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# **TRAVELS & TOURS**

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Dear Traveling Friends,

Welcome to the 2023 Catalog! Please spend some time and enjoy looking for your favorite destinations. Don't look for the ordinary, but for the extraordinary travel opportunities Koinonia is known to provide. We go the extra mile and off the beaten path to provide an unforgettable travel experience.

Our name KOINONIA is still at the center of our purpose: Fellowship focused on building relationships with travelers and partners around the world. I feel proud when I hear travelers talk about being treated like family and belonging to a great big travel family.

The 2023 itineraries are exciting and literally span the globe. They have been designed to provide incredible experiences with lifelong memories. Our passion is to help people see and experience God's great big beautiful world and show all that it has to offer! I believe the journey is as important as the destination and that's why we plan unique activities and events for every tour. You will experience fantastic scenery, visit popular attractions, sample the local cuisine, mingle with the local people, make new friends, learn about the history and culture of the places you visit, while staying in first class accommodations and traveling in different modes of deluxe transportation. You will venture off the beaten path to find those hidden treasures to make the trip more exciting and enjoyable for the traveler. You will have opportunities to laugh, shout, sing, maybe cry and even dance. Maybe I should say be involved in some creative movement.

We believe group travel has more of a purpose than just traveling. We believe it enriches lives, inspires people, encourages, motivates, educates, renews, refreshes, creates fellowship, and offers some challenges. Plus, it's worry free, more affordable, and safer.

I will continue to strive to exceed our travelers' expectations in every way possible by providing value and quality. We are dedicated to personal customer service. Our number one priority is the complete satisfaction and safety of our clients.

So, what are you waiting for? Register today for your favorite tour. Mark your calendar, pack your bags and be ready to come aboard, sit back, and relax. You will be amazed as we show you the world. I look forward to traveling with you in 2023!

Blessings! Thanks for traveling! I really appreciate you choosing Koinonia Travels and Tours!

Roger

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### **KOINONIA 2023 TOUR DATES: DOMESTIC MOTOR-COACH TOURS:**

Day by day Itineraries are available with online catalog or you may request a specific tour itinerary.

Big Taste of Texas	April 10 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$2275
Mid-West Adventure	April 23 <sup>rd</sup> - 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$1750
Washington D.C. Heritage Tour	June 11 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$1895
Branson/Eureka Springs/Passion Play	July 9 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$1450
"Going To The Sun" Adventure	<b>September 5</b> <sup>th</sup> - <b>15</b> <sup>th</sup> , <b>2023</b>	\$2795 + Air
Classic New England	October 9 <sup>th</sup> – 21st, 2023	\$3295
Route 66 Chicago-San Monica	October 24 <sup>th</sup> - Nov. 4th, 2023	\$2995 + Air
Branson Christmas	November 27 <sup>th</sup> - Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2023	\$1125
Christmas Mystery	December 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$1350
Alaska "Aurora Borealis" Northern Lights	February 19th-25th, 2024	\$ 3675 + Air
Aloha Hawaii Cruise	March TBD 2024	\$ TBD + Air
Alaska "The Last Frontier" Land & Cruise	August 3 -16, 2024	\$ 4400 + Air
*Registration Deadline for Alaska	July 1st, 2023	

#### **KOINONIA INTERNATIONAL TOURS: 2023 & 2024**

Holy Land & Jordan "Petra"	May 9 <sup>th</sup> - 21st, 2023	\$3800	+ Air
	May 7 <sup>th</sup> - 19th, 2024	\$3800	+ Air
Iceland: The Land of Fire and Ice	July 18 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$3695	+ Air
	July 16 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	\$3695	+ Air
Ireland	August 1 <sup>st</sup> - 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$2950	+ Air
	June 18th-27th , 2024	\$2950	+ Air
Best of Italy:	August 20 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023	\$3695	+ Air
	October 1st - 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	\$3695	+ Air
Greece: Footsteps of Paul with 4 Day Cruise	October 31 <sup>st</sup> - Nov.11th, 2023	\$3695	+ Air
	October 29 <sup>th</sup> - Nov. 9th, 2024	\$3695	+ Air

Reminders: Dates and pricing are subject to change due to scheduling conflicts and cost increases.

Special Note: Vendors Policy will take priority over Koinonia Policies when making reservations. Group polices with vendors in the travel industry, such as transportation, lodging, restaurants and attractions are constantly changing. We are continuing to update our policies but sometimes as soon as we update they are out dated.

Registration deadlines and deposit due dates will be strictly followed. It's very important travelers understand the necessity of registering early and committing to a tour to ensure the success of a guaranteed departure. Koinonia requires 30 registered travelers with deposits paid to guarantee a domestic motor-coach tour. Koinonia requires 20 registered with deposits paid for an international tour. We do offer guaranteed departures for some tours planned with our partner tour operators. Be aware that some tours will require deposits a year in advance to reserve space!

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION: GENERAL GUIDELINES, RESERVATION POLICIES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

(Please read carefully before signing up for a tour, your reservation constitutes acceptance of our policies.)

Koinonia Travels and Tours purpose is to strive to create unique, carefree, extraordinary travel experiences with lasting memories for individuals and groups while offering unsurpassed value and exceptional quality with personalized service. We desire to be the best travel professionals and providers in the travel industry. The following polices and guidelines are designed to help us accomplish our purpose.

**Responsibilities:** All tours are arranged and operated by Koinonia Travels and Tours (KTT) (LLC). KTT acts only as your agent in arranging and sponsoring the various accommodations that are made available, and assumes no responsibility nor liability in connection with the services rendered by any vessel, carriage or other conveyance, excursions, sightseeing events, restaurants, hotels or motels or any other accommodation, event or equipment used in the performance of the tour. KTT assumes no responsibility for any delay, accident, failure or sickness incurred while using any leased services.

KTT reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary or tour arrangements at any time, due to emergency or otherwise unknown situations. If KTT cancels a tour, it shall have no responsibility to participants beyond the refund of the monies paid to KTT by the participants. In case of events beyond our control, including but not limited to strikes, lockouts, revolts, wars, natural disasters, fires, closures of airports or hotels, or technical problems of transport, which force us to cancel the tour you have booked, you will be entitled to a full refund minus reasonable expenses for services performed. In any of the above cases, KTT shall not be under any other obligation of liability to participants. KTT reserves the right to alter the itinerary or arrangements deemed necessary without penalty. Time restraints including traffic and weather or mechanical failure of equipment beyond our control shall be deemed conditions for change. KTT shall be under no liability because of cancellation of any event, show, game or activity that is cancelled due to weather or any other condition beyond KTT's control. KTT reserves the right to make any corrections deemed necessary to any printed or electronic distributed materials. We reserve the right to accept or decline any person as a member of any tour at any time.

#### **Reservations:**

How far in advance do I need to make a reservation? We suggest reservations be made as soon as your vacation schedule is known. Many people wait too long and are disappointed that the date they want has been sold out. Most festival tours have only limited departures and are sold out long in advance. We feel that you do yourself and KTT an immense favor by making your reservations as soon as possible. How do I make a reservation? 1) Select the KTT tour of your choice and the date that is most convenient for you. 2) Call our local number and confirm your reservation. 3) Complete the reservation form available on-line or we can mail or fax you a form. Mail completed reservation form along with your deposit check, made payable to KTT within 10 days of making your reservation. Your seat will be confirmed and guaranteed once we receive your deposit and reservation form. KTT will guarantee a departure once the required numbers are registered for a tour.

#### **Required Deposits – Final Payments:**

Deposits are due within 10 days after making your reservation. Names will be removed from the trip roster if deposit is not received. **Separate checks should be sent for each tour booked.**Tours priced from \$0—\$1500..... \$250 Deposit
Tours priced over \$1500....... \$500 Deposit

Tours that include a cruise or airfare may have different deposit requirements. Many are requiring non-refundable deposits.

Final payment for all motor coach tours is due no later than 45 days prior to departure. Please mark your calendar with the due date. Individuals who register for a tour with less than 45 days prior to departure must pay full amount when registering. No refunds with cancelation 45 days or less from departure. Final payments on all tours involving air travel and cruise lines are due 90 days from departure unless otherwise notified. Please be aware that Cruise Lines', Airlines' and Travel Vendors' cancellation polices, deposits, refunds vary and we must follow each one's policies. Cancellation Policy: Special Note: Vendors Policy will take priority over Koinonia Policies when making reservations for both international and domestic tours. Group polices with vendors in the travel industry, such as transportation, lodging, restaurants and attractions are constantly changing.

We at KTT understand that at times, due to uncontrollable circumstances, it may become necessary for you to cancel a tour. In the event that cancellation does become necessary, the following policy will apply: KTT will have to charge any non-recoverable expenditures made on behalf of the participant at the time of cancellation. These costs would be for tickets, meals, hotels, airline, cruises, etc. Many vendors such as airline companies, cruise lines, motor-coach, hotels, restaurants, and theaters require non-refundable deposits and payments in advance. Many times these monies are totally non-recoverable. In addition to any non-recoverable expenditure, there will be a \$30 handling fee withheld on all cancellations regardless of the reason to cover the cost of postage, processing, faxes, administrative and telephone expenses. Motor-coach Tour Cancellations made 45-days or less prior to tour departure will be subject to the entire cost of the tour. International Tour Cancellations made 100 days or less prior to departure will be subject to entire cost of tour. Once the tour departs, no refunds will be made. Refunds are not given for any meals or attractions in which the traveler does not participate while on tour. Koinonia reserves the right to cancel any tour for conditions beyond our control including insufficient participation. Travel Insurance recommended!

**Final Tour Information**: Once final payment has been made for tours you will receive travel documents with final tour information in the mail or via email no later than two weeks before departure. Name tags, luggage tags and other necessary information will be handed out on the first day of tour unless it is an international tour. Most international tours will have a final briefing meeting to distribute the documents or they will be mailed to you.

Each tour's Itinerary will list the inclusions for that tour including meals, admissions, transportation, guides, sightseeing, accommodations and gratuities.

**Personal Expenses** are the responsibility of the passenger. This also includes expenses incurred due to flight cancellations or delays, technical faults, weather conditions, political closures, local events, traffic conditions, etc.

Tobacco Products, Alcohol or Firearms are not allowed on Motor-Coaches. This is due to State and Federal Law! NO EXCEPTIONS!

Seat Rotation: This assures equal opportunity for each tour member to view scenery from different locations on coach and to fellowship with all travelers.

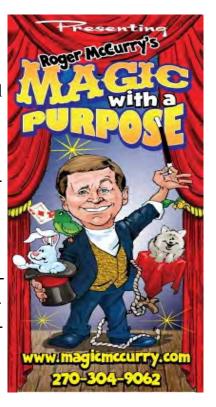
**Travel Insurance** is always recommended for both international and domestic travel. You should consider purchasing once the trip is declared a guaranteed departure!! Protect your investment and feel more confident when traveling internationally. Please read the travel insurance information section.

Special Needs: Please contact office on information about physical limitations, special assistants and space availability for walkers or wheel chairs.

# **Tour Previews and Travel Program Presentations!**

Looking for a unique program/presentation for your group meeting?
Representatives from Koinonia Travels and Tours are available to present an informative, entertaining, magical and exciting program on travel to your group, club, organization, or ministry.

The presentation can be about any aspect of travel from specific destinations, travel resources, benefits of group travel, travel trends, travel tips, safe and easy travel, preparing to travel, international travel and more. The program will include humor, laughter, games, brainteasers, door prizes and give-a-ways! If you have a specific destination you want to promote to your group we can help build the excitement with slides, historical facts, interesting sites, things to do and see, places to eat and the places you don't want to miss. Please contact us for more information: 270-304-9062, roger@koinoniatravelsandtours.com



# The Ten Commandments of Group Travel

- 1. Thou shall plan to have a great time, and make many precious memories! Think positively!
  - 2. Thou shall bring a good attitude and comfortable walking shoes!
  - 3. Thou shall treat thou fellow travelers as thou would want them to treat thee!
    - 4. Thou shall remember a merry heart doeth good like a medicine. Learn to laugh at yourself and with others!
  - 5. Thou shall trust your tour manager to make the best decisions for the group and thou driver to do all the driving!
  - 6. Thou shall pack only half the clothes you think you need, and that will be to many!
    - 7. Thou shall not worry, all the details have been taken care of for thee!
    - 8. Thou shall learn to listen to instructions, be on time and follow the schedule!
  - 9. Thou are welcome in every city, treat thy people with respect, and thou shall be an honored guest!
    - 10. Thou shall remember no one can ruin your day without your permission!

#### Travel Insurance:

What is it? Do I need it? What does it cover? How much does it cost? When should I buy it? I hear these questions often from our travelers. Travelers are thinking more about travel insurance because of the amount of investment and the uncertainties in life. You've registered for a trip, you're excited about traveling but you understand whether you are at home or traveling, life happens-which can affect your travel plans! You want to protect your investment.

