

TOP-NOTCH TRAVEL TOURS

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"The MAILING"

'FALL' 2018 "MILES OF PLEASURE...MEMORIES TO TREASURE" Welcome!

Hello Friends,

WOW...it has been a busy year and we still have 'several miles' to go! As they say, "Time Flies When You're Having Fun!" And, we certainly are – I love our time spent together and the many memories we create along the way.

"Have an enjoyable AUTUMN!"

Brenda ♥

♥ *In Loving Memory of* ♥
Michael D. Shubert

Dee's husband, Mike, passed away on August 25th after a lengthy battle with Parkinson's.

She would like to extend her heartfelt appreciation for the many calls, cards, thoughts and continued prayers. †



CHRISTMAS will soon be here!



Reminder... 'TOP-NOTCH TOURS' ~ Trip Certificates ~ are available!

'Drop a hint to the kids'...they will appreciate it and so will you.

(Oh, and of course, 'ME' too!) ☺



☎ ~ Reservations ~ ☎

Many trips fill-up quickly and may be limited to one or two coaches. However, you are always welcome to call and check on availability and/or the length of the 'Standby' list. Likewise, if you sign-up early and find you won't be able to join us please call to cancel ASAP. A deposit is required on 'multiple-day' trips to help offset initial costs of lodging, meals, tickets...etc. Upon making your reservation, please mail your deposit:

\$100 per person (or, as indicated per trip) to **TOP-NOTCH TOURS** P O Box 526 - Lebanon, IN 46052

All trips include....

Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation & Gratuities, along with Attractions and Meals, per listing.

Departures from.... **Indianapolis ~ Lebanon ~ Lafayette** [unless otherwise indicated]

Let the good times roll...

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The remaining '2018' trips are 'FULL' at this time:
- NEW ENGLAND ~ Sept 29 - Oct 8
 - PIGEON FORGE/GATLINBURG ~ Oct 16 - 19
 - SHIPSHEWANA ~ Nov 15 - 17
 - The GREENBRIER RESORT ~ Nov 26 - 30

November 7 (Wednesday) .🍁. ADDED! .🍁.

'Let's get 'FALL'ish with a Mystery Lunch'

Join us on a 'FALL' get-away for a great Lunch
and a little FUN & FELLOWSHIP throughout the day!

Indy / Lebanon - \$84 Lafayette - \$90

December 7 (Friday Matinee) A 'Holiday Favorite'....An Incredible Show Each Year!

Yuletide Celebration - Hilbert Circle Theatre ~ Indy * 🎵 *

Angela Brown and Josh Kaufman will co-host, along with Jack Everly
and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra – as they bring-to-life the
magic of tap-dancing Santas, festive carols, larger-than-life puppetry and SO MUCH MORE!

Prior to our 2:00 show we will enjoy a great (included) Lunch at The Old Spaghetti Factory!

Indy / Lebanon - \$112 Lafayette - \$118

* *Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!* *

December 31, 2018 - January 1, 2019 (Monday-Tuesday) 🎵 + 🍷 + 🍷 = 😊

NEW YEAR'S EVE GET-AWAY ➡ ➡ ➡ 'Crowne Plaza' ~ Columbus, OH

After many requests for this 'fun' and 'festive' annual celebration
we will once again make it our New Year's destination!

Entertainment by Mike Albert and his 7-piece Big E Band!

This "Ultimate Tribute" show has become known worldwide
for the respectful portrayal of the late Elvis Presley.

Mike's style, charisma and powerful voice amazingly depicts every type of
Elvis' music - 50's, 60's & 70's - Love songs as well as Gospel.

His ability to get the audience involved has proved to be quite the crowd pleaser!

☆ 1-night Lodging ☆ Dinner w/ Entree Choices ☆ Evening of Great Entertainment

☆ Open Bar for Soft Drinks, Draft Beer & House Wine

☆ Champagne Toast at Midnight ☆ New Year's Day Breakfast Buffet

FYI: This will be a mid-day departure on Monday with an early afternoon return on Tuesday!

