# TOP-NOTCH TRAVEL TOURS

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"The MAILING"

JANUARY 2020 "MILES OF PLEASURE...MEMORIES TO TREASURE"

Welcome!

# \*\*\* HAPPY NEW YEAR! \*\*

"May your Memories be Many and your Troubles be Trivial!"

Warm Greetings....

"Congratulations" to our two winners of \$50 Trip Certificates:

Mike Kirkmeyer (Lafayette) and Paula Shrote (Indy)

As before, please let us know if corrections need to be made to your name/address that we currently have on file; or, if you have no interest in receiving this mailing. I realize things change in our lives and you may no longer be interested (or able) to travel. "Thank Yow!"

I look forward to the many miles and memories we will share this year!

"Have a Warm and Safe Winter." Brenda♥

# ☎ ~ Reservations ~ ☎

Reminder: We are extremely busy on the phone once the mailing is out; if your call goes to 'Voice Mail' – please leave your Name, Phone # and the Trip(s) you are interested in. At our earliest convenience, we will be returning calls to confirm your reservation(s) and/or answer any questions you may have.

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 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 PO 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]

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#### Let the good times roll....

- NOTE: I will be out of the office on the following dates\* on our annual FLORIDA trips. As before, DEE will be here to assist with making reservations and answering questions.
  - It's not too late if you would like to join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> trip! (Feb 25 Mar 8) (Details were in the 'FALL' Mailing; or, call if interested and you need the info!)
- Back to FLORIDA....Lido Beach Sarasota! 
   \* 1st → February 8 February 20 and \* 2nd → February 25 March 8
   Saturday Thursday 13 days/12 nights Tuesday Sunday
- ⊕ ----- It's a tough job, but somebody's gotta do it! ----- ⊕
- The following trips are 'FULL' at this time.\*

  (Details were in the 'FALL' mailing)
- WEST BADEN / FRENCH LICK ~ March 24-25
- <u>SAVANNAH</u> & <u>JEKYLL ISLAND</u> ~ April 18-25 Re-scheduled from 'September 2019' -- *If interested,* we could add up to 3 or 4 at this time! (Call for details!)
- SHIPSHEWANA ~ June 3-5
- 'RHINE RIVER' CRUISE ~ June 28-July 7
  - \* If interested call to check on current availability and/or to be added on the 'STANDBY' List(s)!

#### April 1 (Wednesday) Ain't No Foolin'!

# More MYSTERY ... ????

~ Let'S Do Lunch! ~

It just seems like an appropriate day to go on a great little \*Mys\*ery' Get-Away!

"Join us for a relaxing day of Fun. Food and Fellowship!" 

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Lebanon / Indy - \$78 Lafayette - \$84

#### May 5 - 7 (Tuesday - Thursday) A Great Little 'Mother's Pay' Get-Away.... A True 'Dutch' Treat!

# Tulip Time Festival ~ Holland, MI

"A World-class Festival since 1929....Celebrating their Strong Dutch Heritage & Culture!"

Many Highlights: Local 'Step-on Guide' for Area Touring.... Tulip Lanes, Festive Exhibits, etc.

Visit: Veldheer's Tulip Farm and DeKlomp Wooden Shoe & Delftware Factory

Dutch Village ~ Windmill Island Gardens .... And 'Much More'!

Bonus Attractions: A Delightful Lunch w/ Acapella Singing Group; featuring Jazz, Gospel & Show Tunes as well as an Evening Show with <u>The TEXAS TENORS</u>, the most successful music group in the history of 'America's Got Talent' – Back by Popular Demand!

2-nights Lodging at the (brand-new) Marriott 'Springhill Suites'

Great Eats.... (2) Breakfasts ~ (2) Lunches ~ (2) Dinners .... Great Attractions!

 $$545 \text{ double/per person} \sim $750 \text{ single} \sim $485 \text{ triple}$ 

#### <u>FYI</u>:

"You may notice I changed my mind...

(it's just a 'female' thing)!"

I decided to make a couple of changes\*

from the previously listed 'In the Works'.

- \* I've included 'Put-In-Bay' along with 'Ohio Amish'.
- \* Plus, our multiple-day 'Holiday Get-Away' this year will be a festive outing to 'Memphis' and 'Nashville'.

See: 'In the Works'

#### May 17 (Sunday) 'Back to the Track!'

# **Churchill Downs** ~ Louisville, KY

~ Two Coaches ~

"A Sure Bet for a Great Day!"
We will once again have comfortable, indoor-seating in 'Millionaires Row' with a great 'Buffet Lunch' prior to post-time!
"A..n..d....They're Off!"

Departures from: Lebanon & Indy - \$96

\* "Happy Mother's Day!" (May 10th) and "Happy Father's Day!" (June 21st)

July 20 - 24 (Monday - Friday) 5 days/4 nights "I Like this 'Combo' of Attractions...Great Variety!"

