

# STEP ON BUS TOURS

TRAVEL NEWSLETTER – Updated on March 1, 2019  
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## CHECK OUT OUR NEW \$35 ADVENTURES

**March 27, 2019 - IKEA** – Enjoy 3 1/2 hours to shop and take a break at the cafeteria where you might want to try their famous Swedish meatballs! (lunch not included in price) Leave 9:30am to 2:30pm

**May 25, 2019 – Flower Day at the Eastern Market.** Leave at 8:30 a.m. return 3PM

**June 1, 2019 - Palmer Park Art Fair** - A Beautiful Fine Art Fair in a Magnificent Setting! Palmer Park is surrounded by some of Detroit's wealthiest neighborhoods. Leave 10am Return 2pm

**July 21, 2019 -- The Book Fest** -- Variety of first used and rare books. It'll also feature music, beer, food and much more. Explore a number of vendors selling books, rare musical instruments, vintage board games, unusual items and more Leave 10am return 2/3pm

**July 11, 2019 – Wyandotte Art Fair** - Leave 9:30 to return at 2:30 pm

**July 12, 2019 – Lavender Festival** – Everyone enjoyed it last year, so we're doing it again. Leave 10am return 2pm

**Aug. 13 2019 – Cheeseburger In Caseville Festival** – Fun and lots to do. 9-2:30

**No credit cards/cash for these specials – check or money order only. All Trips Include:** Roundtrip motor coach, lunch on your own  
**Pick Up Locations:** Novi Civic Center, Livonia Ford Field, Madison Heights **Departure and Return Times:** As listed, subject to change

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## 2019 OVERNIGHT & MULTIDAY ADVENTURES

**April 8-9 – The Shrine of Christ's Passion** - Visit the Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John, Indiana, Carmelite Monastery of Muenster, Church of the Sacred Icon and other stops along the way. Includes one night lodging and some meals. **\$250/person Final payment due March 22. Deposit of \$50 reserves your spot-send ASAP.**

**July 14-17 - Gettysburg & Pittsburgh** – Let's visit Gettysburg National Military Park and take the Battlefield Tour. See the Eisenhower National Historic Site and have dinner at Historic Farnsworth House Inn. Attend the tribute and play: Mr. Lincoln. Then off to Pittsburgh for an extraordinary display of the nation's top aviary which includes a private lunch and a private tour of the zoo from one of its personal trainers. Then onto the Rivers of Steel Hard Hat tour as we visit the Carrie Blast Furnace Historic Site for a walking tour of this integral remaining piece of the legendary Homestead Steel Works. **\$899/person**

**July 26-30 – Washington DC – White House, Library of Congress, National Art Gallery, Newseum (a cool place), \$635 pp**

**Aug. 6-8 - Toronto London, Ontario's Tree Trunk Tour,** Visit to Casa Loma, Free time at Kensington Market, Guided Toronto City Tour, Distillery District, Royal Ontario Museum, Walking tour of Yorktown, Underground mall shopping, Lodging for Two Nights,\* Motor-coach Transportation, Jersey Boys optional evening entertainment . **\$579/person**

**September 19-25 – New York City** – Experience the bright lights of the "Big Apple" and explore the "City that Never Sleeps". Tour includes motorcoach, 6 nights lodging, 10 meals, National 9/11 Museum, One World Observatory, Ellis Island and Liberty Island, guided tour of Manhattan (Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Wall Street). **\$825/person double occupancy**

**October 4-13 – The Wonders of Spain** - Explore centuries of history, contemporary culture and exquisite art and architecture on your day at leisure. TOLEDO EXCURSION AND MADRID SIGHTSEEING. 'The Burial of Count Orgaz' - in the Church of Santo Tomé. We'll take a guided walk through Toledo's winding cobblestone lanes. Córdoba, once a significant Moor settlement. Join a local specialist to visit the Mosque of the Caliphs and learn about centuries of Moorish rule and its influence on the culture and architecture of the region. We travel to flamboyant Seville. Multicultural Granada takes center stage as we visit the magnificent pink-hued Alhambra Palace. GRANADA – GUADIX – VALENCIA. Journey via the Mora Pass to Guadix in the northern foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains where you will see the whitewashed troglodyte dwellings. Head north and stop at Peñíscola, the City in the Sea, to view the ancient castle of the 'Spanish Pope', built by the Knights Templar and used in the film, 'El Cid'. We meander along the Costa Dorada to beguiling Barcelona **\$3750/person dble occupancy. Please tell us you're interested as soon as you can.**

