

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS, OPEN SPACE AND CULTURAL SERVICES

de Young Museum Bouquets to Art & Guided Tour of Oscar de la Renta: The Retrospective

The fun begins during a guided tour of the world premiere retrospective of Oscar de la Renta's work, celebrating the life and career of one of fashion's most influential designers. The exhibition will include over 130 ensembles produced over five decades organized into thematic sections such as cultural influences, ball gowns, red carpet ensembles and more. Find out more about the career of de la Renta from its rise in Spain to his eventual role as a designer for many of the most influential and celebrated personalities of the 20th and 21st centuries.

Next, enjoy the de Young's 31st annual design showcase Bouquets to Arts. See arrangements by some of the most innovative and gifted floral designers in the Bay Area and beyond, inspired by works from the de Young's permanent collection. Whether quirky, stunning, or simply beautiful, the designs are sure to captivate.

de Young Museum, San Francisco – Age 30+

Thurs 4/7 7 AM-4 PM \$72 / \$79 #16225



Registration now open!

Suisun Marsh Natural History Cruise & Wildlife Demonstration

Cruise the edge of the Delta and learn about the flora, fauna, and history of the largest contiguous brackish marsh in California and its importance in providing essential habitat for 80 percent of the state's wild salmon, more than 200 species of birds, 45 animals, 16 different amphibians and reptiles, and over 40 species of fish. It also provides glimpses of what wild California was like before reclamation as well as its transformation into its current managed state. On the way to the marsh, we voyage under 5 bridges, pass through the historic Carquinez Strait and cruise past the Mothball Fleet. Lunch will be served on board and will include your choice of three tasty sandwiches, fresh fruit, Caesar salad, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

We'll end the trip at the Suisun Wildlife Center, where we'll be treated to a tour and presentation of some of the native rehabilitated animals on site.

Price includes bus transportation, a 3-hr. narrated cruise, lunch on board the boat and a tour and presentation at the Suisun Wildlife Center.

Suisun, CA – Age 7+

Sat 4/30 7 AM-7 PM \$125 / \$138 #14955 **Registration now open!**

San Francisco Giants Games

See the San Francisco Giants embark on what hopes to be another winning season. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon, at AT&T Park watching the San Francisco Giants in a rivalry game vs. the Toronto Blue Jays in May (**Sections LB 127 & 128**), then again in August vs. the Arizona Diamondbacks (**Section LB 128**). Bring a friend or grandchild with you to enjoy this special day in the city. Pack a lunch or grab a bite after we arrive at the park, where you will have a variety of food and beverage options to choose from. Fee includes transportation, shuttle from parking lot, and entrance to the game.

AT&T Park, San Francisco - Adults & children – Age 7+

Wed 5/11 8:30 AM-6 PM \$135 / \$149 #16223

Wed 8/31 8:30 AM-6 PM \$135 / \$149 #16224



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Almaden Quiksilver Mining Museum Tour, Wine Tasting & More

Learn about the history of mercury mining in this area during this informative tour of Casa Grande & New Almaden. We'll begin with a 1-hr. guided tour inside "the big house" which once boasted 27 rooms. It now serves in part to preserve the history of the role it served in the 1870-80s as the home of mine managers and as a museum exhibiting the life of miners at the time. Next, a guide will join us on our bus and narrate as we meander through New Almaden past its historic houses, buildings and areas of historical interest. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the lovely picnic area on site at the Casa Grande.

Next, we'll board the bus and head to Chitactac-Adams Heritage Park. There we will enjoy a less than .25 mile guided tour of the grounds, which offer a unique view into the Native American culture of Santa Clara County before and after the arrival of Spanish settlers. The park features beautiful Uvas Creek and a wealth of cultural artifacts including bedrock mortars and petroglyphs left by the Ohlone Indians.

Before heading home, we will stop in Morgan Hill for wine tasting at Sycamore Creek Vineyards, a small family-owned winery producing award-winning wines, and Kirigin Cellars, founded in 1916 and part of the first generation of wineries in California's wine country. Please note: We will be boarding & disembarking the bus several times throughout the day.