# Ohio .... 'Put-in-Bay' and 'Holmes County' Amish Country

If you are not familiar, 'Put-in-Bay' is an Ohio village on South Bass Island in Lake Erie, with access by Ferry, 'similar' to Mackinaw Island.

<u>Includes</u>: 2-nights Lodging at the <u>Holiday Inn Epress</u> - Port Clinton

- Roundtrip 'Ferry Transportation' to the Island from Port Clinton
- Guided Tour by 'Tour Train' w/ a stop at The Butterfly House & Antique Car Museum

*Note*: There are many more attractions/sites you can enjoy at your leisure, along with browsing the shops and enjoying lunch on your own.

*Plus*, a visit to **Marblehead Lighthouse**, the oldest continuously working lighthouse on the Great Lakes.

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# 'Ohio Amish Country' 2-nights Lodging at the Carlisle Inn - Walnut Creek

- Area Touring: Berlin, Millersburg, Sugar Creek, Walnut Creek and Dover....
- J. M. Smucker's ~ Hershberger's Farm ~ Lehman's Hardware ~ Walnut Creek Cheese Broadrun Cheese House & Swiss Heritage Winery and More; and, of course, Great Meals!
  - Ohio Star Theatre An 'Excellent' Evening Concert w/ 'Dailey & Vincent'

4-nights Lodging - All Touring / Variety of Attractions - (1) Show (4) Breakfasts ~ (1) Lunch ~ (3) Dinners

\$820 double/per person - \$1,130 single - \$730 triple

# TWILIGHT RIVER CRUISE! \$\pi\_\circ\_\text{LeClaire}, IA to Dubugue and Back! \times\rightarrow\$

Note: I have included 'one additional day' to take advantage of and further explore these 'added attractions' while we are already up in this region of lowa / Illinois!

\* "What better way to 'Relax' and 'Reflect' than Rolling on the River with 'Top-Notch' Travelers!"

We begin w/ a great 2-day Cruise ~~ (166 River Miles) ~~ Up and Down the Mighty Mississippi!

Free time to browse LeClaire; overnight lodging 'during the cruise' is conveniently located in *Dubuque*, with free time to browse the area before we head back to *LeClaire*.

Port of Dubuque (Docking at River's Edge Plaza) Explore the Shore; plus, free shuttle service to the:

Diamond Jo Casino - near the hotel (optional, of course!)

Cable Car Square Shopping - Gift, craft & antique stores.

4<sup>th</sup> Street Cable Car - the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway.

St Luke's United Methodist Church - one of the Top Five 'Tiffany Window' collections in the world. Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium - a treasure full of historic artifacts & displays of river history.

(Oh yeah, we can't forget all the 'wonderful meals' and 'snacks' along the way!)

'Also'.... Experience the impressive John Deere Pavilion. (Moline, IL) We will tour the

'Field of Dreams' Movie Site\* and National Farm Toy Museum (Dyersville, IA) [\* Just FYI: MLB 'Yankees' and 'White Sox' will be playing at the 'Field Of Dreams' site on August 13.]

Plus, free time to enjoy Galena, IL - known for its rich, unique history and quaint downtown area.

4-nights Lodging: #1 - Comfort Inn (LeClaire, IA) #2 - Grand Harbor (Dubuque, IA) #3 & 4 - Radisson on John Deere Commons (Moline, IL)

Motorcoach Transportation / Cruise - Gratuities - Listed Attractions / Admissions (4) Breakfasts ~ (4) Lunches ~ (3) Dinners

\$910 double/per person - \$1,100 single - \$865 triple

# 'In the Works'

Watch for actual dates & details (and 'More') in the 'APRIL' Mailing -as I 'REALLY' do need to get this off to the Printer 'NOW'!

August (3-day) - Historic 'Vincennes' and 'New Harmony' (Finally!)

Mid-September - Arkansas ~ TEXAS ~ Oklahoma

(San Antonio, Hill Country, Waco, Dallas/Ft Worth, TX and Norman & Pawhuska, OK)

Mid-October - Lancaster & Gettysburg, PA (To catch some 'FALL' Foliage!)

November - Memphis & Nashville, TN (Holiday Happenings!)

# TOP-NOTCH TOURS

#### ~ 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. DayTrips and Final Payment Requests: You will receive a 'payment request' form 'approximately' 4-6 weeks prior to the trip - it must be returned, along with payment by the 'posted due date' to further secure your space.

#### **CANCELLATION REFUNDS**

Cancellations received more than two weeks prior to the tour departure will receive a 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 Cancellations or 'No Shows' on the day of the trip.

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE

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

#### **RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY**

attention at your discretion.

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.

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#### **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 /

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SPRING'S A COMIN'! \*