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* Please note: All Itineraries are subject to change.

(Tues) MARCH 19: "DANIEL" at SIGHT AND SOUND. Trip includes matinee show, lunch transportation, and gratuities. (TRIP IS FULL – WAITING LIST ONLY) Witness one of the most powerful stories of the Old Testament, "Daniel". This brand-new original show premiering at Sight & Sound carries a profound message of hope. The production takes the audience on a journey alongside this faithful servant and his friends as they face royal pressures and dangerous choices. Featuring magnificent special effects, towering sets and original music for which Sight & Sound has become known, this state-of-the-art production is a story of steadfast faith in the mids

t of fiery trials. Join us as we travel back in the Bible and hear about the life of Daniel. After the show we will head to Bird-in-Hand Restaurant for a delicious smorgasbord and then head home.

COST: \$190 per person. PAYMENT: Full Payment due upon signing up.

(Sun-Tues) APRIL 7-9: ROCKIN THE ECLIPSE TOUR! This 3 day/2 night trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, admissions, show, boat cruise dinner, taxes & gratuities. (TRIP IS FULL – WAITING LIST ONLY)

Day 1: Yes, Cleveland is the center of the Universe...for one day anyway! Our first day will take us to Cleveland and the **Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame**, check into our hotel. Next we will board the **NEW Lady Carolina** for a **PREclipse cruise** on Lake Erie where we will enjoy **dinner, dancing and views** of the lake and skyline. **Day 2:** Travel to the **Women's Air and Space Museum**, then depart to **West Side Market** for **lunch on own** in **Ohio City Foodie District**. Travel to **Lorain County Fairgrounds** to enjoy the **eclipse**. They will have food and beverage vendors, and everyone will receive **special viewing glasses!** Back to Hotel for dinner and watching the hilarious **Mary Factor show "Six ages of Women"**. **Day 3:** After breakfast we will take a **tour of Cleveland**, visiting the gorgeous **Tiffany Designed Wade Chapel** and **President Garfield's Tomb and Monument**. Enjoy **Lunch on own** in **Little Italy** with a pastry to take home. Head to the largest candy store in the U.S., **Sweeties Candies**. Then depart for home,

COST: \$790 per person, double occupancy. Single is \$980 & triple is \$740.

PAYMENT: \$250 per person due upon signing up. Remainder due March 1st.

(Mon-Thurs) MAY 6-9: HISTORIC NATURAL BRIDGE, D-DAY MUSEUM & LEXINGTON, VA. Come make memories in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. This package includes 4 days/3 nights in the Historic Natural Bridge Hotel and Conference Center, 3 breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, 1 special treat, admissions, entertainment, luggage handling, taxes and gratuities. The area we will be exploring has one of the richest veins of American history in Virginia including names like George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Thomas J. Jackson and so many more. **Day 1:** Travel to **Natural Bridge State Park** in Virginia. George Washington surveyed this natural wonder, which was called by Thomas Jefferson, “the most sublime of nature’s works.” Late in the afternoon we will check into the historic **Natural Bridge Hotel** with spectacular views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. **Dinner is included** at the Hotel along with **musical entertainment** this evening. **Day 2:** After a hot breakfast buffet we will depart for Bedford County. If this place doesn’t touch your heart, I don’t know what will. You’ll stand in awe of the stories of bravery and sacrifice as you visit the **National D-Day Memorial with a guide**. Enjoy **lunch at the Liberty Station restaurant**. Next, visit the **Bedford Boys Tribute Center** in Green’s Drugstore. Bedford is emblematic of all those home front communities who served and sacrificed so we could be free. **Dinner** will be at a **local restaurant**. Return to the Hotel after dinner. **Day 3:** After breakfast depart for historic Lexington where we will pick up a **local guide for a tour** of the area. The past literally permeates the downtown brick buildings. Lexington is the final resting place of both Confederate generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas “Stonewall” Jackson. Our first stop will be at the **Virginia Military Institute (VMI)** to visit their museum. You can view the main exhibit “The VMI Story – 1839-2001”, see Jackson’s war horse, “Little Sorrel” who is mounted and on display in the museum along with an antique firearm display. **Lunch** will be **on your own** in the historic downtown. Next, we’ll head to **Oak Grove Cemetery** where General Thomas (Stonewall) Jackson is buried. Then head to **Washington & Lee University (WLU)** where you will learn about the college, Robert E. Lee and Lexington. We’ll visit the **University Chapel** where General Lee’s beloved war horse, “Traveler” is buried on the museum grounds, right outside the Lee family crypt. Our next stop will be at the **Stonewall Jackson House**, the only home that General Jackson ever owned. Head back to the hotel for dinner and later sit around the **campfire with s’mores**. **Day 4:** After breakfast we will check out of the hotel and depart for the **Shenandoah Caverns** where we will take a **tour of the cavern** and enjoy **lunch (on your own) with a special treat**. We’ll hop over to **Rt. 11 Potato Chips** for chip tasting and of course a little buying to take home some of those delicious chips.