Santa Clara County, CA – Age 30+

Thurs 4/14 8 AM–7 PM \$47 / \$52 #14953



Registration now open!

Sacramento Great Train Robbery with Lunch & Old Town Sacramento

All aboard the Sacramento River Train for a ride back in time to the Wild West! On this 3.5-hour train ride, we'll roll over the Fremont Trestle and through some lovely countryside. As the train passes Robber's Roost, keep a watchful eye on the horizon for greedy outlaws. We'll stop and disembark the train at Elkhorn Park, where we'll be treated to a Western BBQ buffet by the river and a gun-slinging show. Next, we'll board the bus and travel the short distance to Old Sacramento, where you'll have some time to stretch your legs and do some sightseeing before we head home. Attractions in the area include the California State Railroad Museum, Wells Fargo History Museum, specialty shops, wine tasting and more! Please note: we will return to Santa Cruz County after sunset.

Sacramento, CA – Age 30+9

Sat 5/14 6 AM–8 PM \$125 / \$138 #14954 **Registration now open!**

Discover Sausalito

Enjoy a pleasurable day as we journey to San Francisco Bay. The fun begins aboard a ferry on a relaxing voyage complete with marvelous views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, and other Bay area attractions. Disembark at Sausalito, a charming waterfront community often compared to the French Riviera because of its Mediterranean flair and breathtaking views. Dine at one of the many open air cafés, waterfront restaurants, or pack a picnic lunch to enjoy in a picturesque setting. Browse through unique boutiques and view the artwork displayed at various galleries throughout the downtown.

Sausalito, CA – Age 30+

Tues 5/24 7 AM–5 PM \$51 / \$56 #16226



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SFMOMA Guided Tour

Join us for a guided tour of the newly renovated and expanded San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. SFMOMA now boasts more than double the exhibition space, the full Fisher Collection on display, featuring more than 1,100 works by 185 major American and European artists of the 20th and 21st centuries, and the promise of a more open and lively experience! Enjoy lunch on your own in the museum's café or at a nearby restaurant.

SFMOMA, San Francisco – Age 30+

Thurs 6/23 7:30 AM – 4 PM \$74 / \$81 #16227



Broadway San Jose presents *Motown the Musical*

The New York Times says "A joy ride! Something close to rapture spreads through the audience!" Chicago Tribune states, "The entire soundtrack of your youth performed with style, panache and elegant choreography!" *Motown the Musical* is the true American dream story of Motown founder Berry Gordy's journey from featherweight boxer to the heavyweight music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more. Motown shattered barriers, shaped our lives and made us all move to the same beat. Featuring classic songs such as "My Girl" and "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," experience the story behind the music in this record-breaking smash hit. We'll arrive in San Jose in time for you to enjoy lunch on your own before the 2 p.m. show.

Center for the Performing Arts, San Jose – Age 30+

Sat 6/25 10 AM-6 PM \$87 / \$96 #16228

Asian Art Museum *Emperors' Treasures* Guided Tour & Japanese Tea Garden

The day begins with a visit to the Asian Art Museum, where we'll enjoy a guided tour of the centerpiece exhibit of the museum's 50th anniversary celebration, *Emperors' Treasures*, which features nearly 150 artworks from the renowned Taipei museum and includes paintings, calligraphy, bronze vessels, ceramics, lacquerware, jades, textiles and documents. More than 100 pieces will make their debut in the United States; 30 are extremely rare masterpieces. The exhibition will explore the identities of eight rulers who reigned from the early 12th through the early 20th centuries and outline how Chinese art came to develop and flourish under Han Chinese, Mongol and Manchu rulers.

Next, view the museum's collection on your own, which includes over 18,000 objects spanning cultures from Turkey to India and China to the Philippines through 6,000 years. Lastly, we'll board the bus and visit the Japanese Tea Garden, featuring five acres of intricate and complex paths, ponds, beautiful sculptures, waterfalls, and bridges. Nestled in the center of the garden is a tea house where you can enjoy a cup of tea and sample popular Japanese refreshments. Grab lunch inside the museum's café, enjoy a relaxing bite in the Tea Garden, or sample cuisine from nearby food trucks when we arrive in Golden Gate Park.

