

STEP ON BUS TOURS
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OVERNIGHT/MULT-DAY TRIPS 2019

Aug 26 – 31- Pigeon Forge -It's the Smoky Mountains! Of course, there is a guided tour of the Great Smokey Mountains National Park. On your own time in Historic downtown Gatlinburg, followed by the Hatfield-McCoy Dinner Theater. We'll also see the entertaining Smoky Mountain Opry Show with Blue Grass country music. Magic Beyond Belief features lots of special effects and then America's Hit Parade Dinner Show spanning the 50s to the 80s along with a one-of-a-kind Military Tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces. Final stop is a morning at the impressive Titanic: The World's Largest Museum Attraction. Includes are 5 nights lodging, 8 meals: 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners and lots of fun. **\$610/person double occupancy**

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**

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, and Costumes. You also have time to see the Elvis Discovery Exhibits showcasing the influences, and important things in his life. 2 night's hotel accommodations, 2 hotel breakfasts, 2 dinners, luggage handling, all taxes and gratuities on these services. **\$645/person double occupancy**

December 29, 2019 - January 2, 2020 – New Year in Myrtle Beach - Ring in the New Year at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Come blow the horns, pop the corks, and watch the ball drop. This New Year's Eve celebration has it all – including two shows, festival of trees with High Tea, New Year's Eve dinner and celebration, champagne toast, four breakfasts, and 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**

DAY TRIPS-2019

July 18 – 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. You'll see some of the local art/sculptures as well. **\$65/pp**

July 23 – 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 - 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 lunch included. **\$55/pp**

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/pp**

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 at Das Essenhaus, downtown shopping. **\$85/pp**

August 6 - 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. Exit the bus and enjoy shopping in the fabulous downtown area. There's lots of fun for all. **\$95/pp**

August 14 – Cheeseburger in Caseville Festival and the hangnail area of the thumb. 9 am – 8 pm approx. Where's Waldo is the theme. A unique day trip to the “hangnail” area of the thumb that includes a tour of the Octagon Barn and the Cheeseburger Festival in Caseville, MI with lunch on your own on the festival grounds. Where's Waldo will be the elusive star attraction. **\$50/pp**

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August 16 – DuMouchelle Auction in Action – This is a daytime auction starting at 1PM. Our tour starts earlier because of the swanky restaurant (I couldn't think of what to call it... however, it's all the rage!!!) We're taking a mini tour of some hoity-toity houses even. You can take your "buys" with you that day. Includes lunch and more. This is where the excitement happens. **\$65/pp**

August 19 -- My Detroit Favorites -- I lead a multitude of trips in Detroit annually, you may be interested in seeing the city as it is shown to tourists. Includes box lunch on bus. **\$45/pp**

August 22 – Wine Tour – Includes a lot of food, wineries, tastings and lunch. Maggie C loves our wine trips! Put your hat on and see where we go, places we've never been before. **\$72/pp**

August 24 – The Weird Homes Tour – Will feature a funky mix of homes, you will enter 7 houses. Moderate walking. **\$75/pp. 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 and seasonal pastries. Second stop is all about how to use tea. Costumes expected, but not necessary. **\$68/pp**

September 16 – Chinese Culture Tour - Explore the Chinese culture in southeast Michigan -- We'll visit stores with "meat" frogs, bakeries with "lucky" cakes, beautifully decorated cutlery, and more because we will get a whole different dimension to our Asian brothers and sisters. Our meal won't be too far off the traditional menu of what Americans are used to, but it will offer a few delicious delicacies. **\$60/pp**

September 27 – Magic & Mystery & Mayhem –Looking for something unusually fun? This is it! Lots of secrets to explore. Places to stop and shop. Historic manors. A winery. Good meal. We're going to an awesome market so bring a cute tote bag ... besides, we have a contest for the most colorful and creative tote. Stopping at an unusual market where we'll sample some cheeses, crackers and purchase wine and beer from their large stock. We're going to a "mystifying, baffling and sensational spot on the earth." Mum's the word on the location! Very little walking. Lunch is included! **\$68/pp**

October 5 - Hocus Pocus -_PRIZES AWARDED FOR BEST COSTUMES. Audiences will enjoy watching Hocus Pocus on the big screen while actors expertly act out every element of the movie on stage in front of the screen with screen accurate costumes, props and precision. The result of bringing the art of film and theatre together is a unique 3D experience that will leave audiences coming back time and time again. This show is appropriate for children of all ages. Starts at 2PM. Halloween costumes are encouraged! Chinese Combination Lunch w/hot tea. **\$60/pp Limited Seating -Only 30. MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 12. Tickets are non-refundable.**