Travel insurance becomes a safety net and without it traveling is a bit of a gamble: Can you afford to lose your investment in the trip or pay for medical cost? It's becoming necessary for all international travel and more travelers are interested in protecting their investment while traveling in the United States. Whether you are at home or on vacation, life happens – and that can affect your travel plans. You or your child may get sick and you have to cancel your trip. The airlines may lose your luggage. You may miss your flight connection and lose days in your destination. You could have an accident, get sick and need medical attention – from physicians who don't speak English. A good travel insurance plan provides coverage for all of these situations and more – any time you go 100+ miles from home. I've personally seen it get very costly for travelers without insurance! I've also seen where travelers were taken very good care of because they had coverage. It offers peace of mind!

There are many different types of coverage available. Please review a plan's Description of Coverage before you buy – or call the company to speak with a representative about your specific situation. I will provide a number where you can talk to an expert and ask all your questions. Important!!!!!! Most companies require you to purchase insurance within two weeks of your deposit to have the pre-existing conditions waived!!!!!

### Types of Coverage: While specific policies may vary, travel insurance generally covers:

- Trip Cancellation, with the possible option to upgrade to Cancel For Any Reason
- Trip Interruption, Trip Delay, and Missed Connection
- Baggage Protection
- Emergency Accident and Sickness
- Evacuation and Repatriation of Mortal Remains
- Hazardous Sports Coverage
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment

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## **KOINONIA TRAVELERS:**

Anytime you buy insurance, you should understand its coverages and limitations before you buy!!!!!

I suggest travel insurance for all my trips! I work with a couple different companies I believe offer good plans at a reasonable rate and have a very good reputation in the industry. They also allow me to use the trip confirmation date as the deposit date. That 's the date I announce we have the numbers and the trip is a definite go! Most companies have a pre-existing condition wavier if you purchase your insurance within a certain time frame after making a trip deposit, usually 7-14 days. The pre-existing condition waiver can be a valuable benefit for travelers with pre-existing conditions.

I can also request individual quotes for travelers. Cost is based on the age of the traveler, cost of the trip and the duration of the trip. Once you decide to purchased insurance you can contact me with your date of birth, contact information and I will request a quote and it will be sent to you via email or phone call. Please, I encourage to look around and compare companies, you may share my name as your travel provider. You may visit my website and click on the travel insurance icon and request a quote. You just provide them with trip information and they will email you the quote and you can purchase online.

**Remember:** Ask your questions and make sure you understand all the guidelines and benefits of Travel Protection Insurance!

# **Koinonia Travels And Tours: Individual Tour Registration Form**

Please fill in completely and return with your deposit to: Koinonia Travels and Tours, 200 North Miles Street, Elizabethtown, KY 42701

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Remember: Today is the first day of	the rest of your life.	Live it like it was you	ur last.	





# KONONIA TRAVISAND TOURS





# ANYWHERE IS POSSIBLE

# Travel anywhere in the world!

What's on your bucket list? What's your dream destination?

Now is the time to make it happen!





Where to next? How about Africa, South America, Asia, Italy's Treasures, Shades of Ireland, England, Scotland, Spain's Classics, Portugal, Austria, Switzerland, Netherlands, Scandinavia, South Pacific, Costa Rica, Panama, Peru, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Antarctica? Now is the time, and Koinonia can help you have the best experience possible!





Koinonia is working with several large tour operators such as Mayflower, Collette, Globus, C-I-E and others in an effort to offer more travel opportunities to more destinations. I realize I am not able to offer every destination every year, so this allows me to help meet your travel requests with very reliable suppliers. They have an outstanding history in the industry working with tour operators and travel agents. We will work together to create extraordinary, carefree journeys full of excitement and wonder. This allows individuals to travel to destinations that Koinonia may not be offering and allows for smaller groups from two to twenty or more travelers a guaranteed departure. Together, we can offer more incentives for travelers. Please don't hesitate to call, and discover how easy it is to travel anywhere in the world.





If your interested in a trip that's not offered in our catalog we can still help you find the best itinerary for your destinations along with quality and affordability. We can book the tour for you and it can be on a guaranteed departure!





Together, Koinonia can provide hundreds of expertly planned and professionally guided Tours with guaranteed departures. Choose your favorite destination and experience the difference and commitment Koinonia makes to helpprovide you with the very best journey possible.



A Big Taste of Texas

The Pioneer Woman (Ree Drummond), Magnolia Market @ Silo's (Chip & Joanna Gaines), Dallas, Ft. Worth, Waco, San Antonio, Houston April 10th - 19th, 2023

Day 1: Travel day to Joplin, Mo. Day 2: PAWHUSKA, OK • THE PIONEER WOMAN MERCANTILE: We spend the day today in the home town of the Pioneer Woman, Ree Drummond. First we start off with a tour of Osage and a visit out to The Lodge on the Drummond Ranch. The Lodge is their family guest house and also serves as the production location for Ree's Food Network show! (If The Pioneer Woman is taping for TV, we will not be able to visit the lodge.) We will have lunch on our own and then spend the afternoon shopping at The Pioneer Woman's Mercantile. "The Merc" has gorgeous goods, comfort foods, freshmade pastries, delicious coffee, and plenty of fun to dish out. Tonight we have an included dinner at The Mercantile. Day 3: DALLAS, TX • DALLAS ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS: Today we travel south into the heart of Texas. The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden is a world-class, 66-acre urban oasis featuring 19 finely manicured gardens. Take a stroll through one of the most beautiful outdoor attractions featuring spectacular display gardens that showcase incredible seasonal flowers, ornamental shrubs, trees and plant collections in a serene setting on White Rock Lake. Day 4: This morning we do a city tour of Dallas were we stop at Pioneer Plaza to see the larger-than-life bronze cattle drive. Then visit the Sixth Floor Museum which displays an interesting exhibition on the life, death, and legacy of President Kennedy. It is here, in the former Texas School Book Depository, that Lee Harvey Oswald supposedly fired his fatal shots. This afternoon we arrive in Fort Worth. It's apparent the Old West is thriving in the Stockyards National Historic District. See a real Texas Longhorn cattle drive down Exchange Avenue and enjoy the authenticity of the Stockyards. Day 5: WACO GUIDED TOUR • MAGNOLIA MARKET AT THE SILOS • DR. PEPPER MUSEUM: This morning we head to Waco, TX, the Hometown of Chip & Joanna Gaines. We start our day with a guided tour of Waco, stopping at all the familiar spots from their HGTV's Fixer Upper show. We will see some of their fixer upper homes, visit Jimmy Don's Metal Works and stop by Harp Design Wood Shop. After the tour, we will have free time to have lunch on your own and shopping at Magnolia Market & Silos. Located just a few blocks from the Magnolia Market, the Dr. Pepper Museum is housed in a historic three story bottling plant. We will take a guided tour of the original bottling facility, and sample some hand-made Dr. Pepper from their old fashioned soda fountain. Day 6: This morning we visit the Texas Ranger Museum. Here we will find out about these famous lawmen who have been called one of the most effective investigative law enforcement agencies in the world. We then head south to Fredericksburg and visit The National Museum of the Pacific War, the only institution in the continental United States dedicated exclusively to telling the story of the Pacific Theater Battles of World War II. Hopefully time will allow us to visit Lyndon Johnson National Historic Park and Luckenbach, TX. Day 7: SAN ANTO-NIO / ALAMO / RIVER WALK. San Antonio is the 7th largest city in the United States and is one of the fastest growing metropolitan areas. We'll understand why when we get a glimpse of this beautiful and unique city as we explore with a guide and enjoy this stately old city. Highlights of the day include a visit to The Alamo, established in 1718 as the city's first mission and called the "Cradle of Texas Liberty." Stops at the Mission San Jose and San Fernando Cathedral will show the influence of the missions. We visit the Institute of Texas Culture, which emphasizes the contributions of the 26 ethnic groups that helped settle Texas. This evening enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the San Antonio River. Visit the Paseo Del Rio or River Walk where shops, restaurants, boutiques, and vendors line the banks of the river. Day 8: Today we start back east with a stop in Houston to visit this historic and lovely city. A local guide will give us a tour of this cosmopolitan city with its parks and residential areas lined with big live oak trees and beautiful homes. Then we drive to Cajun Country, Lafayette, Louisiana. Tonight enjoy a Cajun Dinner and entertainment. Day 9: This morning we enjoy a special treat as we tour Martin Accordions to see how they are made. Junior Martin and family custom craft fine diatonic accordions used by professionals and amateurs around the world. Enjoy the demonstration of authentic music played on these fine Cajun squeezeboxes. We continue to make our way toward home as we travel to Alabama. Day 10: While on our way home we make a stop in Birmingham to visit the Barber Museum with its creative architecture and great attention to detail, the museum is home to over 1,600 motorcycles that span over 100 years of production. More than 950 bikes can be seen on any given day, and 200 different manufacturers from 20 countries are represented in the collec-















tion—from Harley-Davidson, Honda, and Indian—to Showa, DSK, and Cagiva. The museum also features the world's most extensive Lotus collection, anchored by the Lotus 21. The museum also displays rare racecars, including the 1964 Ferrari F-158, in which John Surtees won the 1964 Formula 1 Driver's World Championship. We arrive home this evening with new friends and many memories of a fantastic tour with Koinonia. Tour Cost: \$2275 Includes, Lodging, Admissions, Guides, motor -coach Transportation, 6 group meals plus breakfast when provided @ hotels. Single Supplement \$650.

# Midwest American Adventure April 23rd - 29th, 2023

**Highlights**: CHICAGO \* LIPIZZAS \* WISCONSIN DELLS \* SAINT PAUL \* MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE HOUSE ON THE ROCK \* JOHN DEERE PAVILION \* ABRAHAM LINCOLN LIBRARY \* SPAM MUSEUM









Day 1: Today we begin our fantastic Midwest American Adventure as we travel through Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. We enjoy a city tour of Chicago before checking into our hotel.

Day 2: CHICAGO RIVER CRUISE • THE TEMPEL LIPIZZANS: Today we embark on a voyage viewing the downtown Chicago River area. Marvel at Chicago's skyscrapers and bridges as the boat glides smoothly along the Chicago River. This afternoon we arrive at Tempel Farms, the training facility of the Tempel Lipizzans. On our tour, we visit the stallion stables and performance barn, hearing the history of these marvelous horses. At the indoor arena, we view a training session, seeing a variety of horses from the young to experienced. After our visit, we travel a short distance to Wisconsin.

Day 3: HOUSE ON THE ROCK • WISCONSIN DELLS • WISCONSIN OPRY DINNER & SHOW: Mid-morning we arrive at the House on the Rock, a place that defies description. This architectural wonder, the original structure of what is now an extraordinary complex of buildings, rooms, streets and gardens, is built atop, and into a 60-ft. chimney of rock! We have time to explore this magnificent wonder before continuing north to Wisconsin Dells for our overnight. At the Wisconsin Opry, we enjoy a buffet style dinner this evening, tour the farm on a hayride, then listen to the Dickinson Family Band entertain us with a mix of classic and current country music.

**Day 4: WISCONSIN DELLS BOAT TOUR • MINNESOTA - MALL OF AMERICA:** There are few sights in this country as unique and beautiful as the Wisconsin Dells. This morning we enjoy our guided tour of the Dells Scenic River Way. We marvel at the towering sandstone cliffs, narrow, gem-filled canyons, and unique rock formations. Now we travel to Minneapolis - St. Paul and the Mall of America. There are over 500-stores in this premier retail and entertainment complex. There's even an indoor amusement park with 30 remarkable rides! The evening is yours to enjoy.

Day 5: ST. PAUL SIGHTSEEING TOUR • SPAM MUSEUM • LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE: This morning we see the highlights on our tour of St. Paul. From here we travel to Austin, Minnesota where we visit the Spam Museum. No one would have guessed that this new product back in 1937 would become a war hero, a pop culture icon and an American Institution. We travel to Nashua, Iowa, for a spiritual treat as we visit the Little Brown Church in the Vale and learn the history of the beloved hymn of the same name. We arrive in Davenport for a two-night stay.

Day 6: JOHN DEERE PAVILION • JOHN DEERE FACTORY TOUR • MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE: This morning we visit the John Deere Pavilion, an impressive showcase celebrating 175 years of vintage and modern day equipment. Here we have the opportunity to get behind the wheel in machine simulators and see if we can maneuver an operating excavator or crawler dozer. Next, our guide takes us behind the scenes for a John Deere Factory Tour (must be 13 & over), where we learn the process of creating a green machine. This evening we cruise down the Mississippi River aboard the Celebration Belle paddle wheeler, enjoying a special "Captain's Dinner Buffet."

