

TOP-NOTCH TRAVEL TOURS

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"THE MAILING"

January 2026

"MILES OF PLEASURE...MEMORIES TO TREASURE"

Welcome!

*** HAPPY NEW YEAR ***

~ As we begin our '28th' year with 'TOP-NOTCH' TRAVELERS! ~

And, WOW, that makes me feel really 'old' - as I had retired from Lafayette Bank & Trust after 20 years in October of '97 to start-up 'TOP-NOTCH TOURS' in 1998. Several years later, I recall thinking: 'With the good LORD willing', if I could do this for '20 years' that would be a great career! Well, as we begin year '28', I guess I have been having so much 'FUN' that I just didn't know when to quit! Many of you will recall, that I have mentioned 'cutting-back' on the number of tours offered... well, that is easier said, than done! It makes me think of the many singers/entertainers that announce their 'Farewell' tours; then, continue on for one or two more years! NOW, I can totally relate... as it is extremely hard to give up doing something that you dearly LOVE ... with 'credit due' to the many "TOP-NOTCH" travelers that have become 'friends' over the years. ♥ All of that, to say, (as a 'heads-up' and with 'mixed emotions') ... we, too, are beginning our "Farewell" Year! ... (or, 'two'?.) ☺ In the meantime, I plan to highlight some of your/our favorite destinations. (Which could actually take two or three years!) I will certainly keep you posted throughout this journey... as we continue to make "Precious Memories" together! "As always, we look forward to seeing you on-board."

Brenda♥ & Steve♥

☎ ~ 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: **\$200*** per person (or, as indicated per trip) to: **TOP-NOTCH TOURS P O Box 526 - Lebanon, IN 46052**

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All trips include....

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

Departures from.... **Indianapolis ~ Lebanon ~ Lafayette** [as indicated]

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NOTE: Upon making your Reservation(s) – please let us know if you are interested in information on 'TRAVEL' Cancellation Insurance? Or, you can obtain 'Insurance' of your choice, on your own!

Let the good times roll...

☀ **February 14-27 (Saturday-Friday)** ⇅⇅⇅ "Ahhh, Let's Head SOUTH!" ⇅⇅⇅ ☀

Annual '**FLORIDA**' Get-Away Back to '**Vero Beach**'! ☺

[14 days /13 nights]

w / '1-night added' this year)

"Plus, 'additional highlights' ... including a 2-night stay
at the incredible 'Windsor Hotel' in Americus, Georgia!"

Details were in the FALL of '25 - '**MAILING**' ... obviously, 'Call right away', if interested in joining us!

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**March 16-17 (Monday-Tuesday)**    ❖ "Wear Your 'GREEN' for a little 'Festive' Fun!"    ❖

'West Baden' and 'French Lick' Springs Resort(s)!

Relax and Enjoy the great ambience at both of these '**TOP-NOTCH**' Resorts!

'Overnight Lodging' will be at West Baden with plenty of time to browse, shop and enjoy 'both' Resorts at your leisure. (A 'Free Shuttle' runs between the two properties.)

❖ Plus, you may want to try for a little 'IRISH LUCK' at the Casino! (Optional, of course!)

Includes: A great 'Buffet Lunch' (en route) at '**Stoll's Lakeview Restaurant**'

and a 'Full Breakfast' at '**Café Sinclair**'. (West Baden)

Note: After a 'Buffet Lunch' I decided to leave Dinner 'on your own' so you can enjoy to your liking.... anywhere from 'Grab-to-Go' to 'Fine-Dining' - as there are several options 'on-site' to enjoy!

Plus, for those interested... we will make a stop at the **French Lick Winery**.

**\$333** double / per person ~ **\$450** single ~ **\$298** triple / per person

Departures: 'All Locations'

**April 21-25 (Tuesday-Saturday)** 🎵 .. "Our Favorite 'Entertainment' Destination!" .. 🎵

Back to **'BRANSON'** [5 days/4 nights]

"Since it will be **'SPRINGTIME'** (with the convenience of 'longer' day-light hours) we will stay **'4-nights'** in **BRANSON**, **'not'** overnighting en route home. (In the **FALL**, I try to avoid getting you/us home in the dark!) **PLUS**, this allows us time for a little more area **'Sightseeing'**.\* (And, 'without' seeing **'3' Shows** in one-day!) ☺

🎵 ~ "Great Seats" ... "Great Eats" ~ 🎵

☆ **"Grand Jubilee"** and **"Down Home Country"** (Country/Comedy)

(Two 'Great Shows' conveniently located on-site at our hotel)

☆ **"Clay Cooper"** ~ Country, Comedy & More!

☆ **"David"** at **'Sight & Sound' Theatre**

(Extended into '2026' by Popular Demand)

☆ **"The Haygoods"**

☆ **"The Platters"**

Popular, 'High Energy' Family Show!

Golden Sounds of the 50's Tribute!

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\* Plus, a **'Side-trip'** down to **'DOGWOOD CANYON'** - Lampe, Missouri  
An enjoyable **'Tram Tour'** Adventure thru this amazing **Ozark Mountain Nature Park**;  
featuring Waterfalls, Trout Streams, Wildlife and More! And, of course, a **'Gift Shop'**!

