

MARCH/APRIL 2021

Connections

Exploring the world with the FSB Connect Club

One Day Tours

See inside for details

*for the
ladies...*



IT'S A
MYSTERY...

REFLECTIONS

Hello Connect Club Friends!



When life offers you
pandemic lemons,
what do you do?

You make lemonade!



My greatest passion is planning trips and activities where my members can safely escape to discover new and exciting "hidden gems". Life is slowly changing from hibernation to freedom as the vaccines are distributed and Covid-19 counts go down. We can only hope that life as we have known it will change for the good and we can all move forward to a new and improved life!

LET'S GO and make some delicious lemonade!

Please call me with any questions you may have or to sign up for one of the many upcoming "delicious" tours I have to offer.

Kathy Leeseekamp - Connect Club Director • 319-294-2900

Let's

Explore **the** *World* *Together!*



**Like us on
Facebook**

**STAY
CONNECTED!**

If you're not one of the 178 followers on our Connect Club Facebook page, you are missing out on lots of information including upcoming trips, seminars and other fun stuff! It's easy to become a follower!

If you are not following us today, all you need to do is simply go to:
<https://www.facebook.com/FSBConnectClub/>
and click the "**Like**" button at the top of the page...
and get even more connected with the Connect Club!



**Don't miss out
on our amazing
Mailings!**

In order for me to keep track of your correct address and to reduce the amount of returned mail I receive each month, please make sure you contact me if you have moved or if you have two separate addresses.

If you have two addresses (summer and winter), please send me an email (Kathyleesekamp@fsbmail.net) letting me know your two addresses and the months you will be at each address. I will then update this information into my Connect Club Database to keep track of your correct mailing addresses.

If you would like to change your mailing preference (Email or Mail) or if you prefer not to receive a newsletter when you are away, please let me know.

Ladies Day Out

because you know you need one...

Date: Friday, June 18, 2021 • \$125.00

Spend the day celebrating with your girlfriends for an unforgettable girl's day out in Muscatine - The Pearl Button Capital of the World!

- A Stroll through Old Muscantine: City tour by Coach.
- Pearl Button Museum Tour: Experience the Muscatine that was the "Pearl Button Capital of the World."
- Pearl Button Craft: Enjoy creating button art onto an picture frame easel.
- Oyster Opening: Open an oyster, find a gorgeous pearl and place it into a cage necklace.
- Enjoy a delicious lunch, fun specialty shopping and a sweet ice cream treat.
- Wine Tasting: We cannot have a ladies outing without wine!
- Drawings: One of the best activities is winning some prizes!

*The world is your oyster.
You are the pearl.*



If you are interested in joining me on this tour, contact me at 319-294-2900 for a reservation form.

ONE DAY MYSTERY TOUR

Dates: June 24 or 25, 2021 • \$85.00

**Join me for a wonderful summer day
filled full of surprises to hmmm...
who knows where?!**

Everyone loves a good mystery! Your day, which will interest both our ladies and men, will be filled with new adventures! We will depart from the FSB Collins Road Square Office at 8:30 am, enjoy some amazing places, eat some awesome food, have lots of fun and return home around 6:00 pm.

Price includes motor coach transportation, gratuities, step-on guide, lunch, mystery entertainment and tours!

Once your payment of \$85.00 and your completed reservation form are received, your name will be added to the tour (reservations are made on a first come, first served basis for each day). Deadline to sign up and deadline to cancel with a full refund is at final payment (May 18th).



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August 6 - 18, 2021

Discovering Poland

Let's embark on an in-depth journey through Poland!

\$4,429 Double Occupancy PP,
\$5,279 Single Occupancy PP, \$329 PP Insurance



We will tour the thriving capital city of Warsaw. Reborn after World War II, it is again one of Europe's great cultural centers. We will walk the meandering lanes of historical Krakow where we will see the Wawel Castle, once home to the kings of Imperial Poland. The somber history and tragic reality of Auschwitz is unveiled during a moving visit. Behold the Black Madonna while visiting the Jasna Góra Monastery. Discover Polish culture at a folklore dinner and show in Krakow. Make tasty gingerbread in Torun. Stand on the dock where union workers formed the Solidarity Anti-Communist movement in 1989 in Gdansk. Explore the ancient city squares and UNESCO World Heritage sites of Torun, Wroclaw, Warsaw, Gdansk and Krakow. Join me on this unique once-in-a-lifetime tour!