Day 7: ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM: Today we travel to Springfield, Illinois, a city rich in memories of Abraham Lincoln, who lived here for 24 years. We'll visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, a 200,000 square foot complex situated in downtown Springfield. Here we can experience the Lincoln story in its entirety introducing people of all ages to what has been called "The Great American Story." Before we leave town, we ride by the beautiful Illinois State House. HOME: What an incredible tour this has been! Who would have thought that the Midwest had so much to offer, from the natural scenery and beauty of the Dells, to the metropolitan wonders of Minneapolis and Chicago.

Tour Cost: \$1750 per person, double occupancy. Includes: Lodging, Deluxe Motor-Coach Transportation, Admission to Listed Attractions, Breakfast at hotels, 4 group meals, snacks and water plus the Koinonia extras. Single Supplement: \$375.









### **Exploring Our American Heritage and History Tour**

June 11 - 17, 2023

**Highlights**: Mount Vernon \* Washington, D.C. \* U.S. Capitol \* Arlington National Cemetery \* Smithsonian Institution \* World War II Memorial \* Vietnam Veterans Memorial \* Korean Memorial \* White House Visitor's Center \* Williamsburg \* Jamestown \* Monticello \* Tomb of the Unknown Soldier









Day One: Travel Day. We begin our trip to our Nation's Capital. We will get acquainted with our fellow travelers as we enjoy the scenic ride north to Charlottesville, VA. Day Two: This morning we visit Monticello, the beautiful home and gardens of Thomas Jefferson. Jefferson was not only the third U.S. President and author of the Declaration of Independence...he also had a lifelong interest in gardening and botany. As a result, Jefferson turned Monticello into a botanic showplace. Enjoy a guided tour of Jefferson's home and explore the gardens. Our next stop will be the historical Michie Tavern, one of the oldest homesteads remaining in Virginia. We will have a delicious lunch before we continue our journey to Williamsburg, VA . Day Three: Colonial Williamsburg, one of the largest and best living history museums in the world. Costumed actors populate the streets, shops and buildings, bringing the customs and sentiments of 1770 to life. Tour the Governor's Palace and gardens before enjoying time to independently wander the cobblestone streets and explore some of the eighty eight historic buildings. Then we visit the Jamestown Settlement, relive the experience of America's first permanent English colony. Near the site of the original colony, Jamestown Settlement tells the story of 17th-century Virginia, from the arrival of English colonists in Jamestown in 1607 to the cultural encounters and events that planted the seeds of a new nation. The world of Jamestown, America's first permanent English colony comes to life through film, gallery exhibits and outdoor living history. Day Four: Today we head north to explore Moun Vernon, the home of George Washington, America's first President. Tour the mansion and its lovely gardens, as well as the slave quarters, stables, and George and Martha's tomb. Then we drive the beautiful GW Parkway along the Po tomac River into Washington D.C. We begin our tour of the capital city as we explore America's history and heritage. Day Five: Day Six: We plan to show you why our nation's capital is such a special place in the next two days. We will explore and experience as much as possible. The New Bible Museum should be a highlight. We will have guided tours as well as being on our own to see as much as time will allow. We hope to visit the Capitol Visitor's Center, The White House (for a picture stop), The Library of Congress, The National Archives, The Washington Monument, and The Lincoln, Jefferson, Vietnam, and War World II Memorials. We ride down Embassy Row and see the Washington Cathedral. We'll have some free time to explore the Smithsonian Museums, including the National Air and Space Museum, the Museum of Natural History, the Arts and Industries Museum and the National Gallery of Art. We'll tour Arlington Cemetery, see the graves of President Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Solider, and make a picture stop at the Iwo Jima Marine Corps Memorial. One evening we will ride around the Mall to see it lit up with all the lights. This trip promises to be a full and exciting time of memorable sightseeing, so make sure you have your camera and bring some good walking shoes. Day Seven: Today we travel home with many precious memories and new friends. Enjoy sharing with one another about the past weeks highlights and exciting adventure!

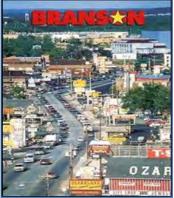
**Tour Cost:** \$1895 per person double occupancy. Single Supplement \$395. Includes Motor-Coach Transportation, Six nights lodging, Breakfast as provided by hotels, Four Group Meals, Snacks, Water, Admissions, Guides, Tram Ride in Arlington and more!











# Branson, Eureka Springs Ozark Spectacular! July 9th – 14th, 2023

Travel through the rugged beauty of the Ozark Mountains to the picturesque towns of Eureka Springs, Arkansas and Branson, MO. This tour offers a little something extra special to those who enjoy traveling to Branson. This tour is a collection of the best Branson and Eureka Springs has to offer. Entertainment, Sightseeing, Inspiration, Fellowship, Food, Fun, Shoppiinngg and More!

**Day 1:** Travel to Branson, MO. Dinner tonight is at Lambert's, home of the throwed rolls. You can eat all the fresh rolls you can catch along with all the pass around fixin's. **Day 2:** This morning we will take a drive tour of Branson and learn about its history. Then we are off to board the Showboat Branson Belle. We will experience a fabulous cruise on crystal clear water as we enjoy a delicious lunch, and a dazzling production show on this turn of the century paddle wheeler. Perhaps a little time to shop and relax this afternoon. Tonight we take our seats at one of Branson's top music shows, *Clay Cooper's Country Music Express*. This high energy show will have you laughing, clapping and your toes tapping! **Day 3:** The day begins with a morning variety show. For lunch, enjoy a meal prepared with local products at the Keeter Center on the campus of the School of the Ozarks. The students will help prepare and serve the meal, DELICIOUS. Tour the College of Ozarks and The Ralph Foster Museum. Ralph Foster is the man who helped put Branson on the map. In this museum dedicated to him we'll find a collection of enough variety to call this place the "Smithsonian of the Ozarks!" See the Beverly Hillbillies

truck, a 20,000-piece miniature circus, a complete gun collection, antiques, and an enormous display of wild animals and birds. It's amazing. Some time to relax before we enjoy another fabulous show this evening. **Day 4:** Today we travel to the beautiful little town of Eureka Springs. In the 19th century Eureka Springs, a lovely Victorian city that literally clings to the sides of the Ozark Mountains, was a well-known health spa. Springs, which gushed from limestone crevices, gained a reputation for having curative powers, and thousands of people flocked to the city. We begin our time with an uplifting experience, a visit to the "most beauti-



ful little chapel in the world." Thorncrown Chapel was the dream of Eureka Springs' native Jim Reed, who felt the need to build a chapel for travelers passing through this beautiful area. We will then explore this small town before we make our way to attend a performance of the *Great Passion Play*, professionally presented by a large cast of local people. It is set in a lifelike reconstruction of Jerusalem built against the base of Mt. Oberammergau. We will also have a chance to explore the Christ of the Ozarks Statue, Moses' Tabernacle, Bible Museum, History Museum and The Holy Land Tour with some replicas of Jerusalem. **Day 5:** This morning hear 12 of Ireland's finest singers perform smash hits that are spine tingling. We will have a special time this afternoon when we do lunch and produce our own variety show and discover hidden talent among the group. This evening we will have another fantastic night of entertainment at one of the top shows in Branson. **Day 6:** After breakfast we begin the journey home to the Bluegrass state with new friends and precious memories.

**Tour Cost: \$1450 per person double occupancy. Includes:** Motor-Coach Transportation, Five Nights Lodging, Five Breakfasts, Five Group Meals, Admission to attractions listed, Show Boat Branson Belle, 5 shows, and Passion Play. Shows may change due to schedule and theater availability. We select shows that are top rated and look for special guest appearances. Single Supplement: TBD. Show confirmations with final Documents.









# "Going to The Sun Adventure" Glacier NP, Yellowstone NP, Big Horn Mountains, Badlands NP, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Deadwood and more......September 5 - 15, 2023.

**Day 1: KALISPELL:** Early this morning we board our Flight to Kalispell. This evening you can get to know your traveling companions at our welcome fellowship! Drive option leaves on September 2,2023.



Day 2: "GOING TO THE SUN" HIGHWAY • GLACIER NATIONAL PARK: Glacier National Park offers a million acres of the finest mountain scenery you'll ever see. The Ushaped valleys and high peaks were carved by vast glaciers that covered this area during the last Ice Age. Lunch is included today. We are passengers on one of Glacier National Park's special touring vehicles for a spectacular tour along the "Going to the Sun" highway, one of the most breath-taking roadways in the world. It traverses the park from west to east, crossing the Continental Divide at Logan Pass. This area is a veritable fairyland of snow frosted peaks and sparkling ice caps.

Day 3: KALISPELL TO WEST YELLOWSTONE: We start our day on a scenic drive south with magnificent country viewing towering walls of limestone, look for bighorn sheep, mountain goats, osprey, and eagles as we travel through this timeless beauty. We arrive in West Yellowstone and visit the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center. Take advantage of the extraordinary opportunity to watch the intriguing behavior of grizzly bears and wolves as well as river otters, birds of prey and more. It's also home to the world class exhibit Bears, "Imagination and Reality", Including six thematic areas. Next it's the Giant Imax Theatre. This memorable film takes you on a journey with the Tukudika Tribe, the earliest known inhabitants and the early explorers including John Colter, a member of the Lewis and Clark party. Learn about Wilson Hunt, Father Francis Kuppins, a Jesuit Priest in pursuit of native souls and the Washburn Expedition, instrumental in establishing Yellowstone as America's First National Park!





Day 4: YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: This morning we visit Yellowstone National Park, America's first and largest National Park, the favorite stomping ground of Teddy Roosevelt. To many visitors, Yellowstone is a fleeting glimpse of a geyser, a bear or a canyon, but Yellowstone is much more than that. It's a collection of scenic features and natural curiosities. "Old Faithful" is the park's best known attraction, but you'll see numerous other geysers, fumaroles, hot springs and mud paint pots, not to mention wild animals, the Grand Canyon of Yellowstone, and magnificent Yellowstone Falls. We'll see Old Faithful, then venture into an area of the park which stands on a broad, elevated plateau 7,800 feet above the level of the enclosed tableland. You will see plunging waterfalls twice as high as Niagara, and stroll wooden walkways by thermal steam vents, geysers, hot pools, and bubbly paint pots of deep green and blue.

Day 5: CODY • BUFFALO BILL HISTORICAL CENTER: Today our travels lead us into the Cowboy State of Wyoming to Cody. We visit the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. It includes the Buffalo Bill Museum, with personal belongings of the great show-man; Winchester Arms Museum, a complete collection of the Winchester Firearms Company; the Whitney Gallery of Western Art, and the Plains Indian Museum. You'll agree that this is one of the finest museums of its kind! Hopefully you can visit Irma's, located in Buffalo Bill's original hotel. Tonight we choose depending on schedule the Cody Rodeo or Cody Cattle Company Dinner Show.



**Day 6: BIG HORN MOUNTAINS • DEADWOOD • RAPID CITY:** Today we travel into the Big Horn Mountains, where the land is rich and ideal for the grazing of livestock.

For years, rustling and border disputes caused tension in the area. You'll see cowboys riding the range and perhaps even a chuck wagon or two. Hopefully there's time in **Deadwood**, a rollicking western town named as a National Historic Landmark. Learn the history of the city from a local guide, which includes a visit to **Mount Moriah Cemetery**, the final resting place for Wild Bill Hickok, Calamity Jane and other figures of the west.



Day 7: BEAR COUNTRY USA • MOUNT RUSHMORE • CRAZY HORSE • BLACK HILLS: After breakfast we travel into the Black Hills of South Dakota to visit Bear Country USA, a refuge for bears, wolves, bison, and many other wild animals. Then we continue to Mount Rushmore, where Gutzon Borglum began work on the project in 1927. We experience Mount Rushmore, where the faces of four great presidents, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Roosevelt, stand out on a 6,000 foot mountain. Next, we travel to Crazy Horse, the dream of another man, Korczak Ziolkowski, a sculptor who helped to fashion Mount Rushmore. Though Korczak died in 1982, his wife and family have continued to pursue his dream of carving the likeness of the great Indian Chief Crazy Horse into the mountain. Learn the story behind the world's largest mountain sculpture still

in progress. The memorial includes the **Indian Museum of North America**, **Native American Cultural Center** and the **Sculptor's studio**.

#### Day 8: WALL DRUG STORE • BADLANDS • CORN PALACE • SIOUX

**FALLS:** You've heard about it and seen signs for it, this morning experience it: Wall Drug! Here the Husteads made a fortune advertising free ice water to tourists beginning in 1936. You'll have time for a snack or you may just wish to roam the streets of the western railroad town of Wall. Wall is the entrance to the Badlands, a multi-colored wasteland of weirdly formed gullies, canyons, ridges and spires. We'll make a number of sightseeing and picture stops. The famous Corn Palace is next on our list. The Corn Palace is newly decorated each year with 3,000 bushels of corn, grains and grasses creating scenic murals. We bid farewell to Mitchell and travel to Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



#### Day 9: PATEE HOUSE MUSEUM • JESSE JAMES HOME • KANSAS CITY:

Today our route takes us south through Sioux City and Omaha. Continuing into the fertile plains of Missouri, we make our afternoon stop in the historic town of St. Joseph. Here we'll explore the Patee House Museum, a three-story museum featuring a collection of western lore, personal items that once belonged to Jesse James, memorabilia of the Pony Express, a huge steam engine, restored western store fronts, and the history of western communication from the telegraph to the telephone. We'll also tour the home of the infamous Jesse James. The James Home is located directly behind Patee House, and was only two blocks

away from where the outlaw Jesse James was gunned down on April 3, 1882, by Bob Ford. The home contains a number of items owned by Jesse James and his family including coffin handles and a pin Jesse James wore in his death photo, as well as numerous photos. We briefly cross into Kansas on our way to Kansas City, Missouri.