All Inclusive... \$250 double/per person ~ \$298 single ~ \$238 triple

January 24 (Thursday) Let's 'Beat the Winter Blahs' with a little more FUN and FROLIC!

Derby Dinner Play House ☺ "Laughter is the best Medicine!" ☺
 Clarksville, IN

'LOVE, SEX AND THE IRS'

*A 'wild and side-splitting comedy' chock full of sight gags,
 twists of fate and mistaken identities.*

Includes their **great 'Buffet Lunch'** prior to our 1:00 show.

Indy / Lebanon - \$98 Lafayette - \$104

☼ **Back to FLORIDA!** ☹ + ☼ - ☎ = ☺ Let's Head SOUTH! ➤ ☼

SarasotaNaples & the Everglades* 13 days/12 nights

Note: We are good for at least one more year at our beloved 'Sandcastle' as their renovation project continues to be 'on hold' as permits are still pending! YAY!...☺

1st → **February 9 - February 21** and 2nd → **February 26 - March 10**
Saturday-Thursday *Tuesday-Sunday*

Lodging: **9-nights** at 'The Sandcastle' on Lido Beach **

Plus, 1-night en route down ~ 2-nights en route home (w/ 'mystery stop' included!)

Motorcoach Transportation & Gratuity ~ And of course, 'Fun Fellowship' throughout!

Meals: (10) Breakfasts ~ (2) Lunches ~ (4) Dinners ~ Wine & Cheese Reception

☆ A variety of area 'Attractions' and 'Side-trips' will be optional!

* Side-trips are within distance of one-half to one-day trips only; motorcoach transportation is included. Attractions/admissions are usually at discounted 'group' rates or, many are at no additional cost at all. These outings are 'optional' with a description/discussion along with 'sign-up' en route down.

Note: Based on 'what's happening' - attractions vary a little for each of the two trips. Feel free to call for 'pending' differences if you are flexible for 'either' one!

**'Room type' options...

'Gulf-front' Rooms:

\$2,345 double/per person ~ \$3,548 single ~ \$1,995 triple

'Courtyard' Rooms:

\$2,145 double/per person ~ \$3,148 single ~ \$1,860 triple

Please be prepared to let us know your 'Room-type' preference upon making your reservation; the sooner I reserve your individual space - the more likely you will get your request honored.

✱ **Reminder: A \$200 (per person) deposit is due at this time to reserve your seat!**

Please indicate 'Florida' - **1st** or **2nd** (or both!) on your check. "THANK YOU!"

March 20 - 21 (Wed-Thurs) \$\$\$ 'Try Your Luck' and/or Go For A Little 'Rest and Relaxation!'

Marina Grand Resort *New Buffalo, MI (IN/MI Line)*

'Four Winds' CASINOS → *New Buffalo, MI AND South Bend, IN*

A great '2-day' SPRING Get-Away with Fun Fellowship & Awesome Accommodations!

We will once again overnight at the 'newly renovated' ***Marina Grand Resort*** - a unique, boutique hotel located on the *New Buffalo Harbor....with Great Waterfront Views!*

Wednesday → Free time at '*Four Winds*' Casino ~ *New Buffalo*;

Thursday → Off to '*South Bend*' to 'try your luck' at their newest (January 2018) location!

1-night 'Luxury Lodging' ~ (2) - \$15 'Slot Play' Vouchers

(1) Breakfast (*Marina Grand*) - (1) Dinner (*Redamak's*) - Plus, (2) - \$10 'Meal' Vouchers

\$212 double/per person ~ \$290 single ~ \$194 triple

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April 6 - 13 and May 4 - 11 (Saturday-Saturday) We're off to the 'BIG EASY'.....

Note: \*Lafayette departure will be on 'APRIL' date only; Lebanon and Indy departures on both 'APRIL' and 'MAY'.

***New Orleans, LA and Much More!\****

8 days/7 nights

< *Many Highlights* >

\* Prior to our 4-night stay in *New Orleans* we will visit attractions and historic sites in *Vicksburg and Natchez, MS* - located along the *Mississippi River*; overnighing at the 'NATCHEZ GRAND HOTEL' with amazing views!