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities and all air taxes/fees/surcharges. A deposit of \$500 per person, plus Insurance of \$329 and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by June 8, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

Johnny Cash Prison Concert

"Folsom Prison Blues" was recorded in 1955 and was an instant hit. It was very popular among inmates who wrote to Johnny and perhaps that is why he became a very vocal advocate for Prison Reform. His first Prison Concert was at Huntsville State Prison in 1957, a full 10 years before his famous live albums at Folsom Prison (1968) and San Quentin (1969). Most people don't know those were just two of many prison concerts Johnny Cash played. Show us your conviction, and come party in the Big House.

Double PP \$1,249 • Single PP \$1,499

August 23 - 27, 2021



We will begin our tour with a visit to the National Museum of the US Airforce, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world. We will enjoy a Rock N' Roll party with dinner and a show by BackTraxx. Next up is a special 3-hour Independence & Incarceration Tour featuring Wheeling's Independence Hall and a visit to WV's Gothic-looking prison. We will tour the Old West Virginia Penitentiary. Here is where things get really exciting! Our coach will drive through a high arched entrance under the North Guard Tower and into The Yard. We will start the evening with a Jailbird Feast and participate in a costumed Convict & Cop Competition! The excitement continues as we are presented with a re-creation of Johnny's "Outlaw Prison Concert" featuring Gray Sartin and the Tennessee Three. Did you know Johnny Cash is a member of the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame? We will visit the Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame, located on the shore of Lake Erie in downtown Cleveland where we will see the archives and learn the history of the best-known and most influential artists, producers, engineers, and other notable figures who have had some major influences on the development of rock and roll.

Pricing includes: Sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, and deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities, and Travel Protection. A deposit of \$150 per person and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by July 13, 2021. Your deposit is fully refundable up to July 13, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.



* Important Date & Tour Changes ► September 7-12, 2021

Niagara Falls

Castles, Flowers & Falls

A North American natural wonder, Niagara Falls flows with scenic might through Niagara Falls State Park. And just beyond its waterfall vistas, Niagara is filled with splendid discoveries and fantastic attractions.

We will tour the Butterfly Conservatory & Floral Show House, brave the raging waters as IMAX takes us over Niagara Falls and visit the Daredevil Exhibit. We will stand at the heart of Niagara and feel the thunderous vibrations of the Horseshoe Falls. This tour also features a voyage boat tour of the magnificent Great Gorge, American Falls, Bridal Veil Falls and, of course, the mighty Horseshoe Falls. We will meet up with a local guide for a tour to scenic Niagara-on-the-Lake. We will also make a stop at the Whirlpool Aero Car, the Floral Clock and enjoy an English Afternoon Tea at the Prince of Wales Hotel. We will visit the George Eastman Museum, tour the Sonneberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park, and climb aboard the Canandaigua Lady Steamboat to cruise the enchanting Thousand Islands with a stop at Boldt Castle.

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, and deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities, all air taxes/fees/surcharges and Travel Protection.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for an updated and complete itinerary of this tour.

Railroads of Colorado & New Mexico

This Railroad Adventure steams across Colorado and New Mexico.

Double PP \$3,195 • Single PP \$3,995



September 19 - 27, 2021

We will travel on five scenic trains on some of the highest altitude railroads in America during the day and enjoy comfortable rooms and fine dining at night. We will ride on the Georgetown Scenic Railroad, the Silverton-Durango Railroad, the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad and the Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad. We will also enjoy some amazing tours each day. We will go 500 feet into a mine tunnel bored in the 1870's at the Lebanon Silver Mine and take a 3-hour jeep tour over 12,000 foot Corkscrew Pass into the Red Mountains with a picnic lunch. We'll then travel to the Garden of the Gods Park, visit the Great Platte River Road Archway, and enjoy views of the Gold Spike Tower and tour the Pony Express Museum. This is an all-fun, all-natural Rocky Mountain High, combining adventure, history and romance into one great tour.

