

MAY/JUNE 2022

# Connections

Exploring the world with the FSB Connect Club



## **Tahiti and the Pearls of French Polynesia**

*Details of this incredible tour are inside...*





# Hello Connect Club Friends!

Let me plan your future events & travel!

## Connect Club - Day Trips

You'll have the unique opportunity to explore some amazing towns within the local area. I carefully plan our day trips to ensure they are packed with as much food, fun and education as possible. Our trips leave from 1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion IA, which provides for easy accessible parking. Plus, each of these trips allows you the opportunity to enjoy spending time with family and friends along with meeting other members within the club.

## Adventure Tours

Have you always wanted to explore the world but don't know where to begin? Well, I have the solution for you, let ME handle all the planning for you! My adventures offer you the chance of a lifetime to see the world like you've never seen it before. The tours will range in length from a few days to a few weeks. I always put together an all-inclusive package deal (tour, transportation, lodging, enteratinment, gratuities, insurance, air, experienced & highly qualified travel professionals, and meals (with a few on your own so you can choose your own foody experience). So, sit back, relax and join me for an opportunity to explore more than you thought possible.

For more information about any of the events or tours you see in this newsletter, please contact me:

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**Let's**

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

# FSB Connect Club Refer-a-Friend

## ***Like Free gifts?***

Share your love and stories of the FSB Connect Club with family and friends. Let them know how special the club would be if they shared these experiences with you!

If they join the club, you'll both receive a  
***\$50.00 travel gift certificate and a special gift!***

In order to join the club, all they need to do is stop into any of our FSB locations and speak with a personal banker. Make sure they mention your name as a referral. Your gifts will be mailed to you shortly after sign-up.

Remember you are always welcome to bring family and friends to join you on any tour. We want them to experience first-hand how wonderful it is to travel with the Connect Club!



***I hope to welcome your  
family/friends to our  
very special club soon!***





# 2022 MOVIE DAYS

**\*Connect Club Members Only\***

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Tuesday, May 17th**

**Wednesday, August 24th**

**Tuesday, October 4th**

**Wednesday, December 6th**

We will have our choice of 4 first-run movies, with the most popular movie being held in two theaters.

And, of course, we can't have a **FREE MOVIE DAY** without **FREE POPCORN** (the best popcorn in town with real butter) along with pop or coffee! Free refills will still be available! The concession stand is always open to purchase anything else you might want.

**Due to the staff needing time to set up, the doors will not open until 8:30 am.**

At 9:15 we will have announcements and a synopsis of the movies being shown.

- Masks are not required.
- No reservations are necessary.
- Please remember our free events are for members only.



**1462 Twixt Town Road, Marion**

## Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on these fabulous Seminars!

**\* Reservations are required for all seminars. \***

### Butterflies & Insects

**Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 1:00 PM**

**Location:** Indian Creek Nature Center · 5300 Otis Rd SE · Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

Get an up-close look at butterflies and other insects. Learn all about these small but mighty critters. You'll have the chance to visit their amazing butterfly hoop house. Refreshments & dessert will be offered on the patio after the program. You are welcome to remain onsite to walk the buildings/grounds and shop at the gift shop for some local eggs, honey and more! Masks are required indoors for all visitors.

### Who's In? Bingo but with Wine!

**Friday, July 22, 2022 at 3:00 PM**

**Location:** Lubben's Vineyards & Wine · 595 62nd St Suite 119 · Marion, IA 52302

This event will be filled with Friends - Fun - Music - Prizes - Lubben's Wine Tastings - Drinks & Snacks! It is always a great time to get caught up in the exhilaration of waiting to be the first to call that little 5 letter word...BINGO! So invite your Connect Club Friends and join in on the fun! Seating is limited so make sure you RSVP for this event.

