

# March 2025 **LAJ TOURS**

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**\* Please note: All Itineraries are subject to change.**

**(Fri-Mon) APRIL 25-28, 2025: VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO, PARADE OF NATIONS & NATO FEST.** The Tattoo is the largest military band performance in the US and was named one of the "Top 100 Events in North America" by the ABA. Join us for this premium package which includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfast, 3 dinners, admissions, reserved seats during parade, premium reserved seating at tattoo, river cruise, baggage handling, taxes, gratuities for included meals, guides & driver. **Day 1:** Arrive at Virginia Beach and start with a guided tour of the area. Check into the ocean front accommodations at Hyatt Place Virginia Beach. Dinner will be at Captain George's Seafood and chocolate tasting for dessert. **Day 2:** Depart for the Nauticus Museum and USS Wisconsin. We'll walk to our assigned seats for the Norfolk NATO Fest Parade of Nations, the only parade dedicated to our NATO allies. Lunch will be on your own. Travel to the Military Aviation Museum for a guided tour and then attend our exclusive dinner party with cocktail hour, live music, and catered dinner as well as some fun prizes and activities. **Day 3:** Free time to explore Virginia Beach on your own. Later have a step on guided tour of Norfolk and then head to the Tattoo Hullabaloo. Enjoy premium seating for the Virginia International Tattoo, which will be closer to the action and drama of the performance. Be mesmerized as elaborate military marching bands perform featuring personnel from over a dozen militaries around the world. Later enjoy a cruise on the Elizabeth River aboard the Victory Rover. Great way to see the Norfolk Naval Base. Dinner will be at Bravo Cucina Town Center. **Day 4:** After breakfast, check out and head to the Mariners Museum before heading home.

**COST: \$1,455 per person, double occupancy. Single is \$2,070 & Triple \$1,325 per person.**

**PAYMENT: Full Payment is due.**

**(Mon-Wed) May 12-14, 2025: BLENNERHASSETT ISLAND WEST VIRGINIA.** This 3 day/2 night White Star Tour Trip includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, admissions, sternwheeler cruise, tours, luggage handling, taxes and gratuities for included meals, guides & driver. **Day 1:** Depart from home and travel to Parkersburg, WV with rest/lunch stops on your own. Check into our Hotel with dinner at a local restaurant. **Day 2:** Depart to the Oil & Gas Museum which highlights the area's history. Head to the Blennerhassett Museum which is dedicated to the story of a young family who arrived here when it was very much the American Frontier. Later depart on a sternwheeler riverboat ride to Blennerhassett Island to meet our costumed guide for a tour of the Blennerhassett Mansion. Harman and Margaret Blennerhassett, Irish aristocrats traveled by flatboat down the Ohio River where they found an island in 1789 that would serve as their home. They lived on the island like royalty until that lifestyle was lost because of their involvement in a scandal, called a treasonous conspiracy with former Vice President Aaron Burr. After the tour you will have free time to explore the island on a nature walk or wagon ride. Return to the mainland to visit the Mulberry Lane Country store (the largest country store in West Virginia). Dinner will be at a local restaurant. Visit the historic Smoot Theater for a behind-the-scenes tour of the 1926 vaudeville era theater. While sitting on stage, you'll enjoy a delicious dessert. **Day 3:** Check out and depart for a visit at Holl's Swiss Chocolatier, maker of the highest quality of handcrafted Swiss chocolates. Then travel to Historic Henderson Hall, built in 1859 as the centerpiece of the 2600-acre plantation overlooking the Ohio River. The Henderson's played a key role in thwarting the treasonous exploits of Aaron Burr. Depart for home with lasting memories of your trip to historic West Virginia.