Pricing includes: Sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, and deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities, and Travel Protection. A deposit of \$300 per person and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. A second deposit of \$350 per person is due by June 18, 2021 and final payment will be due by August 13, 2021. Your deposit is fully refundable up to June 18, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

***Important Date Change► October 1-15, 2021**

Exploring Britain & Ireland

Let's travel to some of the world's most magnificent cities and magical countryside's of Britain and Ireland.

Double Occupancy PP \$4,749, Single Occupancy PP \$5,749, Insurance \$399 PP

This breathtaking journey takes us through rolling farmlands and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. We will marvel at the mystery of Stonehenge. Experience Ireland's culinary renaissance during a cooking class at one of Dublin's premier culinary institutes. Walk in the footsteps of William Shakespeare at his birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon. Be mesmerized by the breathtaking landscapes in the English Lake District, Ireland's Ring of Kerry and the valleys, mountains and imposing castles of North Wales. Admire the ancient Roman ruins in elegant Bath and at Hadrian's Wall. Get acquainted with Britain's pageantry in the royal cities of Edinburgh and London. This is a tour you will not want to miss!

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities and all air taxes/fees/surcharges. A deposit of \$500 per person, plus insurance of \$399 and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by August 2, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with Oberammergau Passion Play

SOLD OUT
WAITLIST ONLY

June 24 - July 3, 2022

The distinct cultures of Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria await you!

Explore delightful Lucerne, "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," and enjoy a walking tour featuring the Altstadt (Old Town), Chapel Bridge, and Jesuit church. While in Innsbruck, enjoy a panoramic visit to this city's Olympic landmarks. In beautiful Salzburg, stroll through Mirabell Gardens and along the quaint Getreidegasse (site of Mozart's birthplace). Have dinner in Austria's oldest restaurant, St. Peter's. Fairy tales come to life with a picture stop at Bavaria's most famous castle, Neuschwanstein. Your amazing journey concludes in the charming village of Oberammergau. Here you'll witness a spectacular performance of the Oberammergau Passion Play, whose origins date back to 1634. Watch as the entire village comes together to present you with their rendition of this Biblical story.

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities and all air taxes/fees/surcharges. A deposit of \$500 per person, plus Insurance of \$329 and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by June 8, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

**NEW
TOUR!**

November 26 - 30, 2021

Double Occupancy \$2,209
Single Occupancy \$2,709
Insurance \$199 per person

Spotlight on San Antonio Holiday

Welcome to the "American Venice" Historic missions, River Walk, restaurants, Spanish architecture and a beautiful river centerpiece make this a truly remarkable city. The sights and sounds of the holiday celebrations are sure to immerse you in the spirit of the season!

Relax Texas-style as we settle into our River Walk hotel on this Southwestern getaway. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage sites of the legendary Alamo and Mission San José. Cruise along the Paseo del Rio. Savor dinner at a restored convent in the historic King William District. Journey to Stonewall to view the grounds at the LBJ Ranch, birthplace of the 36th President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson and Lady Bird Johnson. Visit the National Museum of the Pacific War when we venture to charming Fredericksburg nestled in the Hill Country, rich with German heritage. Immerse yourself in the laid-back atmosphere of this vibrant city.

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, hotel transfers, gratuities and all air taxes/fees/surcharges.

A deposit of \$600 per person, along with \$199 for insurance and your completed reservation are required to reserve your space (with the \$100 discount) by June 19, 2021. Final payment is due by September 27, 2021. Deposits are refundable up until June 26, 2021.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

All-Inclusive

Who's ready to relax and enjoy the sun, beach and fresh air with an all-inclusive FSB Connect Club Tour?!