**Contact Kathy Leeseekamp at 319-294-2900 to RSVP for any of these seminars.**

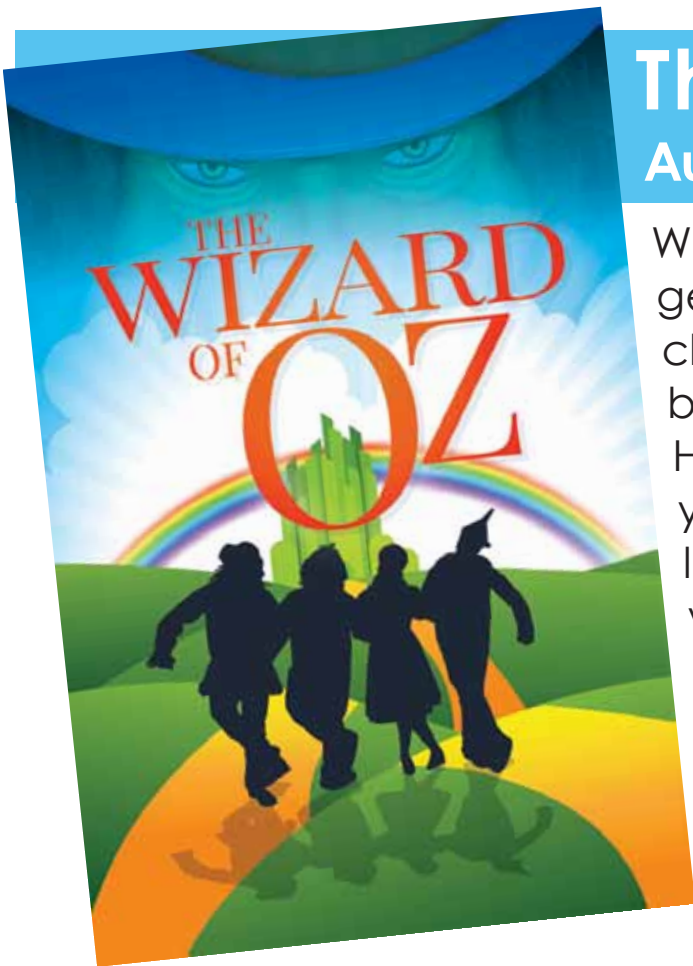
**Details coming in later issues:**

**August:** Master Gardener • **September:** Chili Cookoff • **November:** FSB Event



# The Fireside

FiresideTheatre.com



## The Wizard of Oz

August 25, 2022 • \$160

We're off to see the Wizard! Over ten generations have grown up loving this classic tale of an enchanted land - first as a beloved children's book, then as an iconic Hollywood film. Now The Fireside is bringing you an exciting stage adaptation of this legendary musical. It's all there - good witches, wicked witches, munchkins, a cowardly lion in search of courage, a tin man in search of a heart, a scarecrow in search of a brain, and a young girl from Kansas in search of home. It's a show for the entire family filled with eye-popping costumes, rib-tickling humor, breath-

taking adventure, and an immortal musical score including one of the greatest hit songs in musical history - "Over the Rainbow." So this summer, just follow the yellow brick road to The Fireside.

We will depart from FSB (1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion) at 6:30 am, make a stop at McDonalds for breakfast, enjoy a delicious lunch, dessert & the spectacular production. On the way home we will make a rest stop at Culver's and return home around 8:30 pm.

A TASTE OF BROADWAY  
**CIRCA'21**  
DINNER PLAYHOUSE

## Beauty And The Beast

**\$115**

**Wednesday, July 6, 2022**



Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, an international sensation that played a remarkable 13-year run on Broadway, was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical, and has been produced in 37 countries worldwide.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

Filled with amazing music, spectacular costumes and dazzling sets, this "tale as old as time" offers family theatre at its best.

We will depart from FSB (1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion)  
at 10:00 am, enjoy a delicious lunch, dessert & the  
fantastic production, and return home around 5:45 pm.

# What Cheer Flea Market



Friday, August 5, 2022

**\$100.00**

Do you dream of road tripping, searching for bargains, vintage goods, antiques and haggling for that perfect price? ***Then this day tour was made for you!***

You're sure to find a hidden treasure at this Flea Market!

This indoor/outdoor market features 400 dealers from several states and is one of the premier antique and collectibles markets in the Midwest. This market offers a little bit of everything, including antiques & collectibles, tools, primitives, postcards, glassware, stamps, coins, jewelry, furniture, baseball cards, and more.

You will also find a big selection of food vendors or you can pack your own picnic lunch and a lawn chair to relax in the shade and enjoy some downtime before you get back to shopping.

Includes: Motor Coach transportation, gratuities, parking fee, Flea Market ticket, breakfast at the Bluebird Café and dinner at Pino's Pizza.

- 7:00 AM Depart from FSB - 1380 Twixt Town Road | Marion, IA 52302
- 7:30 AM Breakfast
- 9:30 AM Arrive At What Cheer Flea Market
- Lunch On Own
- 3:30 PM Depart What Cheer Flea Market
- 4:30 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Arrive Home

Contact Kathy Leeseekamp at 319-294-2900 if you are interested in this tour.





## Ladies Outing

This girl needs a night out  
Breakfast at Tiffany's style!

*Darlings!*

**You are invited to join me for a divine day with Freedom, Fun, Food & Friendship!**

Included:

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * Breakfast & Champagne  | * Catered Lunch               | * Chocolate Tasting Booth |
| * Fashion Show           | * Photo Booth                 | * Soap Booth              |
| * Czech Village Shopping | * Kiss & Tell Booth           | * Olive Oil Booth         |
| * Czech Village Museum   | * Wine & Cheese Pairing Booth | <i>And much more!</i>     |

If you choose, please wear a little black dress or a black ensemble.

I will provide the Pearls and Sunglasses!

**Date:** Friday, August 1, 2022

**Time:** 8:00 AM

**Place:** National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library  
1400 Inspiration Place SW | Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

**RSVP by July 1, 2022**

\$150 per person plus completed reservation form.