**COST: \$745 per person, double occupancy. Single is \$950 & triple is \$735 per person.**

**PAYMENT: Full Payment is due.**

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



**(Thurs-Wed) June 5-11, 2025: MT. RUSHMORE & THE BADLANDS.** Join us on a journey that beckons with wonder and discovery. Come uncover the Black Hills' beauty, where every step is a brushstroke on the canvas of an enduring legacy. Pricing includes, fully escorted tour, 12 meals, 6 breakfast, 2 lunches, 4 dinners, luggage handling, tour gratuities, (including gratuities for driver, included meals

and guides), Roundtrip air from BWI to RAP, Roundtrip motorcoach transfer to airport, Travel Protection. Discover the awe-inspiring Black Hills of South Dakota, where monumental wonders await. From Mount Rushmore's presidential sculptures to Custer State Parks, Cathedral Spires and the rugged Badlands to the iconic Devils Tower, each site is a testament to nature's grandeur. Enjoy a **six-night stay** at the **K Bar S Lodge, Ascend Hotel Collection** which brings you charming, upscale accommodations and stunning Mt. Rushmore views in Keystone, SD. Our hotel is nestled right in the heart of the scenic Black Hills. **HIGHLIGHTS:** Badlands National Park, Badlands Loop State Scenic Byway, Wall Drug, Minutemen Missile National historic Site, Custer State Park, Needles Highway, Deadwood, SD follow the footsteps of Wild Bill Hickok & Calamity Jane, Broken Boot Gold Mine, Tatanka the story of the Bison, Mount Rushmore National Memorial - day and evening tour, 1880 Train to Hill City, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devil's Tower & Rapid City.

**COST:** \$3,695 per person, double occupancy, Single is \$4,295, and Triple is \$3,595 per person.

**PAYMENT:** Full Payment is due. (SORRY THIS TRIP IS FULL – WAITING LIST ONLY)

**(Wed) JUNE 25, 2025: MYSTERY TRIP.** Trip includes admissions, lunch, transportation & gratuities.

**COST:** \$190 per person. (SORRY THIS TRIP IS FULL – WAITING LIST ONLY)

**PAYMENT:** \$50 per person, due upon signing up. Remainder due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**(Fri-Wed) JULY 11- 16, 2025: GRAND OLE OPRY'S 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BASH.** This 6 day/5 night adventure includes five nights lodging, 5 breakfasts & 5 dinners, admissions, guides, tours, entertainment, luggage handling (except at the Courtyard), taxes, gratuities for included meals, guides & driver. **Day 1:** Depart from home and travel to Bristol, VA with rest/lunch stops on own. Arrive at the **Country Music Museum** and learn how Bristol became known as the birthplace of country music. Enjoy a group country style dinner at the museum. Check into the **Courtyard by Marriott** in Bristol. **Day 2:** Head to Nashville to the **Gaylord Opryland Resort**. Check in and enjoy all the wonderful amenities this luxury resort offers. This evening enjoy Nashville's premier **Country Music Dinner Theater** featuring **"The Best of Country" Dinner Show**. **Day 3:** Take a **3-hour tour** through the heart of the downtown area. **Lunch on your own.** One of the highlights of this trip will be the **Exclusive Group Birthday Celebration** including a **Grand Ole Opry House backstage tour**, the **exclusive Opry 100<sup>th</sup> dinner party** catered by Ole Red in Studio A before the **Grand Ole Opry performance**, including **special appearance by an Opry artists backstage**. Enjoy **main floor seats**, and everyone will receive **souvenir Opry 100 ticket & lanyard, Commemorative show poster & lapel pin and photo op with the giant 100 birthday cake**. **Day 4:** Enjoy **guided tour of RCA Studio B** and a surprise. Historic RCA Studio B is home of over 1,000 Top Ten hits! Enjoy self-guided tour of the **Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum** which safeguards more than 2.5 million priceless artifacts with lunch on your own at one of the eateries. Tour **Ryman Auditorium** the "mother church of country music". Your visit to this famous National Historic Landmark begins with **"Soul of Nashville," a state-of-the-art theatre experience**. After join us for a legendary cruise down the historic Cumberland River on the **General Jackson Showboat**. Enjoy a delicious three-course meal followed by a fantastic show. **Day 5:** Check out and head for Wytheville, VA where we will enjoy **entertainment** and spend an evening at the **Fairfield Inn & Suites in Wytheville, VA**. **Day 6:** After breakfast head home singing and tapping our feet from the wonderful country music experience with rest and lunch stops on your own.