**TOUR
PLANNING
IS IN
PROGRESS**



**Details to
come once
2022 tours
are released.**

**Contact
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on the
interested list!**



**Join me
for some
fun in
the sun!**



Islands of New England

May 2022

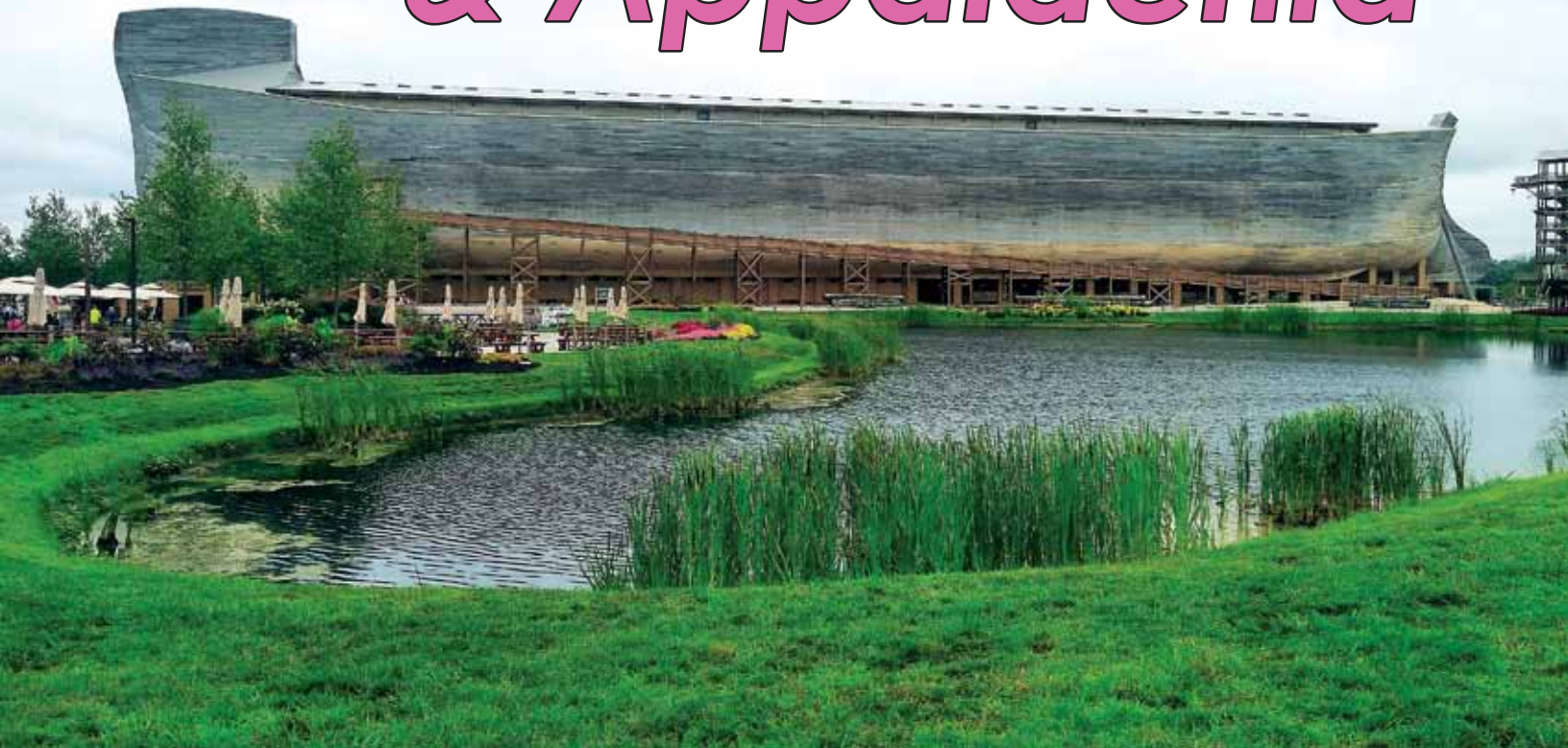
Tour Planning in Progress... Details to Come!