Day 10: HARRY TRUMAN HOME OR MUSEUM • ARABIA STEAMBOAT MUSEUM: This morning in Independence, we visit the Harry Truman Home or Museum. Each site displays artifacts of our 33rd president. We visit the Arabia Steamboat Museum. Built in 1853, the Steamboat Arabia sank in the murky waters of the Missouri River in 1856. In 1989, the steamship and her cargo were rediscovered and resurrected in a massive excavation project. Today we can explore the past through this perfectly preserved time capsule.



Day 11: GATEWAY ARCH: This morning we travel to Saint Louis and marvel at the Gateway Arch where we have tickets for the tram ride to the very crest of the arch where you have a breathtaking view of St. Louis & the



Mississippi River Valley. We make our way back to Kentucky is a good time to reflect on our journey. Your visit to Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Big Horn Mountains & Mount Rushmore is no longer a dream, it's a memory that you'll share for years to come.

Tour cost: \$2795 per person double occupancy + Air or + Drive option: Travelers have a choice to either fly to Kalispell and return by coach or take motor-coach round trip. Includes Motor-coach transportation, lodging, admissions, 7 group meals, breakfast as provided by hotels, guides and those little extras Koinonia is known to provide. Single supplement: \$725.



# The LEGENDARY Mother Road Known as "THE MAIN STREET OF AMERICA" ROUTE 66: Chicago to Santa Monica

Now is the time to experience the nostalgia, unique sites and beautiful scenery on this unforgettable journey down memory lane.

October 24 - November 4, 2023

Day 1: CHICAGO • "WINDY CITY" SIGHTSEEING • CHICAGO STYLE DEEP PIZZA: We depart Elizabethtown on our way to Chicago. Upon our arrival in Chicago, we will take a guided sightseeing tour of the "Windy City." We visit Grant Park where we see the official banner "Historic Route 66 Starts Here." While here, we visit the park's centerpiece, the impressive Clarence Buckingham Memorial Fountain. After our introduction to the city, we enjoy Chicago's legendary, deep-dish pizza for dinner. We overnight just outside of Chicago.





Day 2: WEST ON ROUTE 66 • ROUTE 66 HALL OF FAME • ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM • ST. LOUIS: Today we commence our nostalgic journey on Route 66. Also known as the Main Street of America or the Mother Road, this highway became one of the most famous roads in America running from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. Today we visit the Route 66 Hall of Fame & Museum in Pontiac before continuing to Springfield, Illinois. This is a city rich in Route 66 memories and where President Abraham Lincoln lived for 24 years. We drive by the Illinois State Capitol building before visiting the wonderful Library and Museum of President Abraham Lincoln. We see the Chain of the Rocks Route 66 Bridge over the Mississippi River. The bridge was named for the rocks that made crossing the river so rough before the bridge was built in the 1960's.

Day 3: FANTASTIC CAVERNS • SPRINGFIELD • JOPLIN: Missouri is home to more than 6,000 caves including Fantastic Caverns. This is America's only drive through cave. We can relax in comfort by boarding the Jeep-drawn tram and experience the natural beauty. We continue through Missouri on Route 66. Officially recognized as the birthplace of Route 66, it was in Springfield on April 30, 1926 that officials first proposed the name of the new Chicago-to-Santa Monica highway. In 1938, Route 66 became the first completely paved transcontinental highway in America, the "Mother Road," stretching from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast. Route 66 runs through downtown Springfield as traces of the Mother Road are still visible in downtown with interesting shops.





Day 4: WILL ROGERS MUSEUM • OKLAHOMA CITY • NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERIT-AGE MUSEUM • DINNER: Continuing on Route 66, we will be traveling a scenic stretch of the highway known as the Will Rogers Highway. We will be passing through such towns as Commerce, which is the boyhood home of Baseball Hall of Famer, Mickey Mantle. We arrive in Claremore, Oklahoma, the Home of Will Rogers where we stop to visit the Will Rogers Museum. The museum is loaded with memorabilia, his saddle collection, photographs and manuscripts, with nine galleries and three theaters. Also on the grounds is the family tomb located at the sunken garden. Upon arrival in Oklahoma City, we visit the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. Here we find one of the finest collections of western art in the country, depicting in graphic glory America's Western heritage. The West of Yester-

day Gallery features life-size re-creations of early Indian and pioneer life. The Rodeo Hall of Fame is always a favorite, as is a stroll through the sculpture hall, which features the famous "End of the Trail" and "Coming Through the Rye" sculptures. Don't miss the 33-foot statue of Buffalo Bill. Overnight Oklahoma City. We're in cattle country and steak is on the menu tonight.

Day 5: MURRAH MEMORIAL & MUSEUM • NATIONAL ROUTE 66 MUSEUM • BIG TEXAN STEAK RANCH DINNER: This morning we have a somber reminder of the Oklahoma City tragedy as we visit the Murrah Memorial honoring the 1995 bombing victims. Each of the 168 people killed in the tragedy is represented by a chair made of bronze, stone, and glass. The museum presents the story of this horrendous terrorist attack on April 19, 1995. Continuing on through Oklahoma, we stop in Elk City, Oklahoma at the National Route 66 Museum. This museum takes us on a trip through the route's history with photographs, old signs, and vintage automobiles. We make our way to Amarillo, Texas, where dinner is included at the Big Texan Steak Ranch.



Day 6: CADILLAC RANCH • TUCUMCARI • OLD TOWN ALBUQUERQUE WALKING TOUR: Just outside of Amarillo, we pause for a photo at the famed Cadillac Ranch. This interesting place was built in 1974 by Stanley March III. Here are 10 brightly painted Cadillacs, each of the models from 1949 to 1964 buried nose down in concrete, at the angle of the great pyramids. Our



next stop is in the town of Tucumcari, New Mexico, where we drive through this unique town to see all the murals and pause for a photo at the Route 66 mural, the Tee Pee Curios, and the Blue Swallow Motel. Continuing across the New Mexico Desert, we arrive in Albuquerque, where the spirit of Route 66 still thrives. Nestled amongst the mountains, we take a walking tour of Old Town, the original Albuquerque, to see the old adobe architecture. Founded in 1706, the warmth of aged adobe adds a special charm to its shops and galleries. This evening dinner is included at the 66 Diner. With its 1950's juke-box and blue-plate specials, this place has hardly changed since the heyday of the "Main Street of America" days.

Day 7: SANDIA PEAK AERIAL TRAM • SANTA FE HIGHLIGHTS TOUR • "MIRACULOUS" STAIR-CASE AT LORETTO CHAPEL: This morning we're off for an exciting ride on the Sandia Peak Tramway, an aerial tram which lofts passengers to the top of 10,000-foot Sandia Peak. The 2.7-mile ride is the longest clear and unsupported span in North America. The view, both east and west, is spectacular! Onto Santa Fe, we enjoy a traditional New Mexico lunch served in one of Santa Fe's gourmet restaurants. After lunch, we get acquainted with downtown Santa Fe as our local guide joins us. We get a great overview of Santa Fe's history, culture and architecture as we navigate the winding streets in and around the downtown plaza. Our knowledgeable guide will share stories about the famous buildings, the significant events and colorful people of Santa Fe's past. Our tour will also include a visit to Loretto Chapel, with its famous "miraculous" staircase, and the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis, built between 1869 and 1886 in the French Romanesque Style. Next we have free time to enjoy shopping for one-of-a-kind treasures in Santa Fe is known for its beautiful handmade jewelry.

Day 8: PETRIFIED FOREST NATIONAL PARK • PAINTED DESERT • WILLIAMS • CRUISER'S CAFÉ 66: Traveling through Gallup this morning we see the history of Route 66 on the "Main Drag." See the historic El Rancho Hotel which served as a home base to movie stars such as John Wayne and Katherine Hepburn, who came to the desert for their films. Crossing into Arizona on Route 66, we marvel at the colors of the Painted Desert as it comes into view. Today we visit one of our most unique National Parks, the Petrified Forest. At the Visitor's Center and Rainbow Forest Museum, we see polished sections of the wood. Next, we travel through Holbrook where we see the Wigwam Motel. In Winslow, have a photo taken with the famous bronze statue of "The Man Standing on the Corner." Upon our arrival to Williams, we have an included dinner at the Cruiser's Café 66, a local favorite. We overnight in this charming little town on Route 66.

Day 9: SELIGMAN • KINGMAN • HUALAPAI NATION • GRAND CANYON SKYWALK • INDIAN VIL-LAGE • GUANO POINT: Traveling along Route 66, we stop in Seligman. This delightful town retains all the flavor of the "Mother Road." We stop in town allowing you time to browse the local shops loaded with Route 66 memorabilia and gifts. Maybe we get to visit with Angel Delgadillo, a Route 66 legend. We also pass through Peach Springs, the town that was the inspiration for the Pixar movie Cars. Next we drive through Hackberry, a Route 66 ghost town along the original route. Further ahead, we pass through Kingman, a Route 66 hotspot that has kept the culture alive. From here we journey through the desert oasis to the land of the Hualapai Nation. The Hualapai are a native people of the southwest. If you've never visited the Grand Canyon, you're in for a treat! Even if you've been here a dozen times, you'll stand awestruck at the magnificence of this natural wonder. Our motor-coach takes us to the edge of the Hualapai Nation where we visit the Grand Canyon Skywalk. Here we walk beyond the canyon walls, becoming surrounded by the Grand Canyon-West while standing at the edge of the Glass Bridge. The Glass Bridge is suspended more than 4,000 feet above the Colorado River. We visit an Indian Village consisting of five smaller villages. Our stop at Guano Point offers incredible views of the Grand Canyon and Colorado River. Lunch is included here. Back on our motor-coach we get back on Route 66 and travel to the Colorado River Valley to the resort town of Laughlin, Nevada.

Day 10: MOTHER ROAD MUSEUM • SANTA MONICA • LOS ANGELES: This morning we cross into California making a stop in Barstow to visit the Route 66 "Mother Road" Museum. Displays include development of Route 66 from early pioneer trails, railroads, automotive history, businesses, and other sites. Continuing west toward the coast along the last stretch of the legendary Route 66, we skirt the Mojave National Preserve. We make our way to Santa Monica, known as the end of famous Route 66! We overnight just outside of Los Angeles for the next two nights. Dinner is included this evening.

Day 11: RONALD W. REAGAN LIBRARY & MUSEUM • FARMER'S MARKET • LOS ANGELES CITY TOUR: This morning we visit the Ronald W. Reagan Presidential Library & Museum. Artifacts from his childhood and professional career provide physical evidence of his extraordinary life. A recreated studio booth highlights his early radio broadcasting career. Glimpse into Ronald and Nancy Reagan's devoted marriage, a love story straight out of a Hollywood script. See a piece of the Berlin Wall, immerse yourself in Camp David and Rancho del Cielo. You'll be able to board the Air Force One that served as the "Flying White House" for President Reagan and six other U.S. Presidents from 1973-2001. We make a stop at the Los Angeles Farmer's Market. This historic market offers over 100 shops, restaurants and grocers. We take a tour of the "City of Angels," Los Angeles. In the heart of Hollywood, you'll recognize the familiar façade of TCL Chinese Theatre. We make a brief stop here to take pictures of the footprints, hand prints, and autographs cast in the concrete outside the theatre's doors. Here too we find the renowned Walk of Stars, where many of your favorite actors, actresses, singers, dancers, and musicians have stars dedicated to them. We also see the famous intersection of Hollywood & Vine. Enjoy dinner together this evening with your newfound friends you've made while traveling Route 66!

Day 12: FLIGHT HOME: Reminisce about your travels on the Historic Route 66 from Illinois to California by motor-coach!

Tour Cost: \$2995: Includes: Lodging, guides, admissions, breakfast @ hotels, 8 group meals, motor-coach transportation, Koinonia Tour Manager. Return air not included and will be priced once group confirmed. Single Supplement: \$850















# Classic New England Fall Foliage Spectacular October 9 - 21, 2023

**Day 1**: Our journey begins through the charming and vibrant New England Sates and the rugged, pristine beauty of the Atlantic Coast. Destination New York. Relax and enjoy the scenery as you get acquainted with fellow travelers.