Asian Art Museum & Japanese Tea Garden, San Francisco – Age 30+

Thurs 7/28 7:30 AM-5 PM \$69 / \$76 #16229



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Angel Island Tram Tour & Immigration Station Guided Tour

A California State Park and Wildlife preserve, Angel Island is one of the finest historical sites in the Bay Area. The island houses military garrisons and compounds from every major war dating back to the Civil War. Also known as the “Ellis Island of the West,” The United States Immigration Station was the first stop for millions of Pacific Basin, Asian, Russian and immigrants from hundreds of countries entering the United States. After disembarking the bus in San Francisco we’ll take a ferry to the island. There we’ll enjoy a 1-hour, audio-enhanced Tram Tour of the Island, amazing views of the Bay *and* a guided tour of the United States Immigration Station. Combining the two tours on the island is a unique experience not generally offered to the public. Don’t miss out!

Angel Island, San Francisco – Age 30+

Thurs 8/25 7:30 AM–5:30 PM \$75 / \$83 #16238

Sugar Pine Railroad & Lunch at Tenaya Lodge

All aboard Sugar Pine Railroad’s four-mile narrow gauge excursion through some of the Sierra National Forest’s most magnificent scenery. Listen as your conductor recalls the days when powerful locomotives hauled massive log trains through the Sierra Mountains. Delight in the sights and sounds of steam powered railroading while you ride near Yosemite’s south gate. Next we will board the bus and travel to Tenaya Lodge, a beautiful mountain resort where we will be served a delicious meal in a lovely setting. Lunch will include your choice of three tasty entrées, warm rolls, soup or salad, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage. On the way home we’ll make a brief stop at Coarsegold Historic Village, a unique community of shops comprised of wares created by local artists. Fee includes transportation, a 1-hr. narrated ride on the train and lunch at Tenaya Lodge. Please note: It is likely that we will return to Santa Cruz County after sunset.

Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad and Tenaya Lodge, Fish Camp – Age 30+

Thurs 9/8 6:30 AM–7:30 PM \$125 / \$138 #16230

Napa Valley River Cruise With Lunch & Mare Island Guided Tour

Enjoy a 3-hr. narrated cruise aboard the River Dolphin on the Napa River. View the historic Vallejo and Mare Island waterfronts as well as the bridges that span the triple junction of the Carquinez Strait, the Napa River and San Pablo Bay. Next enter a different world of vineyards, backwater homes and marinas. Learn about the riparian and marsh life in some of the largest contiguous marshes in California. Lunch will be served on board and will include your choice of three tasty sandwiches, fresh fruit, Caesar salad, dessert and a non-alcoholic beverage.

After the cruise we will board the bus and travel to Mare Island where we will enjoy a guided tour and learn about this national treasure’s history and assets going back to the Civil War and continuing to the near present.

Please note: Fee includes transportation, a 3-hr. narrated cruise and lunch on board the boat and a guided tour of Mare Island. Please note: It is likely that we will return to Santa Cruz County after sunset.

Napa River and Mare Island, Vallejo – Age 30+

Sat 10/8 7 AM–7 PM \$125 / \$138 #16231



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South Lake Tahoe 2-Night Stay, Carson City & More!

Join us as we travel to the illustrious Lake Tahoe area! Locals prize early fall as typically the best time of year to beat the crowds and enjoy amazing weather.

Accommodations at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel include a beautiful 2-room suite, complete with a bedroom and living room. The hotel is conveniently located on the state line and is just steps away from many restaurants, shopping at Heavenly Village and a number of casinos. Complimentary hot breakfasts will be served in the mornings.

On day two, step back in time as you board a 1950 wood cruiser for a narrated cruise. Along with an incredible view of the lake, we will be privileged to glimpses and tales of some of the most lavish estates and beautiful landscapes on the East Shore while learning about the history of The Lake. We will disembark at Thunderbird Lodge, where we will be treated to a walking tour of “Lake Tahoe’s magical Castle-In-The-Sky” and the world famous *Thunderbird* Yacht. Highlights include the Lighthouse Room, Old Lodge, servant’s quarters with original kitchen and a 600 ft. underground tunnel leading to the Boathouse. A picnic-style lunch will be served on the beautiful grounds which feature elegant gardens, lagoons, waterfalls and fountains. Registration options without the cruise and Thunderbird Lodge tour are also available to you if you are more interested in exploring the South Lake Tahoe area on your own.