***"Your friendship is more valuable to me than the rarest of diamonds."***

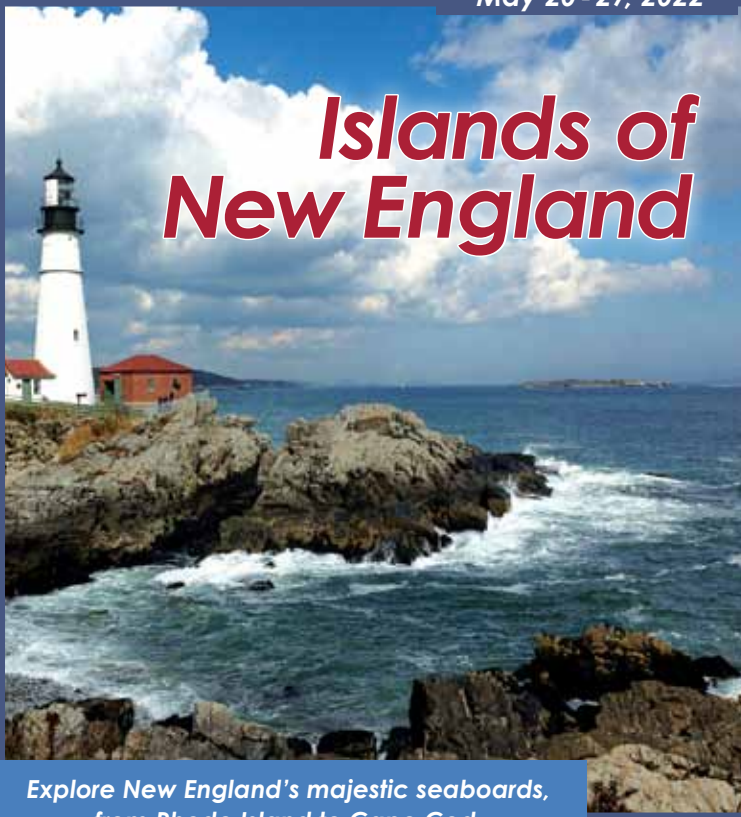


# THESE TOURS ARE SOLD OUT

*If interested, please call me for a brochure/form and I will add you to the waitlist.*

May 20 - 27, 2022

## Islands of New England



Explore New England's majestic seaboards, from Rhode Island to Cape Cod.

June 7 - 10, 2022



## 4 Day Mystery Tour

Four days of mystery, clues, secrets, charm and exciting unknown places! This mystery tour is going to be WILD and FUN!

June 24 - July 3, 2022

## Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with Oberammergau Passion Play



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

July 5-8, 2022



## Ballard's Resort Fishing Trip with Gene Neighbor

Minnesota's Lake of the Woods



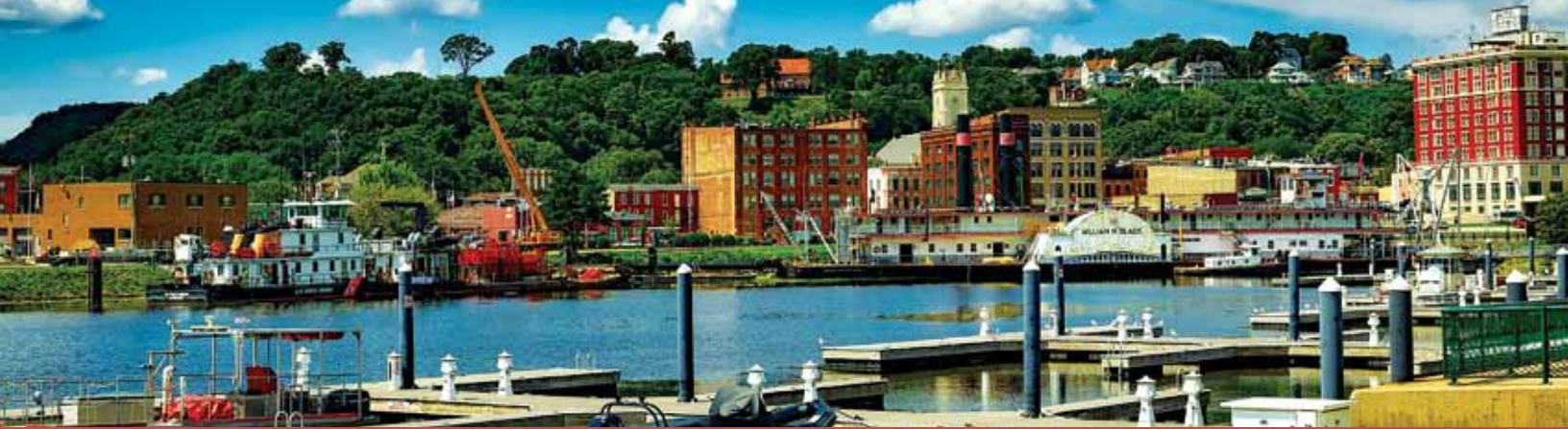
An exciting summer fishing trip with Gene and Jeanie!