COST: \$910 per person, double occupancy, Single is \$1,130 & triple is \$845, per person.

PAYMENT: \$200 per person due upon signing up. Remainder due by March 25th.

(Sun-Tues) JUNE 2-4: CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FEATURING THE ESSEX STEAM TRAIN AND RIVERBOAT. This 3 Day/2 Night White Star Tour Trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, admissions, luggage handling, taxes and gratuities for included meals. Journey through time and natural wonder! **Day 1:** Head to the Connecticut River Valley with rest stops on the way. We will arrive in Old Lyme, CT for admission to the Florence Griswold Museum, which was once a boarding house, run by Florence Griswold for American Impressionist artists who often painted on the walls and doors of the house. It was the center of the Old Lyme /Art Colony and is noted for its collection of paintings. The entire first floor has been furnished to reflect its appearance in about 1910. The second floor is exhibition space in five galleries with rotating selections from the permanent collection, as well as new acquisitions. After the visit, check into hotel and relax before dinner at a local restaurant. **Day 2:** After breakfast, depart for Essex, CT for the **Connecticut River Museum** to discover the heritage and natural beauty of the Connecticut River. Explore the exhibits that focus on the marine environment and maritime heritage of the area. Enjoy lunch on your own. Proceed to the 1891 Essex Station for the **Essex Steam Train & Riverboat**. This spectacular, 2 ½ hour, 12-mile, narrated round-trip journey will take you into the heart of the unspoiled Connecticut River Valley which is designated by the Nature Conservancy as “one of the last great places on earth”. Experience an authentic journey back to the days of steam as the steam locomotive pulls the vintage coaches at 20 mph through picturesque New England towns. A natural highlight is the undeveloped Selden Neck State Park, accessible only by boat. Your train ride passes several preserves and travels near the tidal wetlands of Pratt Cove and Chester Creek, natural habitats of birds. At **Deep River Landing**, passengers are escorted onto the **Becky Thatcher Riverboat** for a **cruise along the Connecticut River**. Learn about the history that makes the Connecticut River special. The visual serenity of the river valley is on full display from the riverboat’s multiple decks. The deep-water coves, inlets, marshes, wildlife, and rocky shoreline are all breathtaking! You will also pass historic sites including Gillette Castle, Goodspeed Opera House and the Haddam Swing Bridge. Your cruise returns to deep River Landing where you will board the steam train for the return trip back to Essex Station. After your scenic excursion continue to dinner at an area restaurant. **Day 3:** Enjoy breakfast, then check out and depart for **Olde Mistick Village**, an outdoor venue with shops, boutiques, and eateries in a throwback village setting. Enjoy lunch on your own then continue to nearby **Mystic Seaport Museum**. This living history museum is the nation’s leading maritime museum. It is noted for its collection of sailing ships and boats and for the re-creation of the crafts and fabric of an entire 19th century seafaring village.

COST: \$730 per person, double occupancy, \$885 single, \$705 per person, triple occupancy.

PAYMENT: \$100 per person due upon signing up. Remainder due by March 15th.

Travel Insurance: May be purchased by contacting NTA/AON Insurance via their website at <https://nta.aontravelprotect.com> or phone directly at 1-800-388-1470 and provide the Tour Operator Location #386097. Travel Insurance per person cost: Double & Triple occupancy \$59 Basic, \$79 Enhanced, \$121 Enhanced w/cancel for any reason and Single occupancy is \$71 basic, \$92 Enhanced and \$140 Enhanced w/cancel for any reason.

(Sat-Sun) JULY 13-21, 2024. TRAINS & PARKS OF COLORADO WITH AMAZING TRAVEL TREASURES.

(Sat-Sun) JULY 27-Aug 4, 2024. TRAINS & PARKS OF COLORADO WITH AMAZING TRAVEL

TREASURES. Pricing includes, Fully escorted tour, 16 meals, 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners, luggage handling, tour gratuities (including gratuities for driver, included meals and guides).