**December 3-5 – Blue Christmas** Two Signature Elvis Events - Elvis Blue Christmas Dinner Show - Graceland at Christmas, including a Private Evening Tour. Memphis Barbecue Dinner at Graceland. Includes a buffet dinner in the new Elvis Presley Memphis Complex. It's a Memphis Barbecue with buffets and tables in set locations. You will be able to tour the Presley Motors Automobile Museum where you are surrounded by a collection of hot cars, motorcycles and toys. Plus, the Elvis the Entertainer Career Museum with artifacts: photos, Gold Records, Costumes. You also have time to see the Elvis Discovery Exhibits showcasing the influences, and important things in his life. Two Nights Hotel Accommodations, two hotel breakfasts, two dinners, luggage handling, all taxes and gratuities on these services. **\$645/person dble occupancy**

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**December 29, 2019 - January 2, 2020 – New Year in Myrtle Beach** - Ring in the New Year's at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Come blow the horns, pop the corks, watch the ball drop. This New Year's Eve celebration has it all – includes two shows, festival of trees with High Tea, New Year's Eve dinner and celebration, champagne toast, four breakfasts, four dinners. Bring your friends, hop on the bus and kick off the beginning of next year from Myrtle Beach. **\$995/person double occupancy. \$250 deposit due by September 29, 2019**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

**February 29 - March 8, 2020 – Cuba by Coach** – Travel by motorcoach to Charleston, SC, where you will board the Carnival Sunshine for a 5 day cruise. Stop at Freeport, Bahamas then continue on to spend a day in Havana, Cuba. Trip includes all motorcoach transportation, 3 nights accommodations, three hotel breakfasts, horse drawn carriage ride, dinner in Charleston, Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA, 5 day cruise aboard the Carnival Sunshine, meals and entertainment onboard ship, port charges and taxes, shipboard gratuities, luggage handling. **\$1599 double occupancy; \$2389 single. \$250 deposit due by June 1, 2019 with Final Payment due December 9, 2019. 15 seats already reserved**

**April 30 - May 3, 2020 - The Kentucky Derby** - A horse race at the heart of this spectacle, there are many other intriguing aspects within this Louisville tradition. It is a festival and fashion show, it's a Parade and a Race, it's Mint Juleps and Riverboats; it's about Horses and it's about time you see it. Bourbon, Barbecue and Country Music Dinner at the Jephtha Creed Distillery in Shelbyville. All groups will have a chance to visit our Derby Hat Boutique where you can buy hats and accessories for both Men & Women. Having just the right Derby Hat, with the right accessories is a very important part of the Kentucky Derby Experience, you have to dress for the Win, the Place, and The Show. Bourbon & Chocolate Reception. Enjoy the "Off to the Races Dinner Party." We have chartered both The Mary M. Miller (replacing the Spirit of Jefferson) and the Belle of Louisville. We encourage you to place a creative bet or two with your travel partners. The 145th Kentucky Derby - Lower Level Seats will be the highlight of your trip. You have a VIP Fast Access Pass to Churchill Downs and 1st floor Grandstand Seats near the Starting Line. **\$2,080/person double occupancy \$250 deposit due by September 29, 2019**

**August 10-18, 2020 - Colorado Garden of the Gods** - Embark on a cross country journey to Colorado, to experience and see The Garden of the Gods. • Watch others take flight while visiting the US Air Force Academy. • Visit the Royal George • Traveling over the bridge and experience the air tram. • Visit historic Manitou springs, at the foot of the famous Pikes Peak • Things will get a little steamy, on our guided tour of Colorado Springs. • Learn to train like a gold medalist at the US Olympic Training Center • Enjoy 8 nights of lodging, 4 consecutive in scenic Colorado • Loaded Motor coach ride • 14 meals: including 8 breakfasts & 6 dinners **\$975 DBL Occupancy**