After the tour, board the bus for a short journey to Carson City if desired. There we will be treated to a guided tour of the Nevada State Museum and Nevada State Capitol building. You’ll also have time to browse the shops in the historic downtown shopping district and enjoy dinner on your own.

All this awaits you and more! Don’t miss out on this spectacular opportunity!

Trip fee includes transportation, 2-night stay at the Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel, (2) complimentary hot breakfasts, a sightseeing cruise on the Lake*, guided tour and picnic lunch at Thunderbird Lake Tahoe*, optional trip to Carson City with guided tours of museum and state capitol building at no extra fee, and a variety of sightseeing opportunities.

Lake Tahoe / Lake Tahoe Resort Hotel & Carson City – Age 30+
8 AM Tuesday, 9/20 until 7 PM Thursday, 9/22

Rates are per person – Register by 8/15 to secure your space!

Shared Room w/ Cruise, Thunderbird Tour & Lunch**	\$465 / \$512	#16383
Private Room w/ Cruise, Thunderbird Tour & Lunch	\$620 / \$682	#16384
Shared Room w/o Cruise, Thunderbird Tour & Lunch***	\$325 / \$358	#16385
Private Room w/o Cruise, Thunderbird Tour & Lunch***	\$480 / \$528	#16386

*Only available to those registering for included cruise and Thunderbird Lake Tahoe tour

**If you desire a shared room but do not have a registered roommate in mind, you will be paired with another trip-goer

***Choosing this registration option means that it is up to you to plan how you will spend day 2 in South Lake Tahoe. Upgrading to the cruise later will be based on availability.

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Apple Hill Tour With Lunch & Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park

Take a trip with us to Apple Hill! Begin the day at High Hill Ranch with a delicious BBQ chicken lunch, complete with apple pie a la mode. We'll return to the bus for a narrated tour regarding the history and development of The Hill as we wind down a country road filled with beautiful scenery and fruit-filled orchards. We'll also stop at different apple ranches. Apple cravings are sure to be quenched as we're sent on our way with an apple fritter for the road.

Next we'll travel the short distance to Marshall Gold Discovery State Historic Park. A guided tour will reveal the rich history of this site of the discovery that triggered the California Gold Rush. Learn also about the Nisenan and foothill Miwok people who once called Coloma home.

Fee includes transportation, lunch consisting of: BBQ chicken, macaroni salad, dinner roll, non-alcoholic beverage, apple pie a la mode and an apple fritter to go, guided tours of Apple Hill and Marshall Gold SHP. Please note: we will return to Santa Cruz County after sunset.

Apple Hill, Placerville and Marshall Gold SHP, Coloma – Age 30+

Thurs 10/27 7 AM-8 PM \$110 / \$121 #16233

Golden Gate Fields

Join us in an exciting outing to Golden Gate Fields where we will enjoy a day of thrilling Thoroughbred racing and a lavish luncheon buffet in the Turf Club. The expansive viewing area offers a close-up view of your favorite rounding the turn, heading toward the finish line. Don't miss out on action packed horse racing, a mouth-watering meal and a chance to taste victory! Fee includes transportation, admission, reserved seating, racing program, and luncheon buffet.

Golden Gate Fields, San Francisco – Age 30+

Thurs 11/3 9 AM-6 PM \$79 / \$87 #16234

Cirque du Soleil presents *Luzia*

A Cirque du Soleil show is an audience experience unlike any other with stunning performances, incredible costumes and enchanting music. Join us and see the newest touring show *Luzia*. The name fuses the sound of "luz" (light in Spanish) and "luvia" (rain), two elements at the core of the show's creation. Regardless of the storyline, the pageantry, artistry and graceful, physical feats of the performers are sure to delight your senses. We will stop nearby for lunch on your own before the 1:30 p.m. show. Fee includes transportation and admission to show. Please note: we will return to Santa Cruz County after sunset.