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Includes: \* **4-nights** at the **'Grand Country Inn'** ~ **'6' Shows**

(4) Breakfasts ~ (2) Lunches ~ (3) Dinners

**\$1,008** double / per person - **\$1,225** single - **\$965** triple / per person

Departures: Lebanon & Indy (N) & (S)

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May 7-8 (Thursday-Friday) 🎵🎵 More "OLDIES", but "GOODIES"! 🎵🎵

SHIPSHEWANA ... Dick Fox's "Golden Boys" at the Blue Gate Theatre!

Featuring... The Most Popular 'Teen Idols' of the late 50's and early 60's.....

'Frankie Avalon' ~ **'Fabian'** and **Special Guest: 'Tommy Cono'***

***Tommy Cono**, a.k.a. "The Voice of Tribute", is from South Jersey and known for his powerful voice, captivating stage presence and authentic renditions of songs by so many 'legendary' artists.

In reference to the **"Golden Boys"**, he became the voice of **"Bobby Rydell"**, who passed away in 2022, age 79.

And now, taking the stage in tribute to **"Lou Christie"**, who 'recently' died on June 18, 2025, age 82.

Includes... * Blue Gate Buffet Dinner * "Memorable Concert"

* Overnight at the Blue Gate Inn * Full Buffet Breakfast...at the 'Blue Gate' Inn

* Area Touring w/ **'Orley Miller'** and a little 'free time' to enjoy a couple of **'shop' stops!**

\$389 double / per person - **\$467** single - **\$356** triple / per person

Departures: 'All Locations'

June 9-11 (Tuesday-Thursday) ↘↘↘ *WOW, "We haven't been down there since 2010!"* ↘↘↘

Bardstown, KY "Kentucky's 'Second Oldest City', is not only famous as the "Bourbon Capital of the World"... but, even more so, as a 'Historic, small town known for its charm, Southern hospitality and picturesque downtown."

Many Highlights.... * Dinner at the 'Old Talbott Tavern' * Tour: 'My Old Kentucky Home State Park... to include touring the Mansion ... "Federal Hill", the inspiration for Stephen Foster's...
♪ "My Old Kentucky Home, Goodnight" ♪

* 'My Old Kentucky Dinner Train'... a 2½ hr. 'round-trip' Ride w/ 'LUNCH' in a restored Dining Car!
* Visit a 'Bourbon Distillery' * 'Downtown'... Free Time and 'More'!

Includes... 2-nights Lodging / (2) Breakfasts ~ (1) Lunch ~ (1) Dinner

\$590 double / per person - \$755 single - \$555 triple / per person

Departures: 'All Locations'

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**July 6-9 (Monday-Thursday)** ☺☺☺ "The 'MORE' The 'MERRIER'... Invite your Friends!" ☺☺☺

**TWILIGHT RIVER CRUISE** ☼ ~~~ **LeClaire, IA to Dubuque ..and.. Back!** ~~~ ☼

We will motorcoach to **LeClaire, Iowa**, where we will overnight, prior to boarding on Tuesday morning.

"Let the 'FUN' begin as we're "**All Aboard!**" the Riverboat 'TWILIGHT' for a full day of Cruising!" \*

Relax, Reflect and Reminisce ... with fellow '**TOP-NOTCH**' Travelers, while sightseeing and absorbing the splendor of the '**Mighty Mississippi**'; also, going thru 'two sets of Locks & Dams!

\* Port of Dubuque (Docking at River's Edge Plaza)

Wednesday: Free time to 'explore the shore' before heading back to **LeClaire**, around noon!

\* Dubuque: 'Things to Do' ... w/ 'free shuttle service' to:

- 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 steepest, shortest 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

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All inclusive: Motorcoach Transportation / 2-day 'Narrated' Cruise

3-nights Lodging = #1 & 3 - Holiday Inn Express (LeClaire) #2 - Grand Harbor (Dubuque)

Listed Attractions / Admissions / 'Entertainment' on board

(1) Cont. Breakfast ~ (3) Breakfasts ~ (4) Lunches ~ (3) Dinners [Oh yeah, and 'Snacks']

**\$994 double/per person ~ \$1,240 single ~ \$930 triple/per person**

**Departures: 'All Locations'**



## 'TOP-NOTCH TOURS'

### *~ TOUR DISCLOSURE ~*

#### **PAYMENTS**

The 'payment request' form, along with payment, must be received by the posted due date to reserve your space. **Multiple-day trips require a \$200 deposit** (unless otherwise stated) - as additional expense is incurred up-front in my securing group reservations with various vendors.

#### **CANCELLATION REFUNDS**

Cancellations received more than two weeks prior to the 'tour departure' will receive a full refund -- 'minus' any expenses that I am unable to recover.

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

#### **TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Trip insurance is available on multiple-day trips, at your discretion.

*(Call for recommendations, if interested.)*

#### **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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"I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them ... than to travel with them." - Mark Twain -



\*\*\* "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'!**

☎ ~ **RESERVATIONS** ~ ☎

*Dee or Brenda at...*

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♥ ***Thanks for your interest in*** ♥

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Next 'MAILING': **APRIL**