**September 19-27, 2020– Alaskan Adventure Cruise** - Includes: Round trip airfare from Detroit to Seattle, one night pre-cruise stay in Downtown Seattle. One hotel breakfast, All transfers in Seattle, 7 Night Alaska Cruise on the Oosterdam, All meals and entertainment onboard ship, Port charges and taxes, shipboard gratuities, luggage handling, cocktail party onboard the Ship. Ports of Call: Juneau, Scenic Hubbard Glacier Cruising, Sitka, Ketchikan, Victoria. Per Person Prices: Interior: **\$3059**

**October 2-11, 2020 – Egypt** – Round trip air transportation from Detroit and internal Egyptian flights. Deluxe Egypt hotel/boat accommodations for 8 nights. 8 buffet breakfasts, 6 lunches, and 4 dinners included. Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day Cairo tour including Pyramids, Sphinx, Museum of Antiquities, Old Cairo and Khan El Khalili Bazaar, and Nile sightseeing including Aswan, Kom Ombo, Esna, Edfu, and Luxor. In-depth learning on the local economy and social systems. Interactions with locals, such as a visit to a local bakery, tour of Papyrus Institute and a discussion by a renowned Egyptologist. Tour Director for the entire length of tour upon arrival in Cairo. **\$3499 double occupancy.**

## 2019 DAY TRIPS

**April 4 – High Tea in Reflections –POSTPONED UNTIL SEPTEMBER – NEW DATE TBA \$62/person**

**April 10 – Vera Bradley** – It's official! Our shopping slot is at 2:30pm for the first day of the Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale. Our Event Code is: EXPO410G **\$85/person** Please register as soon as possible.

**April 18 - French Countryside Dinner – Mystery Fine-dining** - Embark on a tour of French history place, culture, and cuisine. Join us deep in the French countryside where food forms a connection - between the people at the table, between the generations who have passed down a recipe, between the terroir, the meal that has sprung from it, and the history that continues to live on the plate. Meet us in our French focused lounge featuring cocktails, beer, and wine while delighting on complimentary hors oeuvres. Enjoy an evening of the sights and sounds of France. Bring your best beret or costume for a prize. **Reservations due by Mar.15 . \$68/person**

**April 30 -- Rose's Belated Birthday Trip** -- 2.75 hour unusual tour showcasing secrets on the outskirts of metro Detroit. Entering 2 buildings, 1 church. Food truck stop. Cool speaker = fascinating talk. Snacks, cake, water on bus. **\$41**

**May 10 - Tulip Time in Holland MI** -- Always so much to see and do. Includes visiting a group of clog dancers, Windmill Farms where there are fields of endless tulips. Be a part of the tastes, sights, sounds, and crafts of 19th Century Holland at the 2017 Dutch Marktplaats. Enjoy stage events including Dutch Dance performances, wooden shoe carving demonstrations. **\$90/person**

**May 23 - Gold, Diamonds & DuMouchelles** – Experience the shops similar to the ones from the TV Shows "Pawn Stars" and "Antiques Roadshow" as well as a very high end, suburban pawn shops. This is where the TV shows are filmed: "Hard-Core Pawn meets The Antiques Road Show". Meet the famous Gold family of the well-known TV series "Pawnstars". We will then tour DuMouchelle's, which has been auctioning fine art since 1927. Lunch included. You may want to bring a small item for a dealer to look at, maybe price. This is a very different type of tour. **\$69/person**

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**June 2 – Daniel O’Donnell Live at Caesars Windsor! The Farewell Tour!** Known for his close relationship with his fanbase, and his charismatic and engaging stage presence, O’Donnell’s music has been described as a mix of country and Irish folk, and he has sold over ten million records to date. After 26 years of performing, Daniel is leaving the touring circuit. All payments are non-refundable. You must have a passport or enhanced license to take this trip. **Please book by Mar. 15, 2019.** You will also receive \$15 in food or slot play along with a main floor seat for the show. **\$95 main floor tickets**

**June 5 – Mystery Trip** - Ride along for Step On Bus Tours’ annual Mystery Trip! We can guarantee that this tour will delight you and your friends. Mum’s the word on the location! Here’s a hint: no casinos. Very little walking. Lunch is included! The element of surprise makes this day even more fun. **\$65/person**

**June 8 - Bay City** -- Enjoy the fabulous art fair, boardwalk and explore the antique and retail shops downtown. Box lunch included. **\$45/person**