- **NEW ORLEANS** -

★ 4-nights at the 'HOLIDAY INN' - Superdome '*conveniently located downtown*'

★ Local Guide for a 'CITY TOUR' (*via motorcoach*)

★ Plus, a brief 'walking tour' into the 'FRENCH QUARTER';  
*and, of course, additional 'free time' to browse at your leisure.*

★ Tour 'OAK ALLEY PLANTATION' - experience the rich history of the Antebellum South.

★ Visit the 'National WORLD WAR II MUSEUM': Exhibits, Lunch & Show.

Motorcoach Transportation ~ All Touring and Attractions, *per listing & more!*

7-nights Lodging: 1-night in Natchez; 4-nights in New Orleans; (1) night en route 'to' & 'from'

(7) Breakfasts ~ (3) Lunches ~ (4) Dinners

- Includes lunch at Lambert's in Sikeston, MO! -

**\$1,280 double/per person ~ \$1,685 single ~ \$1,160 triple**



## More ... 'ALASKA'



Saturday - Monday → **July 13 - 22, 2019** → 10 days/9 nights

✈ By Plane, Motorcoach, Train(s), Boat and maybe even 'Dog Sled' to fully enjoy the Abundant Wildlife, Stunning Scenery and Breathtaking Beauty! 😊

*"We never get tired of visiting ALASKA! (My 6<sup>th</sup> & Steve's 5<sup>th</sup> time)*

*And I certainly appreciate partnering with 'JOHN HALL'S ALASKA' for their **many experiences and vast knowledge** of unique destinations, dining and lodging as well as their '**all inclusive**' pricing....'All' Gratuities and 'Most' Meals.*

*Note: We also have '3' Train trips this time! (Allowing for a 'little less motorcoaching' in some areas!)*

----- **NOTE** -----

\$\$\$ At this time I am waiting for 'confirmation' of our 'Flight' costs/times to finalize details. \$\$\$

*However, in the meantime...I need to get 'The Mailing' off to the printer!*

Please call if you are interested in receiving a Brochure w/ final details 'when available'. Thanks!

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\* Highlights \*

**Anchorage:** 2-nights at the Lakefront Hotel on Lake Spenard, next to Lake Hood.

\* Day 2: Options today (\$) Flightseeing Trip ~ Deep Sea Fishing ~ Marine Mammal Viewing Bear Viewing or, you may want to just enjoy downtown **Anchorage!**

\* Day 3: **Prince William Sound** - We will board the Alaska Railroad for a short trip to **Whittier**; after Lunch at the Whittier Hotel we will board the 'Stan Stephens' Boat for a relaxing, afternoon cruise through beautiful **Prince William Sound** visiting glaciers and viewing a variety of marine wildlife before arriving in **Valdez** where we will overnight at the 'all-new' Totem Hotel & Suites.

\* Day 4: Depart for **Fairbanks** (by motorcoach) traveling up the Richardson Hwy. along the Alaska pipeline, while learning the history of the pipeline and making a few scenic stops!  
2-nights at the **Bear Lodge**.

\* Day 5: This morning we have a 'great' narrated tour down the **Chena River** onboard the **Riverboat Discovery**. Afterwards, we will enjoy an exclusive 'Lunch & Tour' at the Trail Breaker Kennel, home of musher, David Monson, husband of the late Susan Butcher - a four-time Iditarod Champion.

Tonight we will experience an 'all-you-can-eat' **Salmon Bake**. (Note: Also includes Cod & Ribs!)

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# ALASKA !

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\* Day 6: Today we'll enjoy Breakfast aboard the train en route to **Denali National Park** via the **Alaska Railroad GoldStar** 'domed' car. On arrival, we have the option of adding a helicopter flight around Mount Denali or, possibly enjoy an ATV experience! (\$)

2-nights at the **Denali Bluffs - RiverView**, (*new in 2017*) with great views overlooking the Nenana River into Denali National Park. Tonight a fantastic dinner with Chef Laura Cole!