Le Grand Chapiteau, San Francisco – Age 7+

Sun 11/20 8:30 AM – 6 PM \$115 / \$127 #16232



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Great Dickens Christmas Fair

The Great Dickens Christmas Fair is a unique holiday adventure into Victorian London. The event boasts an elaborate party with hundreds of costumed players performing and interacting with patrons in over 120,000 square feet of theatrically-lit music halls, pubs, dance floors and Christmas shops. Filled with colorful characters from both literature and history, the Dickens Christmas Fair has been a treasured Bay Area tradition since 1970. Gourmet chefs offer delicious food for purchase from around the world. Don't miss out on the festivities!

Cow Palace, SF – Age 30+

Sun 12/4 8 AM-5 PM \$59 / \$65 #16235

San Francisco Shopping & Vasona Park Festival of Lights

The fondest childhood memories of the holidays often involve viewing festive holiday light displays. Join us for a fun outing, beginning with an amazing shopping experience in downtown San Francisco. The bus will drop us off in the heart of Union Square, where you will be able to choose from a variety of stores and restaurants. If you like, you may choose to stay in one location and enjoy shopping at the Westfield San Francisco Centre. The Centre is home to the second largest Nordstrom and Bloomingdale's in the country as well as over 170 specialty stores and exclusive boutiques for an awe-inspiring blend of commerce, couture, cuisine and culture. On our return trip, we'll stop off at Vasona Park's very popular Festival of Lights, where the bus will meander through a 1.5-mile path of themed light displays. Please note: we will return to Santa Cruz County after sunset.

Union Square/Westfield Centre, SF and Vasona County Park, Los Gatos – Age 30+

Tues 12/6 8:30 AM-7:30 PM \$47 / \$52 #16236

Villa Montalvo Guided Tour & Downtown Los Gatos

Take a behind-the-scenes guided tour of the historic Montalvo Arts Center, also known as Villa Montalvo. Learn about Senator James Duval Phelan's favorite country home and former center of artistic, political and social life in Northern California. Stroll through its stunning formal and informal gardens and discover how Montalvo has served the community as a hub for creativity for over 75 years. Before returning home, we will journey to Old Town Center in the heart of downtown Los Gatos for a unique and enjoyable shopping experience and lunch on your own.

Montalvo Arts Center and Downtown Los Gatos – Age 30+

Tues 4/25/17 8 AM-5 PM \$45 / \$50 #16237



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Historic Downtown Sonora & Ironstone Vineyards Tour & Tasting

Experience Sonora's historic charm in the heart of Gold Country where shopping is an enjoyable experience of strolling through specialty and antique shops nestled into buildings dating back to the 1800s. Enjoy a meal on your own in one of the many fine restaurants, bakeries and coffee shops. Take a self-guided historic walking tour and stop in to explore the Veterans Memorial Military Museum and the Sonora Fire Museum & Senior Lounge.

Next, board the bus and travel to Ironstone Vineyards, which boasts 14.5 acres of exquisitely landscaped gardens, a modern replica of an 1859 gold stamp mill, and a beautiful music room containing a magnificent Alhambra Pipe Organ. The on-site Heritage Museum exhibits artifacts from the gold rush era and the world's largest specimen of Crystalline gold leaf, found just a few miles away. After a guided tour of the complex, you'll be treated to wine tasting paired with a canapé.

Historic Downtown Sonora & Ironstone Vineyards, Murphys – Age 30+

Thurs 5/18/17 7 AM– 7 PM \$80 / \$88 #16402



Hamilton is coming to San Francisco in 2017!

The blockbuster Broadway musical *Hamilton* is coming to the SHN Orpheum Theatre in spring 2017! *Hamilton* is based on Ron Chernow's biography of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton and is a thoroughly inventive, wildly entertaining musical about the birth of our nation—with a score that blends hip-hop, pop, blues, jazz and Broadway. It opened on Broadway in 2016 to enthusiastic reception from critics and audiences of all ages. Call to be placed on the interest list & we'll notify you when more information becomes available!

Times for trips are tentative. An itinerary with the exact departure and return time is mailed one week prior to the trip.

For more information about adult & senior trips or programs, please call Jessica at (831) 454-7929.