**COST:** \$2,490 per person, double occupancy. Single is \$3,140 & triple is \$2,270 per person.

**PAYMENT:** \$650 per person due upon signing up and Remainder due by May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. (SORRY THIS TRIP IS FULL – WAITING LIST ONLY)

**(Tues-Fri) AUGUST 12-15, 2025: SMALL TOWN AMERICA - COOPERSTOWN, SKANEATELES, AUBURN & SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.** This 4 day/3 night adventure includes 3 nights accommodation, 3 breakfast, 3 lunch, 2 dinners, sight-seeing cruise, guided tours, admissions, show tickets, & wine tasting, luggage handling, taxes & gratuities for included restaurants, meals & coach driver. **Day 1:** Head to Skaneateles, NY with rest breaks along the way. Lunch is included at the **Sherwood Inn** set on beautiful Skaneateles Lake. Enjoy a scenic boat cruise aboard **Judge Ben Wiles**. Enjoy some shopping and dinner on your own in the Village before checking into our Hotel the **Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn NY** which is within walking distance of downtown. **Day 2:** Wear your splash of orange today for the "Syracuse Orange"! Enjoy a **private organ performance at the Willard Chapel**, the only complete and unaltered Tiffany Chapel known to exist. Enjoy lunch and some shopping at **New Hope Mills**, celebrating over 200 years in business. Depart for **guided tour of the Erie Canal Museum** and the **city of Syracuse** learning about the history and connections to the Erie Canal. Dinner will be at **Pheobe's Restaurant**. Travel to the **Merry Go Round Playhouse** to enjoy a performance of **"Top Hat"** a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers tap dancing musical comedy which comes to life on stage. This outstanding show is packed full of Irving Berlin's greatest hits. **Day 3: Tour the restored Victorian Farmhouse of Mackenzie Childs**, set on a picturesque farm overlooking Cayuga Lake. See the beautiful hand-decorated ceramic tableware and home furnishings produced by Mackenzie-Childs. Lunch will be included at the **Aurora Inn** and then it's off to a **wine tasting at Anyela's Vineyard** where we will sample wines while taking in the fabulous view of Skaneateles Lake. We'll return to the Hotel where dinner and the rest of the evening will be on your own. **Day 4:** We'll check out and then depart for **Fly Creek Cider Mill** which offers many free samples of salsa, cheeses, wines, hard cider, chutneys, fudge and much more. Everyone will receive a **\$5 voucher** to be used in the store. Next, we head to the famous **National Baseball Hall of Fame** with some free time to have lunch on your own. This museum highlights the Cooperstown experience as every fan's "Field of Dreams." Travel to Binghamton to enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and then head home arriving at approx 9:30 pm. **COST: \$1,420 per person, double occupancy. Single is \$1,730 & Triple is \$1,315 per person.** **PAYMENT: \$500 per person due upon signing up and Remainder due by June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**(Sun-Sun) SEPTEMBER 14-21, 2025: CANADIAN ROCKIES ADVENTURE with AMAZING TRAVEL TREASURES.** Pricing includes, fully escorted tour, Roundtrip transfer to BWI. Roundtrip air from BWI to YYC (Calgary), return out of YVR (Vancouver), 13 meals (7 Breakfasts & 6 dinners), luggage handling, travel protection, tour gratuities (including gratuities for driver, meals & guides), & deluxe motorcoach transportation. Embark on a breathtaking journey through Banff, Jasper and the Canadian Rockies. Discover the pristine beauty of turquoise lakes, towering glaciers and majestic peaks. This adventure isn't just a trip; it's an unforgettable experience etched into the very fabric of your being. **Day 1:** Depart on your **flight to Banff**, a captivating gem nestled amidst the majestic peaks. Enjoy your **welcome dinner reception** at the **Royal Canadian Lodge**. **Day 2:** Embark on an enchanting journey through the spellbinding wonders of **Banff National Park** and the iconic beauty of **Lake Louise**. Climb **Sulphur Mountain via the Banff Gondola** to **dine at the Northern Lights Restaurant** where breathtaking views complement the gourmet cuisine. **Day 3:** Traverse the legendary **Icefields Parkway** beginning with a stop at **Peyto Lake** where the azure waters reflect the surrounding peaks in a breathtaking display of natural beauty. Board an **Ice Explorer** and venture on to the **Athabasca Icefield**. Head to the **Outlander Resort near Jasper**, a tranquil haven nestled amidst the wilderness. **Day 4:** Journey through **Asper National Park**, a wilderness wonderland that beckons with its untamed beauty. Take a **scenic cruise to Spirit Island**. Stop at **Diamond Mountain**. Enjoy **free time in Jasper** this evening. **Day 5: Ride on the Icefield Parkway to Revelstoke**, British Columbia with a stop at the **Athabasca Waterfalls**. This journey is like