# Celebration Belle - 3 Day Tour

*Le Claire, IA to  
Dubuque, IA*

*Monday, July 11 - Wednesday, July 13, 2022*



***Creating memories to treasure!***

*\$700 Double Occupancy, Single Occupancy is limited and based on availability.*

## **Monday, July 11, 2022**

Today we will depart from FSB 1380 Twixt Town Rd Marion, IA and travel to Le Claire, IA. Our first tour will be a visit to Isabel Bloom Studio. Isabel Bloom studied with American master Grant Wood to create art that was simple, affordable and inspired by the world outside her window. You will have some time to look around the studio showroom and enjoy her beautiful work. Next up we will stop in Le Claire for lunch on your own. You can stroll around the charming and quaint main street and browse the unique boutiques or make a visit to American Pickers/Antique Archaeology. Next up is a trip to the John Deere Pavilion. They've created a brand-new experience featuring new and vintage equipment, interactive and immersing exhibits, and a few surprises. We will enjoy discovering how John Deere forges the cutting edge every day. We will then travel to our home for the night at the Hyatt Place E. Moline. We will enjoy a Welcome Reception and then dinner at The Captains Table.

## **Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

Today is the day we board the Celebration Belle for our all day cruise from Le Claire to Dubuque! The cruise includes full breakfast buffet, full lunch buffet, full prime rib dinner buffet, fabulous live entertainment & you will experience cruising through 3 lock and dams, along with narration by the captain throughout the day. A perfect day on the river! We will disembark the cruise in Dubuque and check into the Holiday Inn Dubuque. The evening is free for you to do anything you like. Maybe you will want to shuttle to the Diamond Jo Casino, Mystique Casino, do some shopping downtown or just relax in the hotel.

## **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

After breakfast we will board the motor coach for a city tour of Dubuque. Tour highlights: Port of Dubuque-National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, Shot Tower, Star Brewery Complex, Dubuque County Courthouse, Historic Millwork District, Steeple Square/St Mary's, Historic Federal Building, 19th Century Homes, City Hall, Mathias Ham House, St Luke's United Methodist Church, Eagle Point Park (we will make a stop here to enjoy the gorgeous overlook). Next up is a trip to the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium which is the only one of its kind on the Upper Mississippi River that is associated with the Smithsonian Institute. A 14 acre campus filled with movies about our rivers and oceans, hands-on exhibits and so much more. They now have a new Space Rivers of Innovation exhibit that celebrates the evolution of science and innovation of Iowa Marine Engine. Next we will travel to the Convivium Urban Farmstead for a tour of the gardens and we will learn all about their philosophy of creating a community around food production, preparation, preservation and enjoyment. And last but not least, before we head for home we will visit and tour Verena Street Coffee. We will learn all about this Startup Company and history, enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the roasting and packaging facility and learn all about the bean-to-cup process.

***Contact Kathy Leeseekamp at 319-294-2900 for a completed brochure and reservation form.***



# Alaska Discovery Land & Cruise

August 9-20, 2022

**Inside and Outside (Window) cabins are still available.**

**Contact Kathy Leeseekamp at 319-294-2900 for detailed information!**

***You must have a passport and completed COVID-19 vaccine card to join us on this tour.***

Join me as we traverse the Pacific coast by land and sea aboard the Royal Princess Cruise on a breathtaking journey that takes us from Alaska to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Our tour begins with a cruise on the Sternwheeler Discovery, for an unforgettable journey showcasing Alaska's diverse culture and rich history. In a modern saloon, we will enjoy local dishes inspired by Fannie Q, the famed Alaskan pioneer. We will ride a luxury domed railcar from Denali to Talkeetna, soak in views of the incredible landscapes from glass-ceiling railcars and open-air observation platforms as guides provide expert commentary. Then we travel deep into Denali National Park for the best opportunities to view the region's wildlife. We will make a stop at the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center to discover where orphaned or injured bears, wolves, porcupines, and moose are cared for in a 200-acre rehabilitation site.

Now it's time to board the Royal Princess and cruise past the mammoth Hubbard Glacier, one of Alaska's largest glaciers, and we will cruise through Glacier Bay, a spectacular national park and preserve. We will relive Alaska's Gold Rush days in Skagway, home of the famed Chilkoot Trail, explore Alaska's gorgeous capital with massive scenic mountains to historic buildings in Juneau. Then it's on to Ketchikan, the "Salmon Capital of the World" and "City of Totems", and a wonderful day of sightseeing awaits as we sail along the amazing Inside Passage. Our cruise will end in Vancouver, B.C.



***This is Alaska as you always imagined.***

# Byzantine Antiquity

10 Nights aboard  
Regatta/Oceania Cruises

**You must have a passport and completed COVID-19 Vaccine card to join us on this tour.**

**Day One: Depart for Valletta, Malta**

**September 3 - 14, 2022**

**Day Two: Valletta, Malta** - Discover the myriad of cultural layers of Malta, from its amazing prehistoric temples at Tarxien to beautiful walled medieval Mdina, nearby Rabat, and Marsaxlokk, a colorful fishing village. Admire the stunning scenery and wander through imposing churches and down the streets of fortified towns where the Knights of St. John once held sway.