Day 2: Jamestown, NY: Better known as Lucy Town. Step back in time to the days of filming the popular "I Love Lucy Show." Enjoy the Museum and Desilu Studios where you find a complete re-creation of Lucy and Ricardo's Apartment plus the Hollywood hotel suite, an interactive Vitameatavegamin set, a screening area, showcases filled with original scripts, vintage memorabilia, costumes and more. The group will also visit the new National Comedy Center which is



devoted to telling the vital story of comedy in America. Experience exhibits of your favorite comedians, movies, sitcoms and more in this fun interactive and educational center. Travel to Niagara Falls USA ,America's Oldest State Park an



experience the thundering and awe-inspiring Niagara Falls. Pause for a moment as you reflect on the breathtaking views and the power of Mother Nature. Four billion gallons of water per hour thunder 186 feet below the river. Next we take the elevator to the base of the gorge to experience the raging whitewater as we board the world famous Maid of the Mist for an up close view of the American and Canadian Falls. Experience the Mist!

**Day 3**: **Lake Placid:** Enjoy the spectacular views of the Adirondack Mountains and the beautiful resort town of Lake Placid, the home to the 1980 Winter Olympics. We will have a local guide to help us experience this unique place and see some of the Olympic sights and Mirror Lake.

Day 4: Ft. Ticonderoga, NY-Vermont: The fort has been restored to its original appearance of the 1750's. The muse-um contains a collection of weapons, artifacts and paintings from Colonial and Revolutionary history. We will enjoy exploring and learning about this part of our history. Then off to Vermont and the Green Mountains. Explore and discover art, history, and the natural beauty of Vermont at Shelburne Museum, an unconventional and utterly delightful destination in the Champlain Valley. Folk art, impressionist paintings, circus collections, and even a steamboat—it's all here on the beautifully landscaped campus of historic buildings and galleries, each one filled with fascinating collections.

Day 5: Vermont: Big Day in a small state. Today is a day of tasting: Watch apples transform into cider the old fashion way-using a rack and cloth press-during our stop at the Cold Hollow Cider Mill. Yes, sample the juice and all the other jams, jellies and goodies. We will drive by the Gold Dome Capitol in Montpelier on our way to visit the Morse Farm to learn about their 200 year old maple sugar tradition. Enjoy the hospitality of this friendly family as we lick our lips over a maple flavored treat they have prepared for us. Then we're off to historic Barre and Rock of Ages Granite Quarry. It's the world's largest granite quarry, and we'll be amazed as we look into the 600 feet deep pit and hear some fascinating details from a local guide. See the artisans creating monuments, and marvel at Hope Cemetery, a Museum of Sculptured Headstones. Other stops for shopping and samples as time permits.

Day 6: New Hampshire, White Mts., Kancamagus Highway: Today we can soak in the lovely New England countryside as we travel through some of New Hampshire's most scenic mountains. Marvel at the fall color, rock walls and waterfalls. We get a close up view of New Hampshire and the White Mountains on the Kancamagus Highway, one of the region's most pristine scenic drives. It crosses the 2,860 foot Kancamagus Pass, and then drops into a beautiful, deep valley. Spectacular views and scenic mountain passes draped in fall color that will encourage many oohs and awes from travelers.



## **Classic New England Fall Foliage Spectacular**



**Day 7: Bangor/Bar Harbor:** Today we visit **Acadia National Park.** Nowhere on the Atlantic sea board is the rock-bound coast as picturesque as in the park. We drive the scenic park road and enjoy the spectacular panoramic views from the top of Cadillac Mountain, the first place in the continental U.S. to see the sunrise. Witness the amazing Thunder Hole. We will also have some time to explore the village of Bar Harbor. Lobster Bake anyone?

Day 8: Ft. Knox, Penobscot Bridge, Freeport, Portland: Another beautiful day of scenery is in store for us as we head south and

visit Ft. Knox, one of the best preserved fortification's on the New England Coast. We cross the beautiful Penobscot Narrows Bridge which has the only bridge observatory in the U.S. You will enjoy an awesome view from the top of the observatory. We stop in Freeport, the home of L.L. Bean, known for quality outdoor gear, apparel and footwear. Special lunch we'll really enjoy at the Harraseekat Inn. Then off to visit the Portland Head Light House in Cape Elizabeth and admire the beauty of the rugged coast.





Day 9: Experience Boston • Boston City Tour: Today you'll experience the best of old and new Boston. We meet a step-on guide for an informative city tour of Boston, including the Old North Church, Boston Common, Beacon Hill and dozens of other important sites. We stop at Faneuil Hall and have time for shopping and a meal at Quincy's Marketplace. Then we journey into the historic countryside towns of Lexington and Concord. We follow Paul Reveres' route and see the "Battle Trail." We pass the homes of Hawthorne, Alcott and Emerson. Travel south and visit Plymouth Rock, a granite boulder near the sea at Plymouth, Massachusetts. The date 1620 is carved on this rock. According to legend, this is the spot where the Mayflower pilgrims stepped ashore when they landed in the New World.

Day 10: Cape Cod Guided Tour • Provincetown • Whale Watching Cruise • A local guide joins us this morning for a guided tour of Cape Cod, an area with a long neck situated between Cape Cod Bay and Nantucket Sound. Nowhere, it seems, has time passed more slowly than here in Cape Cod, with sunny beaches, marshlands, dunes, rugged coasts and quaint fishing villages. It was here that prosperous sea captains once built lavish homes and furnished them with priceless articles acquired on their many voyages abroad. We'll follow the winding road up through the picturesque communities to Provincetown. A truly fascinating experience awaits us this afternoon as we take an expedition off the coast for a Whale Watching Cruise. Awe inspiring as well as educational, our ship's crew will provide information on whale behavior, identification, and answer any questions you can come up with.



As the great humpbacks glide up beside us, you're sure to agree that whale watching is "witnessing the miraculous!"



**Day 11:** Enjoy the scenery as we drive to Newport, RI. We will experience and explore The CITY-BY-The Sea. Drive by the world famous Newport Harbor and explore the famous Bowen's Wharf. We'll see the "Gilded Age" Mansions on the acclaimed Ten Mile Drive. We'll marvel at the beauty of the these mansions and grounds as we slowly drive through the many homes and exquisite estates of the "400". **The Breakers Manson**, one of the grandest of the "summer cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in America. We will tour this 70 room Italian Renaissance-style palazzo inspired by the 16th century palaces of Genoa. **Mystic, CT:** Visit the **Seaport Museum**, the nation's largest maritime museum which portrays life as it was on the New England coast 200 years

ago. This recreated seaport village allows you to actually walk through the homes and visit the **Charles W Morgan**, the only surviving wooden whaling ship in the world.

Day 12: Longwood Gardens: Today take a walk through one of the world's largest indoor conservatories at the beau-

tiful Longwood Gardens! Sometimes referred to as the DuPont Gardens and created by industrialist Pierre S. du Pont. The entire estate offers 1050 acres of gardens, woodlands and meadows: 20 outdoor gardens: 20 indoor gardens within 4 acres of heated greenhouses: 11,000 different type of plants and spectacular fountains.

**Day 13: Homeward Bound!** This will be the final day of our fantastic journey so set back and relax while reminiscing about what a wonderful experience it has been.

**Tour Cost:** \$3295 Includes: Lodging, Motor-coach Transportation, admission to all attractions listed, 8 group meals, breakfast as provided by hotels and those little Koinonia extras.





#### **BRANSON CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR**

November 27 - December 1, 2023

#### Shows! Music - Comedy - Inspiration- Sightseeing! Lights!

This is a fabulous Christmas Holiday Tour. I am excited about this special holiday tour and spending time with you. The tour will definitely get you into the Christmas spirit. You will see some spectacular shows, dazzling lights, hear melodious music, and have an opportunity to start on your Christmas shop-

ping. Wow, I can't wait! We will travel through the rugged beauty of the Ozark Mountains to the picturesque town of Branson, MO. The array of music shows cannot be matched. From music shows to museums; sightseeing to shopping, this tour is a collection of the best Branson has to offer. Our days in Branson will be filled with entertaining music shows, delicious meals, fantastic sightseeing, and great fellowship. This will be an excellent time to relax, have fun and make new friends and rejoice with the music of Christmas. We will enjoy some of the season's best music shows plus lots of fun and laughter.









**DAY 1. Monday:** This morning we depart for our exciting get-away where we will get acquainted with one another on our way to the picturesque town of Branson. The journey begins with fantastic fellowship, and beautiful scenery. Dinner- Lamberts' Café. Home of the Thrown Rolls. Eat all you can catch!

DAY 2. Tuesday: This morning we will take a tour of Branson. Enjoy the country side the old downtown area and the lakes. Get ready for the ultimate Christmas experience with the Christmas Wonderland show. A sparkling cast of singers and dancers takes you on an unforgettable, magical sleigh ride to a grand Christmas extravaganza. Lunch is included at the Keeter Center at the College of the Ozarks. Students working their way through college take part in our dining experience. After lunch, enjoy a tour of the campus. Highlights include Williams Memorial Chapel, an example of neo-Gothic architecture, and the fruitcake and jelly kitchen plus an old grist mill. We will also visit the Ralph Foster Museum. We continue to explore the area with a visit to the Ginger Bread House display at the .Tonight we attend another amazing Christmas show that has been awarded Branson's Christmas Show of the year for the past 7 years.

**DAY 3. Wednesday:** Today we drive to Springfield and enjoy the amazing **Wonders of Wildlife Museum** and **Aquarium. W.O.W.** Voted America's Best! Take an unforgettable journey through immense habitats that entertain and educates. Learn the story about Johnny Morris and Bass Pro Shop. Lunch at Lamberts, the home of the thrown roll. Tonight, have an amazing time with the **Clay Coopers Country Music Express Show** filled with music dancing comedy and more. **DAY 4. Thursday:** The very musically gifted and talented **Brett family** will entertain us this morning. The Brett family performs with great enthusiasm and captivates audiences with their display of music and dance. The charisma, energy, and intimacy the family shares are one-of-a-kind. After lunch, we will visit the **Sight and Sound Theater.** Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, QUEEN ESTHER is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther's ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. With a crown on her head and a secret in her heart, can she find the courage to trust in God's plan and believe that she was made for such a time as this? Experience one of the most riveting Bible stories of the Old Testament as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production! "This will definitely be a highlight. This evening we will visit

Christmas lights and have a group party to fellowship and exchange gifts. **DAY 5. Friday:** Our fabulous Branson tour is almost over. After breakfast we begin our journey home remembering the fun, food, fellowship, and shows. You will definitely be in the Christmas Spirit!

**Tour Cost: \$1125 per person, double occupancy.** Includes: Motorcoach Travel, Lodging for Four Nights, Four Breakfasts, Four Group Meals, Six Fantastic Shows, plus snacks, water, and a surprise or two. The show schedule and show listings are subject to change. Single Supplement: \$300.





#### CHRISTMAS MYSTERY TOUR

# **DECEMBER 3 - 8, 2023**

Looking for something exciting and different? Then look no further. Enjoy an exciting journey into the unknown with plenty of fun among friendly travelers just like you. Travelers who have no idea where they're going, when they will arrive, what they will eat and the things they will see. The itinerary is confi-

dential, which means I am the only one who knows all the details and destinations. It's different but unique and full of surprises. The mysteries of each day will intrigue you. Clues will be given day-by-day and keep you anxiously anticipating your next surprise. This mystery tour adventure will take you off the beaten path and explore some interesting and delightful destinations. Enjoy the excitement, the wonder, the magic, the anticipation, the great fellowship, good food and the fun-fun-fun! Trust me, if you like





mysteries you will love this one. This year's tour is going to make you say???? Use your imagination! Can you keep

a secret? So cai	n I. Hahahahaha! <b>DAY ONE</b> : azynb oghjn wmvit sbo	ut pormint caborn
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#### MIND OVER RIDDLES

What cannot be seen but only heard, and will not speak unless it is spoken to?

How do birds stop themselves in the air? What goes up when the rain comes down?

If you put a red hat in blue punch, what will it be? Where do tough chickens come from?

What is bigger than God, worse than the devil? The dead eat it, and if you eat it, you die.

What was the largest island in the world before Australia was discovered?

What is the quietest sport? What animals need to be oiled?

Why is it always cool in sports arenas? Why couldn't Batman go fishing?



What is harder it is to catch the faster you run? What has no beginning or end and nothing in the middle?

**Jesus Christ--One Solitary Life**. He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant. He grew up in another village where he worked in a carpenter shop until he was 30. Then, for three years, he was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never lived in a big city. He never traveled 200 miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but himself. He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against him. His friends ran away. One of



them denied him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While he was dying, his executioners gambled for his garments, the only property he had on earth. When he was dead, he was laid in a borrowed grave, through the pity of a friend. Twenty centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. I am well within the mark when I say that all the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned--put together--have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one, solitary life.

