

DAMASCUS TRAVEL CLUB

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Spring Luncheon

MAY 2024



Spring Luncheon

JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING LUNCHEON
ON MAY 7 AT 1 PM AT THE MT. AIRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY RECEPTION HALL

from Cathy Burke, President

Wow, what an incredible April meeting and White Elephant Sale we had! The room was buzzing with excitement, filled with members, guests, refreshments, and fantastic White Elephant Sale items. Thanks to everyone's generosity and participation, our club gained a record-breaking \$831! A big shout-out to everyone who helped make this event a success, from bringing in items for sale, to organizing the tables, providing refreshments, and assisting with cleanup. Special thanks to Jim Kemp for his fantastic "Auctioneering Skills!"

We received fantastic reports from our travelers about the Southern Charm Trip. Tour Leader Casey Koontz did an outstanding job, and our members truly appreciated it. As all four of our Tour Leaders are in full swing, providing numerous travel opportunities, please remember the dedication and effort it takes to plan, organize, and manage these trips. Show your appreciation by joining trips and inviting friends to join the club.

We're eagerly anticipating our first Club luncheon of the year on May 7 at the MAVFC Reception Hall in Mt. Airy (1008 Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy.) The MAVFC Auxiliary will provide a delicious lunch with fried chicken, ham, and all the trimmings, along with entertainment from Señorita Sunshine, who wowed us a couple of years ago.

As mentioned at the April meeting, our current officers have agreed to continue in their positions for the next year. Additionally, I'm pleased to introduce **Nancy Sutherland** as our new Tour Treasurer, replacing Lois Kemp, effective July 1. Nancy brings valuable experience, a love for adventure, and a strong dedication to community service, making her the perfect fit for our team. Please welcome Nancy in this new role with our club.

Looking ahead, the 2024/2025 Officers will be installed at our June Meeting, so please come out to show your support. We also need volunteers for the Audit Committee and an Audit Committee Chairperson for our annual audit of the Club's financial accounts. I need to hear from you soon, the audit needs to be completed between July and September. This responsibility is an annual event, once and done.

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Don't forget that our Club's annual membership renewal is due on July 1, 2024. Renew your membership and invite friends to join us for the fun. The membership form was in the April newsletter and you can find the membership form on our website www.damascustravelclub.org. Please bring your completed membership paperwork and dues payment to the luncheon or send them to Barbara Walker at the address at the bottom of the form.

Lastly, we still need a few refreshment volunteers for June, September, and November of 2024. If you have not volunteered this year, please let Cheryl Shores know (240-605-6255) or sign up at the May luncheon. Thank you all for your continued support and participation. We look forward to seeing you on May 7 in Mt. Airy!

A QUICK GLANCE AT OUR UPCOMING TRIPS AND LUNCHEON

Details of these trips will be printed in this and upcoming newsletters.
If you have any questions, please call the tour guide listed with each trip.

Helen Aument: 240-793-6820 Rusty Embrey: 301-871-7069

Joanne Kessler: 301-253-0335 Casey Koontz: 301-831-6746

May 7 Spring Luncheon, Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company Reception Hall

May 15 Mystery Trip (*Joanne*)

NEW! June 9 Washington Nationals (*Rusty*)

June 12 Buck County Playhouse, New Hope, PA (*Joanne*)

CANCELED June 18-20 Explore Historic Virginia (*Casey*) (*Checks will be returned*)

July 21 Tootsie Way Off Broadway, Frederick, MD (*Rusty*)

July 16-19 Erie Canal & Niagara Falls (*Joanne*)

July 31 The Sound of Music, Dutch Apple Dinner Theater (*Rusty*)

August 7 Cambridge, Maryland (*Helen*)

August 11-16 Bar Harbor, Maine (*Casey*)

NEW! August 14 Jersey Boys Toby's Dinner Theater (*Rusty*)

August 23 Lake Tobias Wildlife Park and More (*Joanne*)

September 11-20 Ireland (*Joanne*)

September 18 Historic Harpers Ferry, WV (*Helen*)

September 30–October 11 Albuquerque, New Mexico (*Casey*)

Note: Please bring your choice of beverage to keep you hydrated on our bus trips.

We do have cups and limited water if someone needs water for medicine. Thanks.

REMEMBER: All money is non-refundable after the final payment FOR ALL TRIPS. This has always been our policy. However, if you cancel after your final payment and someone wants to take your spot, your money will be returned when/if they have paid in full.

CHECK POLICY: Remember the club will not cash your check until we know the trip is a go. This is in case the trip needs to be cancelled and we would therefore need to return your money. Please note your check could be cashed weeks BEFORE your trip once all seats have been reserved and the venue needs to be paid.