Roundtrip Air from BWI to DEN, Roundtrip motorcoach transfer to airport, AON Travel Protection.

Highlights: Durango & Silverton Scenic RR, Dinner on a Canyon Rim, Mesa Verde National Park, Cumbres & Toltec Scenic RR, Pikes Peak Cog Railroad, Wine paring dinner at Wine Country Inn, Colorado National Monument, Georgetown Loop Scenic RR, Garden of the Gods Park, Million Dollar Highway. (Call for further details and flyer!)

COST: \$4695 per person, double occupancy, Single is \$5695 and Triple is \$4595 per person.

PAYMENT: \$2500 per person, due upon signing up. 2nd Payment due \$1500 per person due March 15th. Final Payment due May 1st.

(Wed) AUGUST 21: MYSTERY TRIP. Trip includes admissions, lunch, transportation and gratuities. (TRIP IS FULL – WAITING LIST ONLY)

COST: \$175 per person. **PAYMENT:** \$50 per person due upon signing up. Remainder due by May 1st.

(Tues-Sun) SEPT 17 – 22: ADIRONDACK BALLOON FEST & HUDSON VALLEY TOUR. (SEE FLYER)

Trip includes 5 nights accommodations, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 2 dinners, guided tours, admissions, Dinner Theater, Luncheon cruise, free time in Rhinebeck, baggage handling, taxes, included meals & coach driver's gratuities.

COST: \$1,650 per person, double occupancy, Single \$2,060 and Triple is \$1,510 per person.

PAYMENT: \$500 per person due upon signing up. 2nd Payment: \$500 due April 15th. Final payment due by June 15th.

(Mon-Sun) SEPT 30 – OCT 6: MAINE COAST LIGHTHOUSES & LOBSTER TOUR. (SEE FLYER)

Trip includes 6 nights accommodations, 6 breakfasts, 5 dinners, guided tours, admissions, free time in Portsmouth, Kennebunkport, Bar Harbor, freeport & Portland, nature cruise, first hand lobstering experience, baggage handling, taxes, included meals & coach driver's gratuities.

COST: \$2,090 per person, double occupancy, Single \$2,839 and Triple is \$1,869 per person.

PAYMENT: \$500 per person due upon signing up. 2nd Payment: \$1000 due by April 1st. Final Payment is due by July 1st.

(Wed) NOVEMBER 13: "JOY TO THE WORLD" AMT CHRISTMAS SHOW. Trip includes show seats orchestra center, lunch, transportation, and gratuities for meal and driver. The ringing of the church bells in a quaint town square sets the scene for "Joy to the World". Awe-inspiring music and dance, phenomenal voices, and light-hearted holiday humor are the ingredients for this holiday extravaganza! After the show, we will head to newly rebuilt Hershey Farm Restaurant for a delicious, late lunch.

COST: \$150 per person. **PAYMENT:** \$50 per person due upon signing up. Balance due by Sept 15th.

(Wed) NOVEMBER 20: "JOY TO THE WORLD" AMT CHRISTMAS SHOW. Trip includes show seats front balcony center, lunch, transportation, and gratuities for meal and driver. The ringing of the church bells in a quaint town square sets the scene for "Joy to the World". Awe-inspiring music and dance, phenomenal voices, and light-hearted holiday humor are the ingredients for this holiday extravaganza! After the show, we will head to Shady Maple Smorgasbord for a delicious late lunch and a little shopping.

COST: \$150 per person. PAYMENT: \$50 per person due upon signing up. Balance due by Sept 15th.