Discover the natural beauty that lies along the shores of New England. Come to know its coastal charm, friendly people and fresh-from-the-sea cuisine!

The Atlantic coast is calling. Explore New England's majestic seaboards, from Rhode Island to Cape Cod. Visit Providence and the Gilded Age mansions of Newport. Spend time in the lively artist colony of Provincetown. Experience the beautiful islands of Martha's Vineyard, Block Island, and Nantucket. We will complete our local experience as we indulge in a traditional seafood and lobster feast. Explore the local charms, walk along historic cobblestone streets, and feel like a true New Englander in a traditional cranberry bog.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 to be placed on the interested list for this tour.

Ark Encounter & Appalachia



\$1,899 Double and \$2,299 Single

July 11 - 17, 2022

This great tour combines America's largest faith-based attraction, The Ark Encounter with the arts and music of Appalachia, plus the historic grace of the Boone Tavern Hotel. Your days are filled with both artistic and divine inspiration. Your evenings are filled with enough live entertainment and southern cooking to have your lips a smackin' and your toes a-tappin.'

On this amazing tour we will tour The Ark Encounter & Creation Museum, Cumberland Falls State Park, we will take a ride on the Big South Fork Scenic Railway, visit the Harlan Center, Coal Mining Museum & Portal 31 Coal Mine, Loretta Lynn Exhibit, Jenny Wiley State Park Dinner and Show, Hatfield & McCoy Tour, Dueling Barrels Distillery, Loretta Lynn's Birthplace, US 23 Country Music Highway Museum, Kentucky Opry and Louisville Mega Cavern!

Pricing includes: Motor coach Transportation, sightseeing, baggage handling, hotel accommodations, all taxes, gratuities and Travel Protection Plan.

Contact me at 319-294-2900 for a complete itinerary of this tour.

TRAVEL SHOW

July 15, 2021 • 1:00 PM
Elmcrest Country Club

Alaska

July 22 - August 1, 2022

*10 Nights aboard
Regatta/Oceania Cruises*

Tour Planning in Progress... Details to Come!

Day 1: Seattle, Washington

Day 2: Cruising the Inside Passage

Day 3: Ketchikan, Alaska

Day 4: Juneau, Alaska

Day 5: Skagway, Alaska

Day 6: Cruising Hubbard Glacier

Day 7: Icy Strait Point (Hoonah), Alaska

Day 8: Sitka, Alaska

Day 9: At Sea

Day 10: Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Day 11: Seattle, Washington

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TRAVEL SHOW

Sept. 7, 2021 • 1:00 PM
Elmcrest Country Club

Byzantine Antiquity

September 3 - 14, 2022



10 Nights aboard Regatta/Oceania Cruises

Tour Planning in Progress... Details to Come!

Day 1: Depart for Italy (Land)

Day 2: Venice, Italy (Cruise Begins)