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stepping into a postcard-worthy scene of majestic mountain vistas, sparkling glaciers and pristine wilderness. **Theree Valley Chateau** is nestled in the heart of the valley and exudes old-world charm with its grand architecture and picturesque surroundings. **Day 6:** Heading to Vancouver, **visit Hell's Gate** situated in **British Columbia's Fraser Canyon**, a stunning natural wonder where the mighty Fraser River surges through narrow cliffs. **Two-night stay in Sheraton Downtown, Vancouver. Day 7:** Our first visit is the **Capilano Suspension Bridge** which is suspended high above the Capilano River and stretches 450 feet. Next a **Vancouver city tour** winding through **Chinatown, Stanley Park** and culminating with the **Fly Over Canada**, a **captivating flight simulation experience** taking visitors on a virtual journey across Canada's breathtaking landscapes. Farewell dinner in the historic Gastown district at **Steam Works restaurant. Day 8:** This morning fly home with vivid and amazing memories of the Canadian Rockies.



**COST: \$5,995 per person double occupancy. Single is \$7,195 and Triple is \$5,695 per person.**

**PAYMENT: \$2,500 per person due upon signing up and Remainder due by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

**(Tues-Sat) SEPTEMBER 30-OCTOBER 4, 2025: VERMONT & TRAPP FAMILY LODGE ADVENTURE.** The hills will come alive as you venture to the spectacular Trapp Family Lodge during fall peak foliage. Package includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfast, 1 box lunch and 3 dinners, tours, luggage handling, taxes and gratuities for included meals, guides & driver. **Day 1:** Depart from home and travel to MA with rest/lunch stops on your own along the way. We will **overnight** in the **Fairfield Inn, Great Barrington, MA** and have **dinner at a local restaurant. Day 2:** Check out and travel to Vermont where we will **tour Hildene** which is **Robert Todd Lincoln's family estate**. Learn how the Lincolns vacationed in Vermont and some of their family misfortunes. Enjoy a **box lunch at Hildene**. Travel to the **Trapp Family Lodge** where we will stay for the next two evenings. Enjoy **tea & cookies** when we arrive and later take a **tour of the famous Trapp Family Lodge**. **Maria Von Trapp** wrote an autobiography that inspired the play and movie, "**The Sound of Music**" and her story has become an **American legend**. Learn the history of this remarkable family as they fled Austria and were granted asylum in this country and how their small farmhouse in Stowe, Vermont became the world-renowned resort, which is now overseen by Johannes, the youngest of the singing Von Trapp children and his family. Enjoy **dinner in the Main dining room. Day 3:** Full hot & cold breakfast buffet at the Lodge. Meet your **local guide for a day of touring through Stowe, VT** seeing the **oldest covered bridge in Stowe** and then go downtown for a **walking history tour** and time to **visit the shops**. Visit **Lake Champlain Chocolates, Danforth Pewter, the Cabot Cheese Annex and Smugglers Notch Distillery Store and tasting**. Great opportunity to buy some of Vermont's best. **Lunch on your own at Cold Hollow Cider Mill** where we will see a **demonstration of how cider is made**. **Tour Ben & Jerry's factory** where you'll see a history video, view the production room and stop in the Flavoroom for a sample to delight your taste buds. **Ice-cream for all. Dinner at the Bierhall**, a gathering place for friends to enjoy "a little of Austria, a lot of Vermont." **Day 4:** Full hot & cold breakfast buffet at the Lodge. After checking out, head towards home. Stop at **King Arthur Flour Baking Company** – café, bakery and store. (Lunch on your own). Check into our **hotel** for the evening in **Danbury, CT**. (Dinner on your own). **Day 5:** After breakfast at the hotel, head for home with rest/lunch stops on your own along the way, remembering the remarkable Von Trapp family story and the beauty of Vermont.