(Sat-Wed) DECEMBER 7-11: BOSTON POPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT & A VERY SPECIAL "CHRISTMAS AT A CASTLE". Package includes 5 day/4 night very special holiday experience, (4 nights lodging - 2 at Quality Inn, Beacon, NY coming & going, 2 at the 5 Star Luxury Encore Boston Hotel), 2 Dunkin donut breakfasts, 2 hotel breakfasts, 2 lunches, 1 Christmas Dinner at a Castle, luggage handling at Encore, taxes & gratuities for restaurants, driver & included meals. **Day 1:** Travel to NY and stay in hotel overnight. **Day 2:** Travel to Boston and have lunch on own at the Quincy Market. Free time for holiday shopping. This afternoon will be the highlight of your trip attending a **Boston Pops Christmas Concert at Symphony Hall**. After concert, check into the **Encore Boston Harbor Hotel**. (Dinner on own) **Day 3:** After enjoying a **Dunkin donut breakfast**, meet our local guide for a **day of touring**. Day will be filled with gifts and Christmas spirit as we celebrate the festivities of the holiday season. We will all receive a **Holiday stocking** on our delightful **Stocking Stuffer Tour**. Hear **narration about Boston's historic sites and holiday traditions** and receive gifts throughout the day. Next were off to enjoy lunch at **Cheers of Boston**, celebrating the holidays by **designing and decorating** your own **Gingerbread House** which you will take home. After lunch we'll **tour Trinity Church Boston** which is designated as **'one of the ten most important buildings in America'** by the American Institute of Architects. Back to the hotel for a little time to freshen up before dinner. Late afternoon we'll depart for Gloucester, MA for a **"Christmas at a Castle Dinner "at Hammond Castle**. The Castle was built in 1926 by inventor, John Hays Hammond, Jr. as his residence. It is in the style of a medieval castle and was built to house his private collection of artifacts including treasures from ancient Rome through the Renaissance period. You can explore the many rooms of the castle, as well as enjoy the beauty of the castle grounds. **Special Note * There is NO handicapped accessibility.** This is a real castle and has about 15 very wide stone stairs to get to the entrance with narrow passages inside and stairs in many of the hallways and entrances to rooms that you will tour. **Day 4:** After your Dunkin breakfast, we will check out of the Encore and visit **Oakwood Farm Christmas Barn**, a 160-year-old barn with thousands of ornaments, nativities, Santa's, carolers, wreaths, and other creations made on the farm. Next, we head to the **Original Historic Fireside Feast at the Salem Cross Inn**. Relax by the fieldstone fireplace as the crackling fire roasts your prime rib by rotating it slowly over a fire of wild cherry logs. The flavor of the fireplace roasted prime rib is unsurpassed. This event has been featured on the Food Network and the Phantom Gourmet. Head to our New York hotel for the evening. **Day 5:** After breakfast head home with fond memories of this fabulous holiday experience.

COST: \$1753 per person, double occupancy, Single is \$1979 & Triple is \$1704 per person.

PAYMENT: \$150 per person due upon signing up. 2nd payment - \$250 per person by Mar 1st. 3rd Payment - \$250 per person by June 1st. Remainder due by October 1st.

Travel Insurance is **NOT** included in your trip price. However, we recommend you purchase travel protection. Travel protection is offered through different insurance companies depending on the tour operator that we are dealing with on each trip. The per person premiums are based on the overall trip cost. Most Enhanced plans covering pre-existing conditions must be paid within 14 days of your initial deposit. If a Tour Operator does not include travel Insurance, you may opt to call an insurance company of your choice. Options may include your local AAA office (Gettysburg office 717-334-1155).

SPECIAL NOTES

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: LAJ Tours

MAIL TO: 40 FawnTrail, Fairfield, PA 17320

To make a reservation: (Please have the following info)

Name, address & phone number

Email address

Emergency contact number

What trip you would like to sign up for

How many people are going and names of the people that are with you.

Departure Pick up Point: Fairfield or Gettysburg

Please arrive at Pick-up Points 10 – 15 minutes ahead of departure time. The bus can only wait 10 minutes for late arrivals.

Food Allergies: Guests with any specific food requests must submit in writing what they cannot eat.

Handicap Rooms: If you require a “handicapped room” what is your actual need: (i.e., toilet lift, grab bars, roll in shower, etc.) Most handicap rooms only have a King size bed in them.

Triple Rooms: Most triple Accommodations have 2 beds only. Due to fire Regulations, they do not allow cots.

Cancellation – One Day Trip to a ticketed event

If notice of cancellation is given within 30 days prior, LAJ Tours shall contact those persons placed on a waiting list to replace the cancellation. If no one can fill that seat/s, the individuals will be requested to find a replacement on their own. No refund will be given.

Cancellation – Multi-day Trip

Full refund up to 60 days prior to trip unless there are unrecoverable deposits/expenses by terms and conditions of the tour vendors.

1. Should you cancel before we have made payments for lodging, admissions, meals, etc. – 100% refund.
2. Should you cancel after we have made reservations for you, and we can obtain a refund – 100% refund.
3. Should you cancel after we have made Reservations for you and CANNOT obtain refunds, your refund is the amount you have paid less the amount non-refundable paid by LAJ tours.
4. Anyone who does not show on the day of tour departure will not receive refund.