**June 20 - Saugatuck** -- We’ll experience a Dune Buggy ride for about 45 minutes in an open-air truck. At the top of the dunes, you’ll be able to take some photos and may even see wild turkeys. Also includes a boat ride on the Star of Saugatuck. The final destination point will be at the corner drug store soda fountain where hand creamed sodas. Exit the bus here and enjoy shopping in the fabulous downtown area. There’s lots of fun for all. **\$95/person**

**June 24 – Detroit Fireworks On The Boat** – Fabulous evening of Fireworks on the Windsor side of the Detroit River. Includes box lunch, on the boat, round trip coach, Pick up @ 5PM, return at 11:30 pm or earlier. Must have valid Passport or Passport card.

**June 27 – Shop & Taste, Bon Appetite!** – Shop and taste your way through some of Metro Detroit’s best ethnic markets and delis. Try something new and find a unique market to return to for your next dinner party. We’ll sample food and eat on the bus as we travel around, so don’t expect a sit down lunch for this one. Bring your own shopping tote and/or cooler. **\$48/person**

**July 11 – Belle Isle** - Belle Isle Park is an island paradise in the middle of Detroit. Accessible by a bridge at the foot of East Grand Boulevard, this 982-acre island park features a zoo, aquarium, conservatory, Great Lakes museum and more. Original landscaping by the Dean of American landscape architects, Frederick Law Olmstead. There’s plenty to do on this exquisite island Nature Zoo, Dossin Great Lakes Museum and Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. In addition, we’ll have a tour of the Detroit waterfront Milliken State Park. A stop at the Eastern Market and Coney Island lunch. **\$55/person**

**July 17 -- Neighborhoods of Detroit** -- This fun trip includes the lesser known neighborhoods of Detroit, shops and restaurants. We will not go into the more popular areas (which we visit all the time anyway) but take the time to explore the lesser known churches, too. There will be a variety of speakers on our coach. As well, you’ll see some of the local art/sculptures. **\$65/person**

**July 25 – Purple Rose Theater** - “Welcome to Paradise”, set in the Caribbean, centers around two people, who, despite their age difference, find love and acceptance in each other. With a generation gap (or more) between them, they discover they have more in common with each other than they thought. Also includes a tour of the Jiffy Mix factory in Chelsea. Lunch not included, on your own. **\$68/person**

**July 31–Shipshewana Summer in Amish Country** – 2 hours at Shipshewana Flea Market, a private tour from the lady who toured us at Christmas with the Amish, visit a horse farm, learn about Amish medicinal herbs, lunch Das Essenhaus, downtown shopping. **\$85/person**

**Aug. 9 – Muskegon:** History jumps out from every deck and corner. We’re touring a restored WW2 submarine, afternoon cruise on Lake Michigan, Lunch included, city tour, shopping and more.

**Aug. 24 -- The Weird Homes Tour** - Will feature a funky mix of homes -- enter 7 houses. Moderate walking. Pick up starts at 8:30 am. \$75 per person. Reservations due June 11. First come first served.

**September 10 - Mad Hatter Mystery Tea Party** – A Three-Tiered tray, including: Finger Sandwiches, Cucumber Mint Sandwich, Smoked Salmon Choux, Mini Mushroom Quiche, Egg Salad Sandwich, Crumpet and Scone, served with Homemade Preserves, Basil Lemon Curd, Clotted Cream. Seasonal Pastries. Second location is all about how to use tea. Costumes expected but not necessary. **\$68/person**

**September 27 – Magic & Mystery & Mayhem – Need I say more? Next newsletter! \$68 pp**

**December 2 – Christmas with the Amish** – Visiting with the Amish in southwestern Michigan and in Indiana. Experience an “old-fashioned” Christmas – Amish Style by invitation only by a private family. Enjoy mouthwatering home cooked Amish meal in a private, Amish home with oil lights, demonstrations and see horse and buggies on the road en-route to their various destinations. Be prepared to purchase bread, jams and much more. **\$85/person**

**PICK UP LOCATIONS FOR ALL TOURS:** Novi (10 or more), Livonia Ford Field, Madison Heights.  
Pick up locations for overnight tours Royal Oak and Livonia