COLLETTE
VACATIONS

April 7-15, 2016 – Canyon Country

A journey through Canyon Country brings you into a colorful world of stunning southwestern vistas and the unique topography of three national parks: Zion, Bryce and the Grand Canyon. Roll up your sleeves for a good old-fashioned Chili Cook-Off. Take time to shop in Sedona's marketplace and travel through Kaibab National Forest. Luxuriate at the Lake Powell Resort for two nights. Enjoy the stark beauty of Monument Valley during a jeep ride narrated by a Navajo tribal member. Then it's off to the neon-lit spectacle of Las Vegas for a two-night stay.



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April 27 - May 6, 2016 – Shades of Ireland

From vibrant and history-filled Dublin, across rolling green hills to the dramatic coast and onwards to Belfast, experience all of the charms of Ireland on this 13-day tour of the Emerald Isle. Live like royalty during an overnight stay on the grounds of a castle. Visit the House of Waterford Crystal factory. See the Atlantic from the stunning 700-foot Cliffs of Moher. Stand on the awe-inspiring Giant's Causeway. Tour the walled city of Derry. Experience the world-famous beauty of the Ring of Kerry. Have tea and scones at a working farm. See beautiful Killarney from your seat on an Irish jaunting car. Journey to historic Blarney Castle, lean back and kiss its famous stone!

September 14 – 23, 2016 – Reflections of Italy

Revel in the magic of Italy on this 10-day tour that explores the cities of Rome, Florence, Siena, Venice, Assisi, Perugia and Milan. Travel the Tuscan and Umbrian countryside, exploring medieval hill towns and visiting the birthplace of St. Francis, Assisi. Discover the masterpieces of the Renaissance in Florence and see hot glass transformed into exquisite art on Murano Island. Linger in Venice for two nights before ending your journey in Milan.

October 3 – 7, 2016 – Spotlight on New Orleans

Get to know the “birthplace of jazz” during your extended stay in the heart of the French Quarter in New Orleans. Discover its unique flavors during a cooking class featuring the popular dishes of the city, as well as a dinner at the famous Court of Two Sisters. Head out to the swamp to enjoy a cruise tour of the bayous to learn about the history and ecology of this fascinating ecosystem. Learn the secrets of the city's famous French Quarter on a walking tour featuring St. Louis Cathedral and the French Marketplace. Come to know its music, when taking in a spirited jazz revue at Irvin Mayfield's Jazz Play house. You will be taken on a delightful discovery through the sights, sounds and tastes of the eclectic city of New Orleans.

December 30, 2016 – January 3, 2017 - California's New Year's Getaway

Ring in the New Year with an exciting trip to southern California. Find Pasadena abuzz with preparations for the famous Tournament of Roses Parade and get a sneak-peek as final touches are put on the massive floats. Listen as select Parade Bands perform at a special Bandfest presentation. Celebrate the season with a New Year's Eve Gala Dinner Dance, with live entertainment and a champagne toast to the New Year. Enjoy prime viewing with reserved seating at the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade.

March 11 - 17, 2017 – Southern Charm

Experience the history, charm and singular hospitality of the Low Country in Georgia and South Carolina. Soak in two nights at the exclusive Jekyll Island Club, once described as “the richest, most exclusive club in the world.” Explore one of America's oldest plantations, Boone Hall. Explore the history of Savannah and Antebellum Charleston. Visit the oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine, Florida, and enjoy an enchanting trolley tour through its vibrant Old Spanish Quarter



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April 6 – 14, 2017 – Springtime Tulip River Cruise

Experience the color and glory of spring on this leisurely river cruise through Holland and Belgium. Float past blooming fields of flowers and windmills. Visit the expansive tulip fields of Keukenhof Gardens, home to more than 7 million tulips and one of the most visited attractions in all of Europe! Visit Kinderdijk, and see Holland's largest concentration of windmills. Enjoy a canal cruise in the heart of Amsterdam. Step back to medieval times during a Bruges sightseeing tour. Sample artisanal cheese at a Dutch farm. Stop in Arnhem, the favorite summer retreat of the Dutch royal family.