**Day Three: Messina, Italy** - Visit beautiful Taormina and marvel at its famous Greek theater and the stunning view of Mount Etna. Explore lovely medieval Messina with its historic churches and the cathedral where it is rumored Richard the Lionheart worshipped in 1190. Or discover ancient Tyndaris, founded in 396 B.C., with its fine mosaics, Roman baths and impressive theater overlooking the sea.

**Day Four: Igoumenitsa, Greece** - An undiscovered gem on the northwest coast of Greece, Igoumenitsa stands on the site of a settlement dating to the 4th century BC, and several ancient sites are located nearby. Founded in 31 BC, the archaeological site Nikopolis was once a thriving capital built by the Roman emperor Octavian to commemorate his victory over Anthony and Cleopatra. You can also visit Meteora with its spectacular 15th century monasteries built into seemingly inaccessible sandstone peaks.

**Day Five: Argostoli, Greece** - This capital of the island of Cephalonia resides in a sheltered bay along Koutavos Lagoon, where you might catch a glimpse of a loggerhead turtle. The stone obelisk of the Drapano Bridge and the Lighthouse of Saint Theodore are two of the island's distinctive landmarks. Discover relics from the Mycenaean, Hellenistic and Roman periods in the city's archaeological museum.

**Day Six: Chania, Crete, Greece** - Chania is a city on the northwest coast of the Greek island of Crete. It's known for its 14th-century Venetian harbor, narrow streets and waterfront restaurants. At the harbor entrance is a 16th-century lighthouse with Venetian, Egyptian and Ottoman influences. Opposite, the Nautical Museum has model ships, naval objects and photographs. The former monastery of St. Francis houses the Archaeological Museum of Chania.

**Day Seven: Santorini, Greece** - Witness a panorama of indigo-domed churches and chalk-colored homes clinging to stony cliffs along the caldera, black-sand beaches dotted with pebbles beside deep, azure waters, and breathtaking rock formations climbing from the volcanic floor. This is the epitome of Grecian beauty.

**Day Eight: Mykonos, Greece** - Amid the shimmering waters of the Mediterranean, Mykonos is the heart and soul of the Cyclades. Situated on an island of the same name, the town artfully balances elegance and classic Greek culture within its labyrinth of cobblestone streets and chalk-white homes nestled beside blue-domed churches.

**Day Nine: Athens (Piraeus), Greece** - Wonder at the picturesque port of Piraeus and legendary Athens, one of the world's oldest cities. Built around the ruins of the ancient temple, the Parthenon, Athens is set between its rich modern present and its astounding past.

**Day Ten: Kusadasi/Ephesus, Turkey** - Kusadasi is home to one of the remaining Seven Wonders of the Ancient World-the Temple of Artemis. Nearby are the legendary ruins of the city of Ephesus whose remains are an important archaeological site and a historic Christian pilgrimage destination.

**Day Eleven: Istanbul, Turkey** - Indulge your senses in this magnificent city astride two continents and divided by the Bosphorus strait. Once known as Constantinople, Istanbul was the capital of both the Byzantine and Ottoman Empire. Revel in this lively cosmopolitan's fascinating blend of East and West, ancient and modern-home to the impressive Blue Mosque, Topkapi Palace, and the Grand Bazaar.

**Day Twelve: Istanbul, Turkey**

**Everyone receives free internet aboard the ship. You will have your choice of 6 free shore excursions or free beverage package or \$600 shipboard credit. (These amenities are per stateroom based on double occupancy.)**





# Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana

**Two Tour Dates Are Being Held:**

**Oct. 6-21, 2022 AND Oct. 21 - Nov. 4, 2022**

**FULL**

**\*Only a few spaces left!\***

**\$7,864 Per Person Double Occupancy • \$8,949 Per Person Single Occupancy • Insurance \$449 Per Person**

South Africa is all about discovery, revitalizing your spirit and reinventing your thinking. Luxurious resorts, moving township visits, open-air safari game drives and vibrant cities like Cape Town, few destinations can offer such a myriad of enriching experiences.

Get ready for an unparalleled journey through the cultural diversity and abundant wildlife of southern Africa. We will begin our journey in Johannesburg—a vibrant city that revolves around modernity and a gold-mining history. We will venture out in a 4x4 to seek out the “Big 5” on 8 different safaris. First thing on the safaris we will enjoy coffee and tea amongst the wildlife. We will experience an authentic African tent camp with all the amenities of a luxury resort along with a bush dinner under the stars in Pilanesberg National Park. When the rainbows are at their best, we'll witness the natural beauty of Victoria Falls. When the sun sets and the animals gather around the watering hole, we'll toast the stunning African landscape with a sundowner.

We will embark on an experience of a lifetime where we'll greet African elephants and spend time interacting with them and join a local family for a home-based lunch. We'll then search for animals along the winding Chobe River, as we take a safari cruise into the untamed national park with epic scenery, hippos that linger along the shores, crocodiles basking in the sun and winding coastlines that come together in an incredible adventure. On a game drive through Chobe National Park, we'll take in the diverse ecosystems and unparalleled biodiversity. Next up is an unforgettable dinner by river where we'll learn the secret to cooking a traditional braai, complete with some local favorites and delicacies.