# Alaska's "Aurora Borealis" Known as "The Northern Lights"









## **Date: February 19-25, 2024**

No Alaskan bucket list is complete without experiencing Alaska's Northern Lights! Koinonia is known for providing some amazing journeys and adventures all around the world. We want this experience to be one of those that leaves you speechless, with plenty of priceless moments to give you lifelong memories! The most reliable chances to see Alaska's Northern Lights (also known as the Aurora Borealis) are in Fairbanks, and above the Arctic Circle. The aurora belt in Alaska's great Interior and Arctic regions is among the most active in the world, and there are few other places on earth so suited for an Aurora Borealis vacation. While there are no guarantees that the northern lights show will happen on any particular night, we plan to visit during a time that gives travelers the best opportunity while offering maximum viewing chances. This is a small group discovery tour. Limited Space! Registration Deadline July 1st, 2023. Send your deposit and Registration Form Now! Deposit \$500. Refundable if trip cancelled.

**Day 1:** Travel day. Arrive in Anchorage and transfer to hotel. Arrival time will determine any other activities for the day.

**Day 2:** All Aboard: Winter in Alaska isn't for everyone but those who set forth with a sense of adventure (and warm jacket and clothes) are rewarded with a true winter wonderland. Today you enjoy a full day of amazing winter sights. Thick blankets of snow make for pristine landscapes. Set back relax and enjoy incredible views of mountains, frozen rivers and more as we ride the Alaskan Railroad from Anchorage to Fairbanks. Who knows we might be treated to a dazzling display of the aurora borealis.

Day 3: This morning, you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred about 1 1/2 hours to Chena Hot Springs Resort. Upon arrival, take a guided tour of the Ice Museum. Afterwards, soak and relax in the natural hot springs. Around midnight, look for the Northern Lights dancing across the sky. Chena Hot Springs Resort offers both an outdoor hot springs rock lake and an indoor pool, both perfect for relaxing. The resort also offers guests a cozy restaurant, and is home to the Aurora Ice Museum known as the world's largest year-round indoor ice environment. The resort is known worldwide for being a great place to see the northern lights due to its location under an active aurora band in the northern sky. These historic hot springs were discovered in 1905 by two gold miners, and is internationally known for its natural mineral hot springs and prime location for viewing the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis). In addition to world class Aurora viewing, it offers numerous outdoor activities,.

**Day 4:** Enjoy the resort and relax, and rejuvenate in the hot springs and pools or with a specialty massage. Today we will choose one of the numerous outdoor activities the resort offers such as cross country skiing, dog sledding tour, snowmobiling and more. Rest and prepare for another opportunity to see the Northern Lights ( Aurora Borealis) @ this world class viewing location.

Day 5: Depart for a sightseeing tour of Fairbanks. During this guided tour, you will visit the University Of Alaska Museum of the North, where you can marvel at the natural and cultural history of Alaska as well as discover the science behind the majestic Northern Lights. Other stops include the Morris Thompson Cultural & Visitor Center and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. On days when it is open, you will visit the world famous Santa Claus House in the North Pole. You may even get to meet Kris Kringle and his reindeer! Your day tour concludes at your hotel midafternoon. Late in the evening you will be picked up for an Aurora viewing tour. An approximate 45-minute drive will take you to an Aurora viewing yurt. The yurt is designed especially for viewing the Northern Lights and located away from the city lights that can hinder Aurora viewing. Dress warmly for this tour so you may view the Northern Lights from outdoor as well as the yurt.

Day 6: Winter Arctic Circle Aurora "Northern Lights Tour." You'll start off in Fairbanks, combining a flightseeing trip and a driving excursion that make this adventure amazing. This adventure begins with a flight to Coldfoot, a remote town located in the Brooks Mountain Range that's perfectly situated under the "auroral oval," where you'll find the best displays of northern lights. On the flight, you'll get an aerial view of the vast northern wilderness. From Coldfoot you'll drive south in the comfort of a tour vehicle and learn the story of Alaska's arctic as you travel along the rugged Dalton Highway. You'll view the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System and cross the

Arctic Circle in ceremonious fashion and receive an official certificate. When the skies get dark, you'll stop along the way to watch for northern lights. This tour is designed to take advantage of the evenings dark skies and give you the best northern lights viewing opportunities.

**Day 7:** Transfer to airport for our return trip home! Reminisce about the fantastic journey and start planning for your next Koinonia Adventure. **Tour Cost: Land Portion:** \$3675 Plus Air + Travel Insurance. Includes: 6 nights lodging, admissions, guides, transfers, artic flight, 4 group meals. The Itinerary is subject to change based on weather and other unforeseen circumstances. Don't wait! Register Today!



# Alaska, The Last Frontier! Alaska and Inside Passage Cruise August 3-16, 2024

Alaska is amazingly different! It has the tallest mountain, the largest area of national parkland, the highest concentration of glaciers and the longest stretch of coastland in all of the United States. Incredible scenery, breathtaking beauty beyond words, thundering glaciers, thrilling and bountiful wildlife, intriguing native heritage, rollicking Klondike history, and friendly hospitality provide a neverending adventure. It is an experience of a lifetime, and a journey that you will never forget. The following Itinerary s subject to change!









Day 1: Travel day. Day 2: Fairbanks, AK. Visit Morris

Thompson Cultural Center to learn about Fairbanks. Later, send a Christmas card from the North Pole or deliver a card to Santa. Day 3: Fairbanks, AK. Board the Riverboat Discovery for an adventure on the Chena and Tanana Rivers. Guides will share their Indian/Eskimo cultures with you. This afternoon we visit the Alaska Pipeline. Also, try panning for gold at Eldorado Gold Mine. Day 4: Explore Denali National Park, which contains Mt. McKinley. Watch for grizzly bears, wolves, dall sheep, moose and eagles on your Tundra Wilderness Tour. Day 5: Anchorage. AK. Enjoy a city tour with a local guide to learn about this unique city. Day 6: Anchorage, AK. Visit The Anchorage Museum of History and Art, which showcases an impressive collection of Alaskan history. Experience the state's distinctive Native culture at the Alaska Native Heritage Center. Day 7: Seward, AK and Resurrection Bay. The Seward Highway is rated as the most scenic in the country and has been designated a National Forest Scenic Byway. Visit the Alaska Sea Life Center for an up-close and personal experience with Gulf of Alaska Marine Wildlife. Day 8: Hubbard Glacier Cruising. Today we begin our cruise on the Inside Passage. Wildlife, glaciers, and beautiful mountains make for some excellent sightseeing and this will definitely be a highlight. Day 9: Juneau, **AK.** Juneau has the massive Mendenhall Glacier. Explore the lush Tongass National Forest. Visit the rustic shops in town, or get out and kayak, dogsled, raft, hike, whale watch, flight-see or fish. Day 10: Skagway, AK. Recommend riding the White Pass & Yukon narrow-gauge railway. Visit the Red Onion Saloon, and the Trail of '98 Museum. Day 11: Icy Strait Point, AK. Day 12: Ketchikan, AK. Besides the main attractions - Creek Street, the Tongass Historical Museum, Totem Bight State Park and Saxman Village, try a flight-seeing trip to breathtaking Misty Fjords National Monument. Day 13: At Sea. Day 14. Vancouver, British Columbia. Travel home

**Tour Cost:** \$4400 per person double occupancy. Plus Round Trip Airfare. Plus cruise port fees and taxes and travel insurance. Airfare cost will be available once the trip is determined to be a go. Price includes: Motor-coach transportation and transfers, seven night Cruise (Inside Cabin), plus meals and entertainment aboard cruise ship. Six nights lodging on the land portion, four group meals, River Boat Discovery Excursion, Admissions to: El Dorado Gold Mine.









Fairbanks University Alaska Museum, Denali National Park Tundra Wilderness tour, Anchorage Heritage Center, Anchorage History Museum, City Guide, Wildlife Conservation Center, and Seward Sea life Museum. Price is based on Double Occupancy. Individuals may upgrade their cabin category to ocean view or balcony at additional cost. This is a fantastic tour! Itinerary is subject to change based on airline and cruise schedules and registration. If the tour doesn't reach the minimum requirement to make it a guarantee departure with Koinonia, we can offer an optional tour similar in itinerary with one of our partner's in travel. Date is also subject to change based on cruise departure date.

Lets make it happen! Call or email to register. Deposit \$500 required when registering. Deposit refundable if trip doesn't reach required participants. The deadline for registering for this tour to ensure space for the minimum number required is July 1, 2023. Please contact for additional information or questions.



# Hawaiian Four Island, 7 Day Cruise 2024?????

### Who's Interested??

Norwegian: Pride of America

Aloha! Visiting the islands of Hawaii is an experience unlike any in the world. Koinonia Travels and Tours would like to share the Hawaiian Islands' rich history, diverse culture, and stunning beauty with the relaxation of having everything arranged and every detail attended to. Incredible scenery, breathtaking beauty beyond words, intriguing native multicultural heritage, unique geological history, stunning coastlines, beautiful and famous beaches, rain forest, volcanic wonderland, lush tropical floral and friendly hospitality provides a never-ending adventure. The memories will last forever! We will help you experience "aloha" the spirit, which creates an environment of caring and generosity. Hawaii will refresh and rejuvenate your spirit! Feel free to let the gentle breezes of Waikiki stir up your Aloha spirit as you set out to explore the Hawaiian islands with Norwegian. Soak up the vibes as you sink your toes in a black-sand beach before your trek to the top of Haleakalā — Maui's massive volcano. When the sun sets, get ready for unforgettable stargazing well past midnight. You'll have plenty of time to explore the culture, sights and local flavor of five unique ports including Oahu, Maui, Hilo, Kona and Kauai. Experience the lush forests, crystal-clear turquoise waters and colorful undersea life that will have you feeling like you are in par-

adise. With this unique 7-day Hawaii cruise itinerary, you get overnights in both Maui and Kauai as well as visits to Oahu and the Big Island of Hawaii. You'll be on island time as you discover cascading waterfalls, active volcanos, black, green and white sand beaches, historic sites and unspoiled nature.

Sample itinerary: Saturday: Fly to Honolulu, Hawaii, board ship and depart at 7 pm. Sunday: Kahului, Maui. A surplus of natural splendor and the genuine hospitality of its people have helped to make Maui Hawaii's second most popular Island. Explore the fascinating history of the town of Lahaina or visit Haleakala. Many options to chose from. Monday: Kahului, Maui, Depart at 6 PM. Tuesday: Hilo, Hawaii 8 AM-6 PM. Hawaii Volcanoes National Park home of the active Kilauea Volcano. Wednesday:



Kona, Hawaii, 7 am –5:30 PM. **Thursday:** Nawiliwili, Kauai, 8 AM. The Garden Island, nature is the star, from the dramatic mountains of Kokee to the cool rainforests of Haena. Many believe this is the most beautiful island. **Friday:** Nawiliwili, Kauai, named after the Wiliwili trees you will truly enjoy this picturesque harbor. Depart at 2 PM. **Saturday:** Honolulu, Hawaii, Disembark 7 AM. Option: Guided city tour of Honolulu and Pearl Harbor before transfer to airport for overnight flight home or add a night to have an extra day to explore Oahu, Diamond Head, North Shore, Koolau Mountains, Polynesian Culture Center?

This is a small group experience: To guarantee a departure as a Koinonia Group we will need a minimum of 20 travelers. Tour cost and dates will be determined once the required group numbers have expressed interest. Deadline to show interest is July 15, 2023. Call or email ASAP if interested.



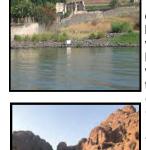
















# Israel: A Life-Changing Experience! Israel...Land of the Bible, Land of Faith, The Holy Land! Jordan! May 9-21, 2023 May 7-19, 2024

There is no place on earth like the Holy Land for a person of faith whose beliefs are rooted in the Bible! Christian visitors from all over the world have come to the Holy Land for nearly 2000 years, the land of their spiritual heritage. With Bible in hand, they have walked in the places Jesus walked, and prayed in the places He taught and prayed. For Christians, Israel is a place like no other. It provides them a one-ofa-kind opportunity to experience the land of the Bible, to deepen their faith and to be spiritually transformed for a lifetime as they visit the land where the events of the Bible took place. In Israel, your experience will be breathtaking, invigorating, enlightening and transforming. "You will never be the Same!" Before my first visit to the Holy Land I heard the phrase, but had to experience it for myself to know the impact such a tour could have on my life. My travels to Israel have been a personal education full of lifelong inspiration. The Bible will come to life when you walk where Jesus walked and visit the sites of so many biblical stories. You will have an adventure like no other as a follower of Christ. Indeed, once you visit Israel, you will never be the same! You will return home with a deeper, richer and stronger faith. I invite you to experience Israel, the land of the Bible, with Koinonia Travels and Tours taking care of all your travel needs! Please contact for a complete day by day itinerary. I invite you to make your plans and mark your calendar to join me as Koinonia Travels and Tours guides us on a spiritual journey where you will say, "I will never be the same!"