June 9-16, 2017 – Islands of New England

New England's miles of sandy beaches, majestic coasts, and rolling surf invite relaxation. The Islands of New England tour spends eight days exploring New England's charms, from the cobblestone streets of Nantucket to a dry harvest cranberry bog. Step back in time at Plimoth Plantation to sample traditional recipes from that period, learn some Pilgrim etiquette and enjoy a Thanksgiving feast where you'll learn to "eat like a Pilgrim." In Provincetown, the choice is yours – set out on a whale watch cruise or embark on a scenic adventure through the iconic sand dunes of the Cape. Visit Boston and Providence, the Gilded Age mansions of Newport, the lively artist colony of Provincetown, and the beautiful islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Complete your New England experience as you indulge in a traditional lobster feast.

July 2017 – Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park

Icefields, rushing streams, lovely waterfalls, glacial peaks and towering summits are just a few of the scenic wonders awaiting you in the Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park. Ride aboard a Jammer (open-air touring car) during your visit to Glacier National Park and spend two nights at the Prince of Wales hotel. Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Stop at Columbia Icefield and choose a ride across this mass of glacier ice or take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk. A three-night stay at the iconic Fairmont Banff Springs hotel lets you explore Bow Falls and the Hoodoos (the "Land of the Sleeping Giants").

September 2017 - Imperial Cities

Bask in the splendor and romance with 3-night stays in each of Europe's Imperial Cities, Prague, Vienna and Budapest. In Prague, walk the Golden Lane, a delightful neighborhood of tiny, medieval houses. Delight in the baroque marvels of Vienna's Schoenbrunn Palace, the summer retreat of the Habsburg dynasty for more than 200 years. Visit a 14th-century Hungarian castle where knights recreate the days of chivalry. Soak up the culture of the region with included guided city excursions and through your own explorations on your days at leisure. Cruise the Danube River through the beautiful scenery of the Wachau Valley to the famous Abbey at Melk.

October 2017 – Spain's Classics

Experience Spain's colorful pageant of art, history and culture. Set against a backdrop that spans sunny Mediterranean shores and grand mountain ranges, this stunning destination is dotted with white pueblos, groves of oranges and olives. Explore the priceless treasures of the Royal Palace, Europe's 2nd largest palace. Visit the exotic and expansive Alhambra palace, resplendent with Moorish regal flair. See the Cathedral of Seville, the 3rd largest in the world. Enjoy reserved seating at a flamenco show and feel the passion of this famous dance. Explore Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona, Granada, Cordoba and Toledo. Become part of an authentic "paella experience," and learn how this rice dish is made and where it originated. Marvel at Valencia's "City of Arts & Sciences." See how precious lladro figurines are made by hand. View Antonio Gaudi's architectural masterpieces, including La Sagrada Familia. Spain beckons.



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February 2018 - Discover Panama

Explore the colors and natural beauty of Panama – a land between the seas. Cruise through the canal aboard the Pacific Queen on a partial transit and stay at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. Travel via dugout canoe to meet the indigenous Emberá people. Explore bustling local markets. Visit the historic district in Panama City, Casco Viejo, and the Miraflores Locks Visitor Center. Visit an orange grove as you learn about the importance of this crop. Stay in Anton Valley, a community nestled entirely within a volcano crater. Meet the locals and learn about Panamanian folklore, artisan crafts, and rum distillation in Chitré. Complete your Panama experience with a final night in your resort overlooking Playa Bonita.

April 2018 – Spotlight on San Antonio

Relax Texas-style when you settle into your River Walk hotel on this 5 day Spotlight on San Antonio. Visit the legendary Alamo. Learn about the history of the San Antonio region at the South Texas Heritage Center. Be swept up in the romance of the Old West at a dude ranch in Bandera. Visit charming Fredericksburg nestled in the hill country and rich with German heritage. Discover the bold flavors of Texas wines and cuisine while dining at an olive orchard. Cruise along the Paseo del Rio and immerse yourself in the laid-back atmosphere of this Texas city.