Another stop will be the wine lands of the Western Cape where we'll see for ourselves why this area boasts a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful wine countries. The idyllic town of Stellenbosch is home of the most famous wine regions, and where we will settle in for a two-night stay among the rolling vineyards and historic Cape Dutch architecture. Say hello to Cape Town, an electric cultural mecca that captivates you at every turn. From heritage sites to historic landmarks, markets, shops and restaurants, the waterfront is one of South Africa's most compelling destinations. We will rise gently over the South African landscape in a cable car to Table Mountain, taking in the views of Cape Town, Lions Head, and historic Robben Island. We'll travel to Cape Point where we'll marvel at the vibrant green foliage blanketing the rocky outcrops, with an easy hike down the mountain, wandering by diverse patches of native flowers, and a stop at Boulders Beach for the rarest of black-tie events—a rendezvous with endangered African Penguins!

This Explorations tour gives 19 travelers access to the world in a truly authentic way. On these active, immersing journeys, travelers connect with the cultures of the world on a deeper, more meaningful level in ways that are hard to replicate. The group size is kept small allowing these journeys to be the most active, engaging, and rewarding experience possible.

Pricing includes: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids, inter-flights from Johannesburg, sightseeing, baggage handling, deluxe motor coach, 1st class deluxe hotel accommodations, gratuities, and all air taxes/fees/surcharges. A deposit of \$600 per person, plus insurance of \$449 per person and your completed reservation form are required to reserve your space. Final payment will be due by August 8, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until March 8, 2022.



# Australia's Outback to New Zealand's South Island



January 24 - February 13, 2023

**\$9,299 Double Per Person and \$11,449 Single • Insurance \$499 Per Person  
With an Optional 3-Night Fiji Post Tour Extension \$1,399 Per Person Double**

Join me on this amazing adventure where we will discover the treasures of Australia and New Zealand, including their unparalleled beauty and captivating culture!

There is a reason Australia and nearby New Zealand are on nearly everyone's bucket lists. As you take your first steps in these lands, the feeling of entering another world will capture your soul. It is a world filled with enchanting animals and plants found nowhere else. It won't take long before the people, creatures and devastating beauty capture your heart as well.

Venture through the natural splendor of New Zealand's Southern Alps and the stillness of Australia's rugged Outback. Delve into the underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef. Take a "Dreamtime tour" in the Outback, introducing you to Aboriginal life and culture. Tour Sydney Opera House with an expert guide. Enjoy a delightful dinner cruise of Sydney Harbor. Meet Australia and New Zealand's famous wildlife up-close. Settle in for a 3-night stay in Queenstown. Cruise Milford Sound. From Alice Springs and Uluru (Ayers Rock) to snow-capped peaks and fjords, explore the diverse wonders of the lands Down Under.

Included in Price: Round trip air from Cedar Rapids Airport, inter-flights, air taxes and fees/surcharges, deluxe motor coach and hotel accommodations, baggage handling, hotel transfers and Gratuities.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of July 20, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by November 26, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until July 27, 2022.





# Tahiti and the Pearls of French Polynesia

May 23 - June 2, 2023

**Sign up now before it's too late!**

**Pricing Ranges from \$7,465 to \$7,765 depending on your choice of cabin.**

**You must have a passport and completed COVID-19 Vaccine card to join us on this tour.**

Can you imagine traveling on your own private sailing yacht for 7 night's, while being pampered by a crew of 18!? This once in a lifetime experience will be a memory you will never forget!

Our journey will begin in Marion where we board the motor coach for a drive to the Des Moines Airport. Our flight will take us to the tropical island of Papeete. We will experience two nights in the gorgeous Papeete Resort hotel to relax after our long flight.

Next we board the MS/Panorama II, 164 feet of comfort that will be our home for the next 7 days. We will discover the world by sea at 10 knots per hour at an unrushed pace through the French Polynesian Islands (Tahiti, Bora Bora and the Society Islands). This beautiful yacht offers a spacious lounge, dining areas decorated with warm colors, a rich library, a deck for sunbathing, shaded areas and an outdoor bar and loungers. You will be amazed with the 360 degree views of unobstructed blue Ocean and deep green mountains. Embrace freedom as the Panorama II sets her white sails, seduced by the clear winds of the sea. You are going to love this small ship experience.

As a special benefit for you we are including all Five Excursions offered for FREE!

Our Chef will prepare delicious locally sourced meals for us to savour during our time onboard the yacht. We will also enjoy the included beverage package that will cover spirits, wines and local beers. I can picture us heading out to the deck, enjoying a glass of wine and taking in the cool breeze of the South Seas.