Day 1: Departure: Today we embark on our Journey to the Holy Land. Prepare yourself for a lifechanging experience. Get some rest on the flight...tomorrow you will be walking where Jesus walked! Day 2: Arrive in Jordan: Transfer to Dead Sea Hotel: Upon arrival in Amman, we will meet our local guide & driver, and head directly to our hotel in the Dead Sea area in Jordan. Day 3: Dead Sea - Madaba - Mt. Nebo - Dead Sea: Start the day with a visit to the "City of Mosaics," Madaba. Later, you will visit Mt. Nebo, the most revered holy site of Jordan. Day 4: Petra, The Famous Rock City: A rose-red city half as old as time. Words can hardly do justice to the true magnificence of Petra. Petra is unique in every respect, having something to offer to the historian, anthropologist, archeologist, geologist, architect, naturalist and the average person. Day 5: Jarash – Sheikh Hussein – Tiberias: Jarash to this day, has paved and colonnaded streets, soaring hilltop temples, handsome theatres, spacious public squares and plazas, bath fountains and city walls pierced by towers and gates remain in exceptional condition. Then we will depart to Israel through Sheikh Hussein Bridge. Day 6: Sea of Galilee, Tabgha, Capernaum, Dan, Mount of Beatitudes, Banias, Caesarea Philippi: We enjoy a relaxing ride on the Sea of Galilee. On board we will have a brief scripture reading and devotional. This experience brings to life the experiences of Jesus and the fishermen disciples. We will visit the Jesus Boat Museum where you will see the ancient fisherman boat, before we make our way to the Mount of Beatitudes overlooking the sea. In Capernaum, we will visit the ruins of an ancient synagogue and Peter's home. Then we travel to the site of the possible multiplication of loaves and fishes in Bethsaida. Our travels take us to two valuable northern sites. Tel Dan the Kingdom of Israel. Dan is where the children of Israel fell to the depths of pagan worship and then Banias, Caesarea Philippi, the site of Peter's Confession. Day 7: Caesarea, Muhraqa, Megiddo & Nazareth, Church of the Annunciation. We travel to the coast of the Mediterranean Sea to Caesarea, where Gentiles first heard the Good News from Peter and were baptized. We'll see the Roman Amphitheatre, hippodrome, a film on the history and remains of this famous port city and aqueduct. Then we journey to Mt. Carmel, where Elijah challenged King Ahab and the prophets of Baal. Next, we travel through the Jezreel Valley to Megiddo, the Armageddon Battlefield, where archaeologists have unearthed 20 levels of civilization. We drive through the area of Cana and Nazareth, the boyhood home of Jesus, where we visit the Nazareth Village - a wonderful recreation of

Caves, Dead Sea Scrolls, Abraham's Tent. Day 11: Jerusalem, Davidson Center, Southern Wall Excavations, Upper Room, Zion Gate, House of Caiaphas, Yad Vashem Holocaust. Day 12: Mt of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus' Steps, The Last Days: Temple era. Judgment Hall of Pilate, hear of those who conspired against Him and are reminded of His brutal beating and humiliation. We will see the Pool of Bethesda, Stephen's Gate and St. Ann's Church. Later today we walk where Jesus walked; beginning our route with a panoramic view of the city, Mount Moriah and the Dome of the Rock from atop the Mount of Olives and then the Garden of Gethsemane. Old City. While walking along the Via Dolorosa, we are reminded of His way of suffering along with a visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Our guide will explain the differing opinions on the route that Christ was led. Our climax of the day is the area of Golgotha (place of the skull) and the Garden Tomb, where we celebrate the resurrection with communion and a time of praise. Farewell Dinner and Fellowship. Day 13: Home!

Biblical times with costumed guides. Day 8: Jordan River Baptism Sites, Beth Shean/Scythopolis, Bethany Beyond the Jordon, Jericho, Wadi Qelt, Jerusalem. Day 9: Western Wall Tunnels, St. Anne – Israel Museum – Bethlehem – Shepherd's Field. Day 10: Masada, Ein Gedi, Qumran

**Trip Cost**: This tour includes Jordan Extension: **\$3800 per person, double occupancy plus air!** Plus Travel Insurance is an additional cost. Price Includes: First Class Lodging, Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation, Transfers, Two Meals a day, Admissions, Guides. Please contact for complete details or attend a travel preview for this tour. The itinerary for this tour is subject to change based on airline flight schedules. The first portion of the tour may change and group fly round trip to TEL-AVIV and cross the boarder into Jordan from Israel and return to Israel from Jordan. The Israel portion of the itinerary will remain the same.

## "ICELAND" LAND OF FIRE AND ICE July 18-26, 2023 July 16-24, 2024

Iceland is a country known for its natural wonders: glaciers, active volcanoes, black-sand beaches, geothermal areas, roaring rivers, hot springs, mud pools, scenic coastline, majestic waterfalls, and beautiful lakes. On this Iceland tour, you will witness these natural wonders while enjoying fun and unique experiences. Scenic highlights include mighty Gullfoss waterfall, and Goðafoss, known as the "Waterfall of the Gods." Take pictures at Dettifoss, the most powerful waterfall in Europe. Drive by Eyjafjallajökull Volcano, well known for the eruption that generated the massive ash cloud in 2010, and through the National Park at Skaftafell to the Vik area. Enjoy a scenic drive to the lovely blue Lake Mývatn. In one of Iceland's prettiest areas and with volcanic craters throughout









the lake, it is teeming with bird life and is known for its geothermal activity. Also, watch how Europe's largest glacier, Vatnajökull, flows into Lake Jökulsárlón, forming icebergs. Iceland is full of natural beauty. Koinonia has also included some out-of-the-ordinary experiences to make your Iceland tour special.

DAY 1: We begin our wonderful journey to Iceland with overnight flight. DAY 2: ARRIVAL AT KEFLAVIK AIRPORT: Drive to Reykjavik. On the way to Reykjavik we will stop for breakfast at the Viking World. We will enjoy an informative tour of this capital city and learn about its history before checking into our hotel.

DAY 3: NORTH WEST: We drive northwards via the tunnel of Hvalfjördur to Borgarnes and Skagafjördur, the valley of horses. A visit to the folk museum of Glaumbær, an ancient farm with a turf roof, before continuing via highlands, Öxnadalsheidi, to the capital of the north, in Akurevri.

DAY 4: LAKE MÝVATN AREA: Mývatn is a shallow eutrophic lake in a dramatic landscape dominated by volcanic landforms such as pseudocraters and the lava pillars in Dimmuborgir. Mývatn is a geothermal area with high activity and a place where all your senses will be called upon as we stop at Námaskarð's bubbling sulfur mud-pits and steaming vents. We visit Jardbödin, the Blue lagoon of the North, where it is possible to experience the warm-mineral rich geothermal water for a refreshing bath. On our way back to Akureyri, we stop at Goðafoss Waterfall. Whale Watching tour from Akureyri in the afternoon.

DAY 5: POWERFUL WATERFALL AND EAST ICELAND: Leaving Akureyri, we drive to the most powerful waterfall in Europe, Dettifoss. We then drive through the highland Plateau Mödrudalsöræfi via Egilsstaðir town towards the sparsely populated and very beautiful Eastfjords with its small fishing villages and magnificent mountains.

DAY 6: FJORDS, GLACIERS AND GLACIER LAGOON: Today we travel along the East Coast with its many fjords and dramatic coastline, passing the villages Djúpivogur and Höfn. We drive along Vatnajökull Glacier before getting to the magnificent Jökulsarlón Glacier Lagoon. Here you have the opportunity for a boat tour for a closer look at the icebergs in the lagoon. From this icv area, we drive to Skaftafell National Park, an enchanting green oasis flourishing between many surrounding glaciers.

DAY 7: SOUTH SHORE BLACK BEACHES AND LAVA FIELDS: Today we cross Eldhraun, the largest mass of lava to have ever flowed on the face of the earth to the famous black beach of Reynisfjara, known for its colony of puffins and unusual rock formations. Along the south shore, we view the fantastic Skógafoss waterfall and the picturesque Seljalandsfoss waterfall. We learn about the forces of volcanic activity at Lava Center before getting to our accommodation.

DAY 8: GOLDEN DAY: The first highlight of the day is Gullfoss, Golden waterfall, which is considered by many to be the most beautiful in the country. The neighboring











DAY 9. Today we must depart Iceland with many wonderful memories of this beautiful country.

**Tour Cost: Land Portion: \$3695** double occupancy, plus Air TBD.

#### Classic Ireland Irish Adventure

August 1-10, 2023 June 18-27, 2024

Day 1: FLIGHT TO DUBLIN, IRELAND: Today we travel to the Airport where we board our overnight flight across the Atlantic to the jewel of Western Europe, Ireland. We are about to begin an exciting journey in this emerald isle with its myths and beauty.







#### Day 2: ARRIVE DUBLIN • TRINITY COLLEGE • THE BOOK OF KELLS:

We arrive in Dublin and are transferred to our hotel. This afternoon we begin our afternoon tour of Dublin where we see 18th century Georgian houses with brightly painted doors, tranquil parks, and wide O'Connell Street. We take a stroll through Trinity College's campus in the center of the city and view the priceless 9th-century Book of Kells, an illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels. Tonight we join our fellow travelers for a delicious dinner. (D)

Day 3: GLENDALOUGH • DUNBRODY • WATERFORD: After breakfast, we enjoy the delightful scenery of the Wicklow Mountains on the way to 6th century Glendalough, a stunning example of Ireland's beauty. We explore the remains of one of the most important monastic sites in Ireland, founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. We walk through the deep valley to view the picturesque ruins of a round tower, churches, and Celtic crosses. We head southeast to the Dunbrody Famine Ship, an authentic reproduction of an 1840's vessel that brought desperate Irish emigrants fleeing famine to the New World. We then continue on to our hotel in Waterford, where before dinner we take a gentle guided stroll around the narrow streets of this historic city. (B, D)

Day 4: WATERFORD CRYSTAL • COBH • BLARNEY CASTLE: Today we witness the creation of crystal masterpieces during our visit to the House of Waterford Crystal. We then travel to Cobh for our guided walking tour of this harbor town, which was the last port of call for the Titanic in 1912 and was also the main point of embarkation for Irish emigrants between 1848 and 1960. We proceed to Blarney, to visit Blarney Castle and kiss the famous "Stone of Eloquence" or explore the tranquil gardens. We journey west through rugged countryside for a delicious meal and two night stay in Killarney. (B,D)

Day 5: RING OF KERRY • KILLARNEY: Discover the beauty of this Emerald Isle as our drive takes us through scenery of plunging cliffs and spectacular lakes, between granite mountains and endless beaches on our tour of the Ring of Kerry, Ireland's most scenic coastal drive. We will have plenty of photo stops along the way. We stop for lunch, take a stroll around Sneem and enjoy amazing panoramic views at Moll's Gap. Take a scenic, traditional horse-drawn jaunting car to Ross Castle and the Kenmare Estate. We have the evening at leisure to enjoy a delicious meal at one of Killarney's many restaurants. (B, L)

Day 6: CLIFFS OF MOHER • GALWAY: Today we embark on a ferry ride across the River Shannon Estuary. We then take a scenic drive along the coast of County Clare to view the Cliffs of Moher, which soar almost 700 feet above churning Atlantic swells. You may walk along the top of the cliffs to O'Brien's Tower for great views of Galway Bay and the Aran Islands. We then head to Galway to join a local guide for a brief stroll through the twisting streets of the old city before spending some time on our own. Enjoy an evening at a medieval-style banquet in an authentic Irish castle. (B, D)

Day 7: SHEEPDOG DEMONSTRATION • DONEGAL • DERRY: After breakfast, we immerse ourselves in Irish farm life during a visit to an authentic working farm to watch trained sheepdogs round up mountain sheep. We stop at Donegal to enjoy some free time in this charming town. We meet our local guide in Derry to discover the history of this ancient city that retains its fortified medieval walls dating from 1613. (B, D) Day 8: GIANT'S CAUSEWAY • TITANIC BELFAST: Today we explore the northern coastline and the Giant's Causeway, enormous hexagonal columns formed by volcanic activity over 60 million years ago. Tour central Belfast to see Victorian buildings, the imposing City Hall in Donegall Square, and the shipyards where RMS Titanic was built in 1912. We visit Titanic Belfast to learn about the ill-fated ship through state-of-the-art displays. We see the docks where the famous liner was built just over a century ago. We then stop at the Glyde Inn for our dinner with Irish specialties and entertainment featuring traditional Irish music and songs. (B, D)

Day 9: Belfast to Dublin: Down Cathedral | The St Patrick Centre | Crumlin Road Gaol |: Today we drive to Dublin and Visit Down Cathedral where St Patrick's historical burial site is marked by a huge boulder. Immerse yourself in his work, life, and times in the nearby St Patrick Centre. Explore Crumlin Road Gaol and see what prison life was like through the ages. We visit the Guinness Storehouse and possible The Irish Emigration Museum before we check into our hotel and relax before our farewell dinner at hotel. (B, D)

Day 10: DEPART DUBLIN: Today we bid farewell to the lovely land of Ireland, departing Dublin International Airport for our return flight to America. (B) Tour Cost: \$2950 Plus Air. Includes: Lodging, Deluxe Motor-coach Transportation, Admissions, 16 Meals, Guides and more.