**COST: \$1,980 per person, double occupancy. Single is \$2,855 and triple is \$1,755 per person.**

**PAYMENT: \$750 per person due upon signing up and Remainder due by August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**



**(Wed-Sun) NOVEMBER 12-16, 2025:**

**HOLLY JOLLY SHOWTIME IN OHIO.** This 5

day/4 night adventure is a great way to ring in the holiday season with great shows, delicious meals and lots of great attractions. This trip includes 4 nights accommodation, 4 breakfast, 1 lunch & 4 dinners, admissions, shows, guided tours, baggage handling, taxes & gratuities for included meals, guides & driver. **Day 1:** Travel to Ohio with rest and lunch stops on the way. We will stay in the beautiful Inn at Amish Door. This evening we'll head to Cambridge for a **delicious meal and entertainment by Vigor duo** who will be performing upbeat and seasonal hits. Then we'll watch the **magical light show** set to music at the Courthouse. **Day 2:** Depart to the **Warther Museum annual Festival of Trees**. View the fabulous **steam engine carvings** by the **World's Master Carver, Mooney Warther**. See the **family home decorated** for a 1920's holiday and **view the button house** featuring over 70,000 buttons arranged in artwork. Visit & shop in the **gift & knife shop**. Enjoy a **light lunch of soup, sandwich & pumpkin cake in the carriage house of JE Reeve's Victorian Mansion** and then **tour the mansion decked in holiday splendor**. Enjoy the **Walnut Creek Flea Market for a fun scavenger hunt** with a prize for the winner. Head to the **Milana Ballroom**, next to the Inn for a **plated dinner** followed by **Denny Diamond's JOY show**. Denny covers many famous artists featuring tunes from America's songbook along with holiday hits. After the show head back to the Inn to **make smores at the fire pit**. **Day 3:** Head to the **Lamp and Light Candle** for a **carving demo**. Receive a small holiday scented votive to take home. Depart for **Troyer Candies** where we will get to **dip 6 buckeye candies** and enjoy **sampling other delicious treats**. Lunch will be on your own with **free time to explore Historic downtown Millersburg**. Tour the **Millersburg Victorian Mansion and Glass Museum** to see some of the most rare and valuable collectible art glass in the world. Next, **Walnut Creek Cheese and Market** for shopping time featuring cheese, bulk foods, spices, holiday baking and decorating, jams, jellies and more. A jar of holiday jam included for all. Head to **Der Dutchman for a buffet supper** of pan-fried chicken, ham, noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, & assorted pies. The evening ends with a **two-hour musical and comedy variety show** at the **Amish Country Theater**. This variety show along with holiday hits will get you singing and laughing with lots of fun audience participation. **Day 4:** Depart to the bakery to **make** and take **two cream sticks**. Yum! Head to the **Amish Broom maker** for a **demonstration** and then head to **Lehman's General store** in Kidron for shopping time and lunch on your own. Depart to P Graham Dunn and view their inspirational engraved artwork. **Dinner** will be at **Dutch Valley** for their delicious cold & hot bar featuring chicken, beef, mashed potatoes, noodles, dressing, vegetables, sides and delicious desserts. Delight in the **Holiday Show at the Ohio Star Theater**, a great way to end this spectacular experience. **Day 5:** After breakfast head home with fond memories of Christmas in Ohio.

**COST:** \$1,165 per person, double occupancy, Single is \$1,455 and Triple is \$1,075 per person.

**PAYMENT:** \$150 per person due upon signing up. 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment: \$250 per person due April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

**Remainder due by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

**(Wed) DECEMBER 10, 2025: "DECK THE HALLS" AMT CHRISTMAS SHOW.** Trip includes show seats, Orchestra Right, lunch, transportation and gratuities for meal and driver. Check in at the decked-out St. Nicholas Hotel where we find our dashing dancers and merry musicians ready to "Deck the Halls!" Bubbly bellhops and glittery guests make merriment in preparation for a visit from Old Saint Nick. This musical holiday adventure brings together old and new friends to celebrate the season with awe-inspiring performances designed to capture the hearts of the entire family. After the show we'll head over to the newly renovated Bird In Hand Restaurant for a late lunch.

**COST:** \$160 per person.

**PAYMENT:** \$25 per person, due upon signing up. Remainder due by Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

**Travel Insurance** is **NOT** included in your trip price, unless otherwise noted. 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 Fawn Trail, Fairfield, PA 17320**

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

Name, address & phone number

Email address

Emergency contact number

What trip would you 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 people 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.