Who gets to say they traveled to the Polynesian Islands on their own all-inclusive personal sailing yacht!? **YOU CAN!**





March 3 - 12, 2023

# Tropical Costa Rica

*With optional 3-Night Jungle  
Adventure Post Tour Extension*

**Travel  
Presentation**

**June 6th @ 2 PM**  
National Czech Museum

Double Per Person \$2,725 • Single \$3,285 • Insurance \$399 Per Person

## **Beautiful Costa Rica**

Lush forests, stunning waterfalls, rumbling volcanoes, and endless coastlines! Costa Rica is a paradise teeming with exotic plants and incredible animals. We will enjoy our stay at some fabulous resorts that are known for their breathtaking beauty, fine sandy beaches, lush Cloud forest and tranquil views. You will find a slice of paradise and so much more!

## **It's Your Choice: Experience the Forest Canopy**

Join an expert for a leisurely paced "Hanging Bridges" walking tour to gain a different perspective of the cloud forest's lush ecosystem OR take an exhilarating ride on one of the longest canopy zip lines tours in Costa Rica!

## **Must-See Inclusions:**

Enjoy the breathtaking scenery surrounding Arenal Volcano. Spot indigenous wildlife while on a Cano Negro riverboat Cruise. Learn about Costa Rica's vegetation on a guided walk in the cloud forest.

## **Culinary Inclusions:**

Discover the history of coffee in Costa Rica during your visit to a coffee plantation. Taste your way through a cooking demonstration featuring local ingredients.

## **Cultural Experiences:**

Uncover the importance of conservation in Costa Rica during a visit to a tree nursery. Discover the charming town of Zarcero and its whimsical topiary garden.

## **Join me on this beautiful and relaxing tour of Costa Rica!**

A deposit of \$600 per person is due with your reservation. Reservations made after the deposit due date of August 28, 2022 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 2, 2023. Deposits are refundable up until September 4, 2022.



# Christmas on the Danube

*Featuring a 6-night Danube River Cruise*

**December 7-17, 2022**



**Lower Outside Cabin Double Per Person \$3,849**  
**Middle Outside Cabin Double Per Person \$3,999**  
**Upper Outside Cabin Per Person \$4,599**  
**Suite Cabin Double per Person \$5,349**

**Travel  
Presentation**

**June 6th @ 2 PM**  
**National Czech Museum**

## **River Boat Cruise**

Join me as we enjoy a boat cruise along the Danube, exploring the charming Christmas markets, enjoying a German holiday party with mulled wine and seeing Europe dressed in its holiday best. Relax as you are transported to beloved riverside towns and delve into local holiday traditions.

## **Must-See Inclusions:**

Experience the picturesque region of the Wachau Valley. Explore Regensburg, home of the first stone bridge built over the Danube. Enjoy a walking tour of Passau, a 2,000-year-old fairy-tale city.

## **Culinary Inclusions:**

Enjoy unlimited wine with every dinner on board your cruise ship. Attend the Captain's Gala Diner, featuring delicious food and lively entertainment.

## **Cultural Experiences:**

Browse the famous Christmas markets along the Danube. Join a local expert as you discover Wurzburg, Nuremberg, Regensburg and Viennat. Explore the 900-year-old Benedictine Melk Abbey, one of Europe's largest Baroque monasteries.

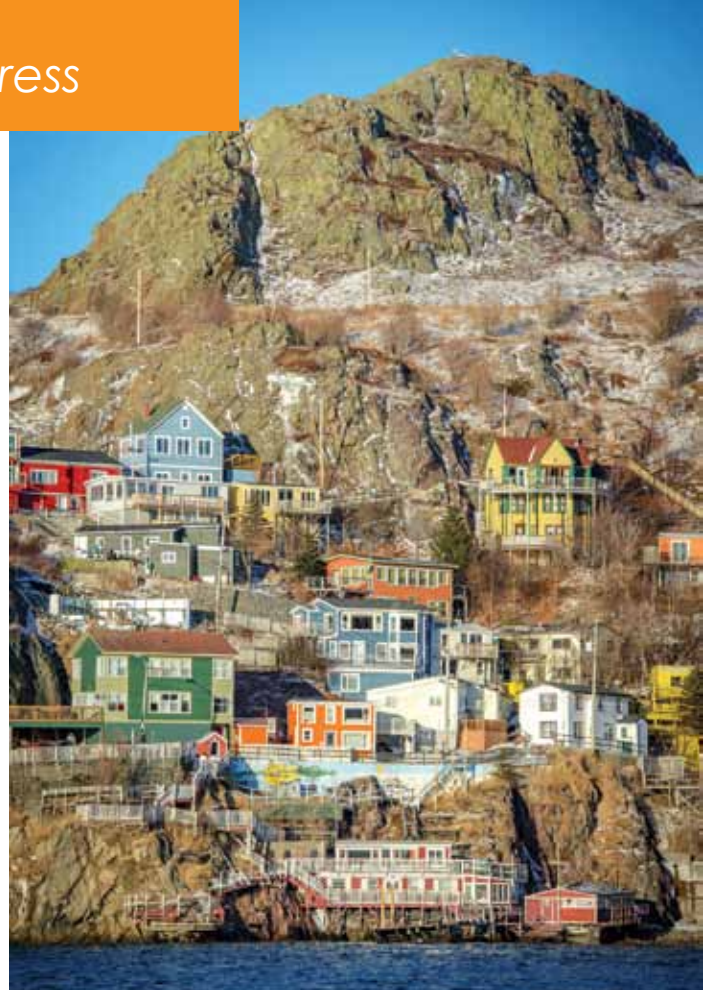
## **Join me on this unbelievable river boat cruise through the Danube!**

A deposit of \$800 per person is due with your reservation. Reservations made after the deposit due date of June 23, 2022 are based on availability. Final payment due by August 11, 2022. Deposits are refundable up until June 30, 2022.



