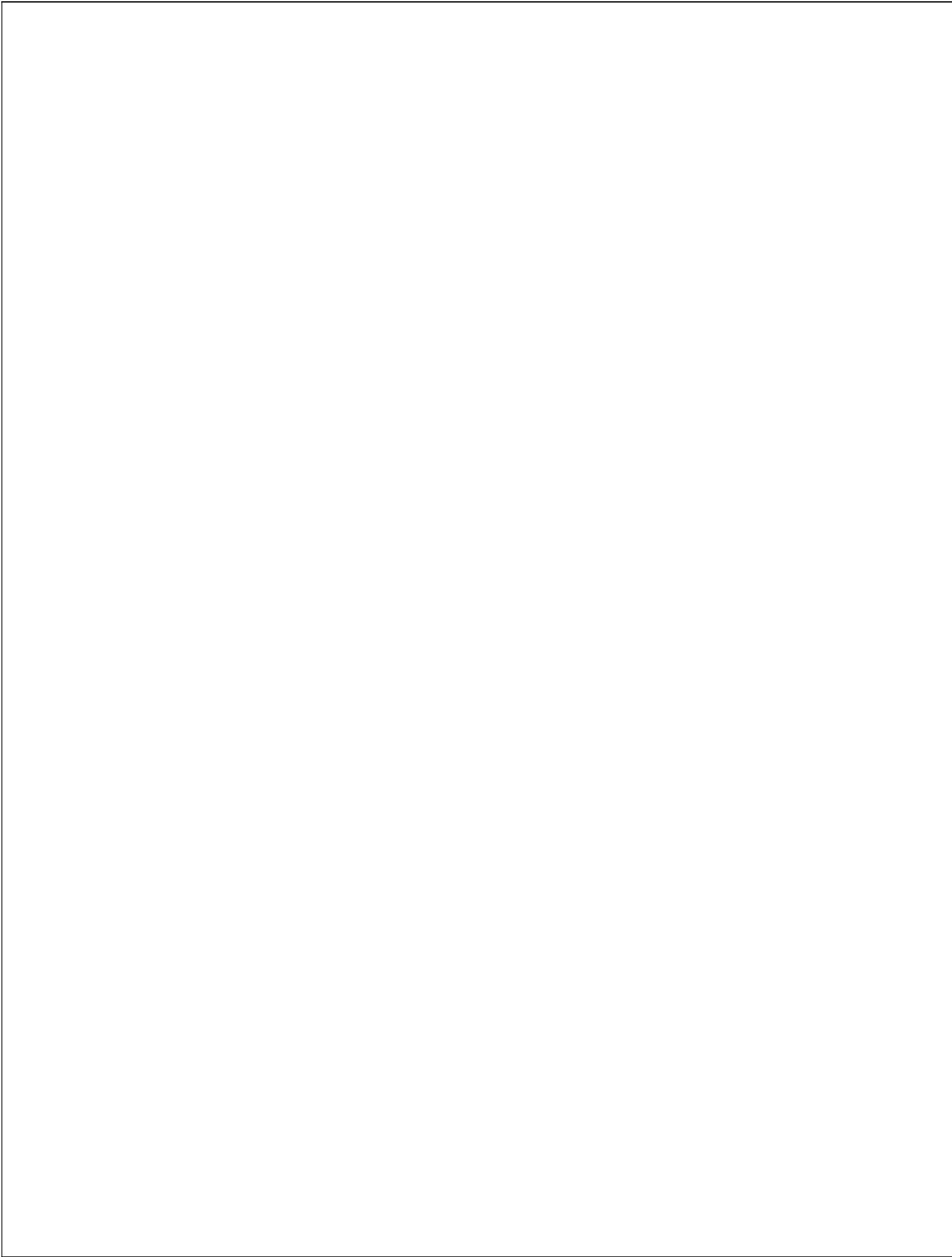
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