May 2018 – Spotlight on Tuscany

The rolling hills of Tuscany are home to sprawling vineyards, charming medieval hill towns and enchanting cities steeped in history, culture and legend. Discover them for yourself on this relaxing sojourn into the Italian countryside. Visit Florence, Siena, Pisa and San Gimignano. Savor a 7-night stay in Montecatini Terme, the famous resort and spa town. Enjoy free time to explore the cultural treasures of Florence, including Michelangelo's "David." Discover the charming town of Lucca, Italy's best-kept secret. Learn about the heroic deeds of WWII at remains of the Gothic Line and visit the Museum of Liberation. Enjoy fabulous local wines and the region's famous cuisine. This is Tuscany as you always imagined it.

August 2018 – America's Cowboy Country

Visit Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park, Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorial on this great American Adventure. Spend two nights in the cowboy town of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, the crown jewel of the Northern Rockies. Experience the Wild West as it once was at Yellowstone National Park, home to an incredible array of wildlife including free-ranging herds of buffalo. Check off one of life's must-dos as you thrill upon seeing Old Faithful erupt. Marvel at Grand Teton National Park's towering peaks, marked with mountain glaciers. Soak in stunning views of Mt. Rushmore and the Crazy Horse Memorials.

September 2018 - Magical Rhine and Moselle Rivers

Set sail on a cruise along the Rhine and Moselle rivers that will take you to Netherlands, Germany and France. Sit back and relax in your outside stateroom, and enjoy the luxury of unlimited wine or beer with every dinner and daily onboard musical performances. Join a local expert for a tour of Amsterdam, highlighting the city's centuries-old canal system and famous 16th-century row houses stacked side-by-side. This cruise will bring you by charming panoramas while you get to know the interesting culture and deep history of the region. Spend time in Speyer, one of Germany's oldest cities. Pause in Rudesheim, to explore the famous Siegfried's Mechanisches Musikkabinett (or Music Museum). Tour the 2,000-year-old city of Koblenz. Your stop in Cologne features a guided walking tour of the city's old town and Cologne Cathedral. Spend the afternoon in Bernkasel and sip wine in one of the famous cellars. Enjoy a guided tour of the world famous Strasbourg old town.



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October 2018 – America's Music Cities

Enjoy a finger-snapping, toe-tapping time on this tour of America's most famed musical cities. Visit New Orleans, Memphis and Nashville as you revel in the sounds of the blues, jazz, country, and good old rock 'n' roll. Experience America's most singular city in New Orleans, home to the French Quarter where the world's great jazz musicians reside. Have your choice on tour – either stroll through New Orleans' famous French Quarter on a walking tour with a local expert or set out on a panoramic motor coach tour for a different perspective of the city. Spend two nights in Memphis, "birthplace of the blues," tour Elvis Presley's Graceland, and indulge in award-winning barbecue. Enjoy reserved seats at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee and a backstage tour. Tour historic RCA Studio B and see where country legends recorded hit songs. A visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame is sure to have you humming long after you return home.

Attend an informative slide presentation to learn more about upcoming Collette trips and see what exciting destinations 2016 has in store!

Join us in the conference room upstairs at
Simpkins Family Swim Center (979 17th Ave.) on
Tuesday, April 26 at 10 a.m. or Thursday, June 30 at 6 p.m.
Call Jessica at (831) 454-7929 for more details or to book a trip.



March 19 – 24, 2017 – Arizona Spring Training Getaway

Batter up! Travel to Arizona and get a jump on Major League Baseball action while enjoying two Cactus League spring training baseball games. More fun awaits you outside the stands! Explore Phoenix highlights such as downtown Phoenix, Paradise Valley, the Hall of Flame Fire Museum and the popular Heard Museum of Native American Culture. Tucson sightseeing includes the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum, Presidio Historic District, University of Arizona, Mission San Xavier del Bac, and a Sabino Canyon Recreational Area open air tram tour. Also, if you want to explore more of Arizona, score big during an optional day trip to Sedona!

Attend an informative PowerPoint presentation to learn more about Premier World Discovery's Arizona Spring Training Getaway!

Join us in the conference room upstairs at Simpkins Family Swim Center (979 17th Ave.) on **Thursday, April 28 at 10 a.m. or Tuesday, May 3 at 6 p.m.!**
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