## **Newfoundland 2023** - *Tour in Progress*

Cruise on Bonne Bay with views of Gros Morne Mountain & the Tablelands, Gros Morne National Park (Unesco World Heritage Site) Nicknamed the "Galapagos Of Plate Tectonics", Twillingate Island-Newfoundlands oldest and most interesting fishing community, Prime Berth Fishery & Heritage Center, Long Point Lighthouse, visit to Gander who is world famous due to residents opening their homes and showing true Newfoundland hospitality to many stranded passengers due to the attacks on the USA on September 11, 2001, travel through Terra Nova National Park, visit to the Botanical Gardens with breathtaking trails, 250 species of plants, 26 speicies of butterflies, 100 species of birds who all make this garden their home, visit to Cabot Tower at Signal Hill National Historic Site where we can view the famous "Narrow" and admire the architecture of old St. Johns, visit to Cape Spear National Historic Site to see the incredible "rooms" Museum depicting Newfoundland's cultural heritage.



Highlight of the tour: We will take a cruise out to the icebergs & sea bird life at Witless Bay Ecological Reserve. You will be astounded by the sea bird activity including more than 260,000 pairs of Atlantic Puffins - that's right thousands! In additon we will see Murres, kittewakes, hawks, ospreys and many othe shore birds along with the icebergs and home to the many umpback, Minke and Fin whales.

## **Branson 2023** - *Tour in Progress*



Have a blast in Branson on this fun-filled adventure. Our trip will include some of the following tours: Sight & Sounds Theatres astonishing play "Queen Esther", Reza World's top Illusionist/Magician, Clay Cooper, Titanic, Dogwood Canyon Tram Tour, Wonders of Wild Life with your choice of a Penguin Encounter or Caged Shark Dive, Silver Dollar City with a stay at the Grand Country Resort ... and much more. If you've never been to Branson, now is the time.





■ ■ ■ **2022** ■ ■ ■

**Islands of New England**

May 20 - 27, 2022

**4-Day Mystery Tour**

June 7 - 10, 2022

**Discover Switzerland, Austria & Bavaria with Oberammergau Passion Play**

June 24 - July 3, 2022

**Ballard's Resort Fishing Trip**

July 5-8, 2022

**Celebration Belle**

July 11-13, 2022

**Alaska**

August 9 - 20, 2022

**Byzantine Antiquity (Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Turkey)**

September 3 - 14, 2022

**Exploring South Africa, Victoria Falls & Botswana**

Two Tour Dates: October 6 - 21, 2022 (**FULL**)

**AND**

October 21 - November 4, 2022

**Christmas on the Danube**

December 7-17, 2022

■ ■ ■ **2023** ■ ■ ■

**Australia/New Zealand/Fiji Extension**

January 24 - February 16, 2023

**Tropical Costa Rica**

March 4 - 12, 2023

**Tahiti**

May 23 - June 2, 2023

**California Dreamin'**

June 2023

**Newfoundland**

July 2023

**Branson**

September 2023



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## 2022 Calendar

### MAY

- 5th - Islands of New England Document Party @ 2 PM
- 17th - Movie Day
- 20th-27th - Islands of New England

### JUNE

- 2nd - Seminar Butterflies & Insects
- 6th - Travel Show Danube River Cruise & Costa Rica @ 2 PM at National Czech Museum
- 14th - Document Party Passion Play @ 2 PM
- 24th-3rd - Passion Play

### JULY

- 6th - Circa 21 - Beauty and the Beast
- 5th-8th - Ballard's Fishing Tour
- 11th - 13th - Celebration Belle Cruise
- 22nd - Bingo with Wine Tasting
- 26th - Document Party Alaska @ 2 PM

### AUGUST

- 1st - Ladies Outing
- 5th - Flea Market in What Cheer
- 9th-20th - Alaska Land & Cruise
- 14th - FSB Company Picnic
- 24th - Movie Day
- 25th - Fireside - Wizard of Oz
- 26th - Document Party Byzantine Antiquity @ 2 PM
- TBD - Master Gardener

### SEPTEMBER

- 3rd - 14th - Byzantine Antiquity
- TBD Chili Cook-Off
- TBD One Day Mystery Tour

### OCTOBER

- 4th - Movie Day
- 6th - 21st - Africa
- 20th - 4th - Africa

### NOVEMBER

- TBD FSB Seminar

### DECEMBER

- 6th - Movie Day
- 9th - 17th Danube River Cruise - Christmas Markets

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.**