## THE BEST OF ITALY

# August 20-30, 2023 October 1-11, 2024

On this Best of Italy guided tour, visit some of Italy's most popular cities, including Rome, Florence, Venice, Pisa, Capri, and Assisi. Visit the must-see sights, including St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Colosseum in Rome; St. Mark's Square and Basilica in Venice; Michelangelo's David in Florence; and the church where St. Francis is buried—St. Francis' Basilica—in Assisi. In Orvieto, situated high atop a volcanic rock, visit the gothic cathedral, dating to the 13th century and home to one of the best examples of Italian Renaissance painting.

Day 1: FLIGHT TO ROME, ITALY: We embark on an unforgettable journey as we join our fellow travelers for our overnight flight to Rome.

Day 2: ROME • SORRENTO: Upon arrival we begin our journey traveling south on the "Sun Highway," past Naples to Sorrento. With breathtaking views of the Bay of Naples, this ancient city founded by the Romans is along the beautiful Amalfi Coast. Dinner is included at our hotel in Sorrento for the next three nights. (D)

Day 3: AMALFI COAST • POMPEII: We are treated by a drive along the world famous Amalfi Coast, considered Italy's most scenic stretch of coastline. So beautiful it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This afternoon we meet our local guide for an archaeological journey through the ancient city of Pompeii, amazingly preserved when it was covered in ashes over 2000 years ago. This World Heritage site is a city frozen in time after a volcanic eruption in 79 AD. Learn about the city's rediscovery in 1748 and excavation on a guided tour of this archaeological treasure. We'll visit houses, shops, temples, squares, streets and also the "Lupanare" with its frescoes. We return to our hotel for included dinner. (B, D)

Day 4: Isle of Capri: This morning take a fast ferry across the Bay of Naples to the charming island of Capri. Enjoy the breathtaking sights of this beautiful island. Capri is beloved as a day trip destination for its Roman ruins and colorful Blue Grotto, as well as its wonderful beaches. After an orientation tour you'll have some time to explore independently before we return to Sorrento, where you'll dine in the hotel this evening. (B) (D)

Day 5: ROME • VATICAN • SISTINE CHAPEL • ST PETER'S SQUARE: Our journey takes us to Rome where we have a guided tour through the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, world famous for Michelangelo's ceiling paintings and "The Last Judgement." Next, visit monumental St. Peter's Square and Basilica. We overnight in Rome the next two nights. Dinner is included this evening. (B, D)

Day 6: CATACOMBS OF SANTA DOMITILLA • ROMAN FORUM • COLOSSEUM • TREVI FOUNTAIN • PANTHEON • PIAZZA NAVONA: To-day brings us to the Catacombs of Santa Domitilla, one of the best preserved in Rome with over 10 miles of underground tunnels on four levels. Then off to the Roman Forum, the biggest and most splendid of all, whose markets, true forerunners of the modern commercial centers, offered to the Roman citizen any goods to be found at that time. From here we visit the Colosseum, the everlasting symbol of the greatness of Rome and the stage for the historical fights of the gladiators. This engineering marvel could hold up to 80,000 spectators for gladiator battles and dramatic productions. Imperial Rome's iconic structure was built between 72 and 80 AD. After throwing coins into the Trevi Fountain to assure a return to Rome we walk to the Pantheon, one of the best preserved of all ancient Roman buildings. We end the day at Piazza Navona where we see the famous Fountain of the Four Rivers by Bernini. We return to the hotel for included dinner. (B, D)

Day 7: ASSISI • BASILICA OF SAN FRANCESCO • FLORENCE: We reach the charming and historic city of Assisi, perched atop a hill dominated by the Basilica of San Francesco (St. Francis). Our tour finds us in the heart of town where we see the Piazza del Commune and its medieval buildings. Departing Assisi our journey will take us through the cypress groves and vineyards of the Tuscany countryside towards Florence. We enjoy a two night stay in Florence. (B, D)

Day 8: FLORENCE walking Tour • PIAZZA DELLA SIGNORIA • SANTA MARIA DEL FIORE • The Academia Gallery: Today we discover why Florence is the cradle of the Renaissance with a local guide and marvel at the sights in this beautiful city, the capital of Tuscany and the birthplace of the Renaissance. We enjoy a visit to Piazza della Signoria, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and views of Giotto's Bell Tower and the Basilica of Santa Croce. Visit the Academia Gallery to see Michelangelo's iconic sculpture of David. Savor a local lunch in the heart of Florence. There might be some free time to explore the amazing sights that Florence has to offer and enjoy a typical Tuscan meal at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 9: PISA • VENICE: We visit the ancient maritime Republic of Pisa. Here we discover the Piazza Dei Miracoli, the Duomo Cathedral, and the famous Leaning Tower. Next cross the Apennine Mountains en-route to Venice where 117 islands are connected by a latticework of 150 canals and 400 Bridges. We check in our hotel for a two night stay. Dinner is included this evening. (B, D)

Day 10: VENICE: Touring Venice we see the magnificent Piazza and Basilica of St. Mark's. With its marvelous Byzantine style architecture studded with colored marbles and glittering gold mosaics, this is a sight to behold. We also visit Doge's Palace and the legendary Bridge of Sighs. We'll experience a gondola ride, and also witness the age-old tradition of glassblowing performed by a local artisan. Hopefully some free-time to explore the city and shop before returning to our hotel. We have our final included dinner in Italy tonight. (B, D)

Day 11: FLIGHT USA: We board our return flight back home. (B)

Tour Cost: \$3695 Plus Air TBD. Includes: 18 Meals, Lodging, Admissions, Motor-Coach Transportation, Guides + More.









#### FOOTSTEPS OF THE APOSTLE PAUL - GREECE /TURKEY

October 31 - November 11, 2023 October 29 - November 9, 2024

Athens \* Thessaloniki\* Philippi \* Kavala \* Veria \* Kalambaka \* Meteora \* Corinth \* Piraeus \* Mykonos \* Kusadasi Turkey \* Ephesus \* Patmos \* Rhodes \* Crete-Santorina \* 4 Day Cruise

Koinonia Travels and Tours and Roger McCurry invites you to experience Greek history and culture and learn more about early Christianity as you visit some of the places associated with the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul and the New Testament. Journey to the land of ancient treasures and Christian history as we walk in the footsteps of Paul. Filled with stunning scenery and adventurous explorations, you'll stand in the very places where the New Testament church began. From the iconic religious sites retracing the footsteps of the Apostle Paul to historic wonders like the Acropolis in Athens and a final touch of relaxation as you cruise on the Aegean. This is truly an inspirational journey you will never forget as you follow the path of the Apostle Paul on his missionary journeys.

Day 1 - Today we begin our journey with our overnight transatlantic flight. Get acquainted with fellow travelers and prepare for an awesome experience as we follow the Footsteps of Paul!

Day 2 - Arrive in Thessaloniki, Greece. We arrive in Thessaloniki where you will begin your sightseeing of Thessaloniki. This city, named after Alexander the Great's sister, and which figures prominently in the New Testament at which time this provincial capital was considered a world cultural center. This community was the center of Paul's activities in Northern Greece. It is where he preached and founded a church and to whom he wrote two epistles (Acts 17:1-9; 1 Thessalonians and 2 Thessalonians). You will also see the White Tower, the statue of Alexander the Great and the remains of the Palace complex of Galerius (Late 3rd century AD). The Arch of Glerus and Rotonda as well as the majestic City Walls and the Great Gate, which connected the city to the Via Egnatia - the transcontinental east-west road of the Roman Empire built in the 2nd century BC and used by Paul on his journeys (Acts 16). D

Day 3 - Thessalonika. Excursion to Philippi and Kavala: Full-day excursion along the ancient route of Apostle Paul to Amphipolis (Acts 17:1). Journey to ancient Philippi, which was named after the father of Alexander the Great. This busy Roman colony boasted a great library and theater. In Philippi, Paul preached, established the first church in Europe, and was to whom he wrote one of his epistles while imprisoned in Rome (Acts 16:11-40; Philippians). It was in this area that Paul met Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She and her household accepted Christ and were baptized in the nearby river (Acts 16:11-15). Next, continue to Kavala, ancient port of Neapolis, Greece's most picturesque mainland port where Paul arrived in this city with his coworkers Timothy and Silas. On the way back to Thessaloniki, you will pass through the ancient cities of **Amphipolis** and **Apollonia** (Acts 16:9-11). BD

**Day 4 - Thessalonika–Veria–Kalambaka:** This morning, stop in Veria (Berea of the New Testament), where Paul and Silas were sent by friends after being accused of treason in Thessalonika (Acts 17:5-15). Visit the Bema of St Paul, where is said to have stood and preached the Gospel to the local community. Continue to Kalambaka. Dinner and overnight. BD

**Day 5 - Kalambaka–Meteora:** In Meteora, visit the hanging monasteries situated atop vast rocks from the 14<sup>th</sup> century, one of the most breathtaking sites in the world. We will have an idea of the monastic life trying to be as far as possible from the human daily life and as near as possible to GOD. Inside the monasteries, discover many historical and religious treasures. Travel to Athens for overnight.BD











Day 6 - Corinth-Athens: After breakfast we will have a short drive to Corinth to visit the archaeological site where Apostle Paul worked for 18 months with tent makers Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:1-18). We will learn about this ancient city –state and its early church community which was the recipient of Paul's two Corinthians epistles. We will pass by the old ports St. Paul had stopped, Lachion and Cenchreae. We will see also the handmade Corinth Canal connecting the Aegean with the Ionian Seas. Overnight Athens. BD

**Day 7 - Athens–Piraeus (Embarkation)–Mykonos:** We transfer to the port of Piraeus to begin our 4-night Greece and Turkey cruise with a visit to the mountainous island of Mykonos. Free time to explore the island before returning to the ship for evening entertainment. BLD

Day 8 - Kusadasi, Turkey–Patmos, Greece: Visit the Turkish port of Kusadasi, and enjoy an included excursion to Ancient Ephesus, whose inhabitants were the recipients of Apostle Paul's famous epistle (Acts 18:19-26; Ephesians) and which was once the capital of the Roman province of Asia, and to the House of Mary, where the Virgin Mary is said to have spent her last days. Continue your cruise to Patmos, with free time to discover the "Jerusalem of the Aegean". We visit the Monastery of St. John and to the Cave of the Apocalypse, where John the Evangelist wrote the Book of the Revelation during his exile (Rev. 1:9-11). BLD

Day 9 - Rhodes: Today we will spend the whole day in the unique island of Rhodes. Your shore excursion includes a visit to Lindos and the Acropolis of 400 m height of the sea to view St Paul Bay where he had stopped on his way back to Palestine (Acts 21: 1) for his trial and imprisonment. Then return to the old city of Rhodes where you will go through D'Amboise Gate to walk on the Street of the Knights. Along this street you will find the residences of the Knights city inside the walls to explore! Then back to the ship for dinner and evening entertainment. BLD

Day 10 - Crete-Santorini: This morning we arrive in Heraklion. The capital of Crete is a former Venetian harbor with representative architecture and art. Our included tour of the city takes us on a short drive to the Minoan Palace of Knossos, home to Europe's oldest civilization. Then we return for a visit to Heraklio where the church of St Titus, one of the followers of St Paul. This afternoon we continue our cruise to Santorini, one of the most renowned places of the world. People travel thousands of miles in order to admire its unique geography, a result of an earthquake that took place many centuries ago. We can take the shore excursion to Oia Village and Fira (the capital) or we just have free time to explore the unique capital on the Caldera over the volcanic hill which is accessible either by foot, donkey ride or by the cable car. BLD

Day 11 - Piraeus, Greece (Disembarkation)— Athens: We will disembark the cruise today to spend the day in Athens where we will visit the Acropolis, Parthenon, Areopagus, and Mars Hill where the Apostle Paul delivered his well-known sermon. (Acts 17:15-34). You will also have a panoramic tour to see the Parliament House, the Academy ,Omonia Square and Panathenaic Stadium .You will have free time in Plaka area, the ancient city of Athens to enjoy and have last minute shopping .We will have a farewell dinner today in a local restaurant along with live Greek music. BD

Day 12 - Goodbye Greece: Today we will be transferred to the airport to fly back home with our unforgettable journey! You will take home many precious memories and new friendships!

**Tour Cost**: Land Portion: \$3695 Plus Airfare. Cruise Upgrades available. Full Brochure available with complete list of inclusions. The dates are subject to change on this tour with the possibility of departure a day earlier or a day later.













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