\* Day 7: Early this morning (*hoping for great wildlife viewing!*) we will head out on a 53-mile tour into **Denali National Park**, with a 'Picnic Lunch' included!

\* Day 8: Free time to enjoy a relaxing morning prior to departing for **Talkeetna**, again aboard the **Alaska Railroad GoldStar**, with lunch served en route!  
Overnight at the beautiful **Talkeetna Alaska Lodge**, with incredible majestic views!

\* Day 9: After Breakfast we will have free time to enjoy the authentic 'Alaskan Charm' of this little frontier town of **Talkeetna**.

**'Optional' activities** will be offered to enjoy while in this area as well!

Late this afternoon we return to Anchorage (*by motorcoach*) for a nice 'farewell dinner' prior to heading to the airport for our 'night flight' home!

\* Day 10: Return '*Home Sweet Home*' with '*fond memories*' of our **ALASKAN** experience!

*All inclusive....*

Motorcoach Transportation and Gratuities 'to' and 'from' Chicago O'Hare Airport;

Flight; fees & taxes

Gratuities for our 'Driver/Tour Manager' (*local guide*) and Porters.

'MOST' Meals: (8) Breakfasts ~ (7) Lunches ~ (8) Dinners



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RESERVATIONS for the following trips will only be taken once dates are confirmed and full details are promoted in the JANUARY and/or SPRING mailings. "THANKS!"

May 19 'Churchill Downs'

July 3 'Symphony on the Prairie'

Dates to be determined on the following:

3-day 'Mystery' ~ More of 'Michigan' ~ Lexington, KY

New England in the Fall ~ Savannah, GA ~ Back to BRANSON (November)

The Greenbrier - White Sulphur Springs, WV

○-○ "Watch for these...and MORE!" ☺

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~ *TOUR DISCLOSURE* ~

PAYMENTS

Multiple-day trips require a \$100 deposit (*unless otherwise stated*) - as additional expense is incurred up-front in my securing group reservations with various vendors.

The 'payment request' form, along with payment, must be received by the 'posted due date' to guarantee your space.

CANCELLATION REFUNDS

Cancellations received more than two weeks prior to the tour departure will receive a full refund - minus a minimal fee and any expenses we are unable to recover after all attempts are made.

A refund will always be given if we are able to fill your vacancy. Deposits are refunded minus a minimal fee. A refund will not be given for 'No Shows' on the day of the trip!

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Trip insurance is available (*at your option*) on multiple-day trips. Coverage is currently provided by 'TRAVEL GUARD' - a brochure will be provided with coverage details.

RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY

Top-Notch Travel Tours, Inc., our Motorcoach Carrier, or property owners of our departure locations are not responsible or liable for loss or damage to parked vehicles or articles left in vehicles while we are away.

Top-Notch Travel Tours, Inc. acts as an agent for you in arranging the various components of group travel. As such, Top-Notch Travel Tours, Inc. has no control over these suppliers and assumes none of their responsibility.

Top-Notch Travel Tours, Inc. is not responsible or liable for any loss, damage or theft of luggage or other personal belongings.

Nor is Top-Notch Travel Tours, Inc. responsible or liable for personal injury, accident or illness. Medical information concerning yourself is requested and should be brought to my attention at your discretion.

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✧ “Take Time To Enjoy Life’s Simple Joys” ✧

STANDARD TOUR INCLUSIONS

- ~ Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
- ~ Fully Escorted
- ~ Accommodations, meals, admissions and attractions listed, per itinerary
- ~ Gratuities for listed meals*
**unless otherwise specified*
- ~ Driver Gratuities
- ~ Baggage Handling* (*one bag/per person*)
**unless specified on 1-night trips*
- ~ Travel Insurance (*available at your option*)

And always...those little extras to make your trip memorable and TOP-NOTCH!

Accepting.... MASTERCARD / VISA / DISCOVER

☎ ~ **RESERVATIONS** ~ ☎

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♥ **Thanks for your interest in** ♥

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✍ **Next Mailing: JANUARY** ❄

“It will be here before we know it!”