October 8 – Resale Shopping – Deals & steals **\$45/pp**

October 11 - Country Urban Fall Color Tour -- Enjoy the changing of the leaves and cider and donut at the Cider Mill. Our final stop will include a tour at an unusually large gallery/museum all the while enjoy the changing color of the leaves. Lunch at a fascinating restaurant that has been serving up the heart and soul of southern cooking since 1997. **\$72/pp**

October 16 – Fall Color Tour – Witness the beautiful fall color changes in this most picturesque area of Michigan. Includes lunch. **\$70/pp**

October 21 – Cemetery Tour – Bus will go through 2 traditional cemeteries, over the roads where the bodies are buried and more. **\$68/pp**

Oct. 24 – Global Foods of Foreign Lands - Dazzle your Delish! 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/pp**

November 2 – Day of the Dead – Day of the Dead is the Mexican holiday celebrating the spirit of your deceased loved ones. Celebrations traditionally begin at midnight on Halloween. It's not a day when people mourn and shed tears for their loved ones who passed away, in fact, it's a colorful celebration. Cemetery tour. Evening church tour. Candy skulls. Meal. And more. **\$65/pp**

November 22 – Christmas Shopping Spectacular – Largest Christmas Show in the Midwest, Festive LIVE Entertainment, over 700 booths filled with unique gifts and crafts, an exciting Christmas holiday shop and drop, gift wrapping available, includes entrance fees. Honey Baked Ham box lunch on the way. **\$70/pp**

December 3 – A Bavarian Christmas & Holiday Show – Join us for a holiday kick-off luncheon at Bavarian Inn Restaurant in Frankenmuth! Following lunch, there will be a performance of holiday songs by the Marlins. After the luncheon, we will be shopping and exploring the historic Bavarian town of Frankenmuth. Our final stop will be at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland to complete a jolly-filled day! **\$98/pp. Must register by Oct. 5.**

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December 9 – Frederick Meijer Christmas Trees - Enjoy Christmas tree decorations from almost every country in the world. Includes lunch. Docent led tour of Downtown Grand Rapids and visit a couple of historic buildings with a shopping stop. Lunch at The Old Goat Gastropub fare & a full bar in an industrial-chic environs with oil-drum lighting & outdoor seating. **\$85/pp**

December 11 – Christmas with the Amish – Visiting with the Amish in southwestern Michigan and 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/pp**

December 13 – Holiday Lights – This interesting trip includes one church, drive on Lakeshore in Grosse Pointes and other areas where houses are decorated. Lunch at Andiamo’s on the Riverfront. **\$70/pp**

December 17 -- Holiday Belles at the Ford House -- Let's step back in time to the 1930s/40s with Edsel and Eleanor Clay Ford as they gifted their granddaughter for her debutante balls. View the house during the holiday season as it was decked in their era with a docent-led holiday tour. Lunch at Mario's Italian restaurant -- Elegant supper club offers old-school service. View of Holiday Lights in the Grosse Pointes. **\$80/pp**

December 23 – Festive Churches – This multifaceted tour will take participants inside four of the town’s most historic and architecturally interesting churches, each of which will be decorated for the season by one of the area’s top floral designers. There will be a presentation of Christmas music. Lunch is included. **\$75/pp**

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2020

February 8-16, 2020 – Miami & Key West, Florida – What a great time to get away – during the height of winter. Enjoy the Coral Castle, Bayside Market Place. Cruise the Biscayne Bay and see Millionaires Row. Key West is so enchanting. Fairchild Botanical Gardens. We’ll step into South Beach and enjoy Florida shopping. Hollywood Beach walk and the Boardwalk. Head to South Carolina for the Riverbanks Zoo & Garden. Lots more, too. **\$969/pp double occupancy**

April 30-May 3, 2020 - The Kentucky Derby – The horse race at the heart of this spectacle, but 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 the 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. 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 dble 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 or travel 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. Includes Motorcoach, 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 Alaskan 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. Call for pricing, varies with cabin.

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/person /dbl occupancy.

PICK UP LOCATIONS FOR ALL TOURS: Novi, Livonia Ford Field, Madison Heights, Sterling Heights
(10 person minimum for all locations) Pick up locations for overnight tours Royal Oak and Livonia

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