Day 3: Split, Croatia

Day 4: Kotor, Montenegro

Day 5: At Sea

Day 6: Chania, Crete, Greece

Day 7: Santorini, Greece

Day 8: Mykonos, Greece

Day 9: Athen (Piraeus), Greece

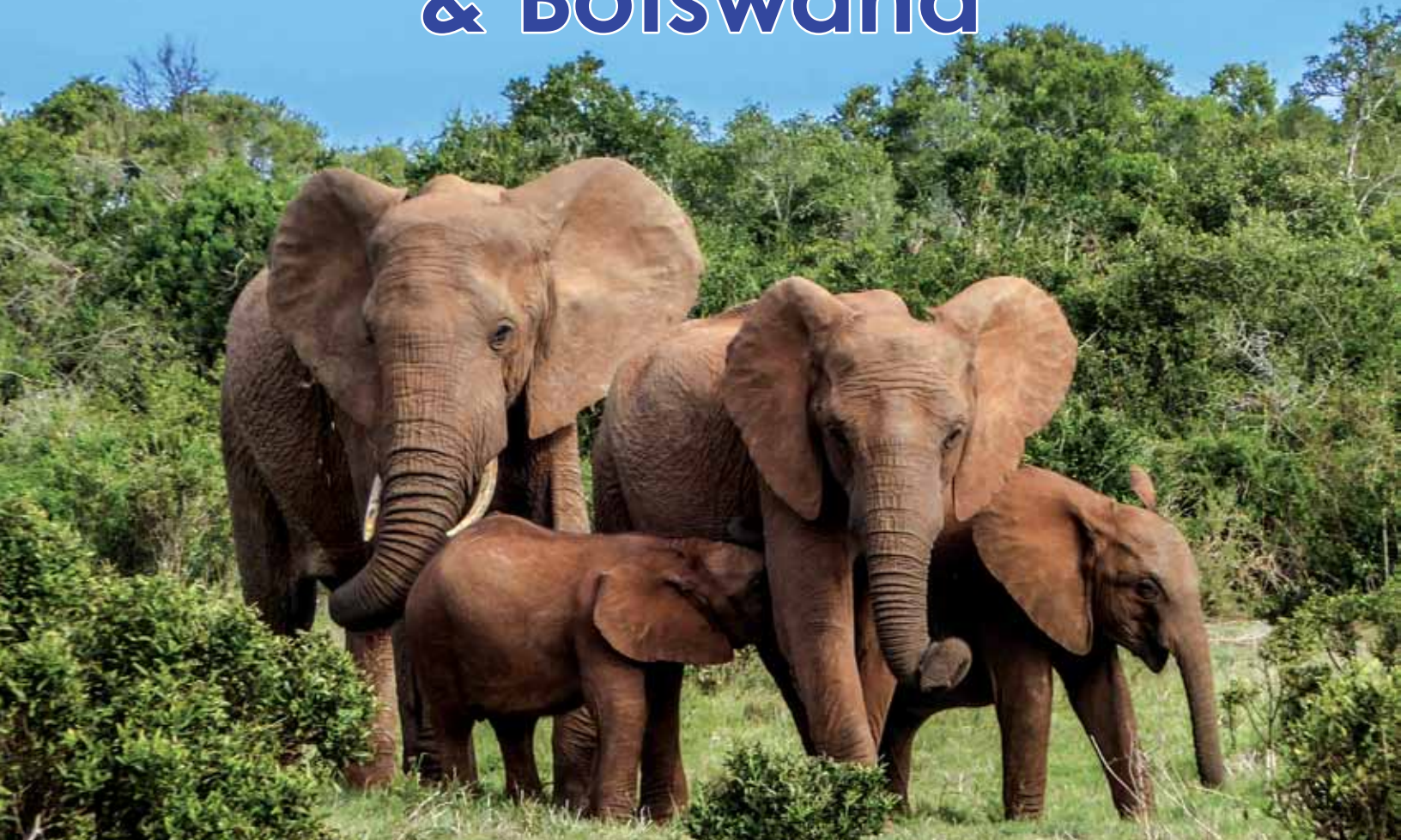
Day 10: Kusadasi/Ephesus, Turkey

Day 11: Istanbul, Turkey

Day 12: Istanbul, Turkey

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Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana



*Tour Planning in Progress...
Details to Come!*

**Tentative Date:
October 8-21, 2022**

Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the cultural diversity and abundant wildlife of southern Africa. Seek out the "Big 5" on 9 different safaris. Experience an authentic bush dinner under the stars in Pilanesberg National Park. Get a taste of South African culture at local wineries. Witness the natural beauty of Victoria Falls. Greet African elephants and spend time interacting with them. Search for animals along the winding Chobe River. Epic scenery and winding coastlines come together in an incredible adventure.

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Let's

EXPLORE

Domestic and
International Travel
2021/2022

Choose
Your Own
Adventure

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Enjoy your Spring!

Due to the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, all tours are subject to change. FSB will continue to monitor the situation and adjust or cancel tours as needed.



Enjoy the Journey ...
no matter where it takes you.