PLEASE send ONE CHECK for each activity. DO NOT COMBINE payments for trips and luncheons.

It makes it too complicated for our treasurers. **PLEASE DO NOT MAIL ANYTHING TO THE AMERICAN LEGION HALL. OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS P.O. BOX 304, DAMASCUS, MD 20872**

JOYS & CONCERNS

- *Happy Birthday* to all our members who were born in May!
- *Happy Anniversary* to couples celebrating their wedding anniversary in May, including 52 years for Claudia and Merhle Dutrow!
- *Get well cards were sent to Claudia Dutrow and to Jeff Monarch (son of Tammy and Rick Monarch), and get well wishes are sent to our Club Treasurer Lois Kemp for a speedy recovery.*
- *Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Lois Purdum and Frank Pumphrey, longtime members.*
If any of the club members have a special birthday or anniversary to report, we would be happy to publish the event. Just send us an email.

If you know of any sunshine joys or concerns, or have a special birthday or anniversary to report, please contact Ann Gray at 301-758-5350 (leave a message if necessary) or email her at anngray1@gmail.com.

NOTE!



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(online and in the April Newsletter)
and join us for another year of fun and travel!**

UPCOMING TRIPS

OUR MYSTERY TRIP

Tour Leader – Joanne Kessler – Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Everyone is looking forward to this special trip. We have a full bus and a wait list, so if you're on the wait list, be ready to go with a last-minute phone call.

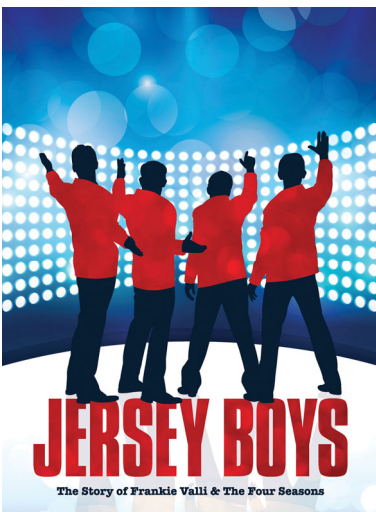
We will leave from Weis Market in Damascus (26075 Ridge Road) at 7 AM and return approximately by 7 PM. Please park on the side of the store parallel to Ridge Road where we will meet the bus. We have an arrangement with store management to leave our cars. Please plan for traffic and arrive 15 minutes early to board the bus. Any questions on the day of the trip call me at 240-454-4742.

NEW TRIP TO CONSIDER

NEW!

JERSEY BOYS

**Toby's Dinner Theater – Columbia, Maryland
Tour Leader – Rusty Embrey – Wednesday, August 14, 2024**



Jersey Boys takes you back to the Seventies and the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Discover the secrets of their 40-year friendship as they work their way to stardom. Yes, they are from New Jersey and they have the look and attitude and the sound like no others, with songs like “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Can’t Take My Eyes Off of You,” “Dawn,” and many more.

We will start off with the best and the largest buffet of all area dinner theatres. **Our price is \$73 which includes show, lunch, tax, and gratuities.** Doors open at 10:30 AM.

We will carpool to the theatre. Driving directions will be in the August Newsletter. **If you have any questions call me at 301-871-7069.** Day of the trip my cell is 202-304-7407. Let me know if you would like to sit at a table on the stage floor instead of the dining tiers. Make a notation on your reservation form. **Full payment and reservation forms are due July 22.**

SEE ADDITIONAL NEW TRIP AT END OF THIS NEWSLETTER: Washington Nationals – June 9

TRIPS TO REVIEW... *Won't you join us?*

NEW HOPE, PA, BUCKS COUNTY PLAYHOUSE “NOISES OFF”

Tour Leader – Joanne Kessler – Wednesday, June 12, 2024

This trip is waiting for you to send in your registration. This is a new location and new theater for us to visit. The Bucks County Playhouse has been in existence for many years. They have presented shows which included celebrities from Broadway over the years. “Noises Off” is a comedy that takes a fond look at the follies of theatre folk whose susceptibility to out-of-control egos, memory loss, affairs, and more turn every performance into a high-risk adventure. Brimming with slapstick comedy, it is a delightful backstage farce.



We will begin with a delicious lunch at the Playhouse Deck, overlooking the Delaware River. Guests might have a chance to mix with Broadway actors and artists who come to work at the playhouse. Enjoy a delicious meal, the view, and the history. New Hope is a scenic small town. Following the show, we will have a walking tour with a leader from New Hope Historical Society and/or shopping time, as time allows. We leave for home at 5 PM.

Price for this trip is \$239 pp. Full payment was due April 30, 2024. This trip has a very short turn around for reservations because the theater itself was slow to settle on its performances and pricing. Sorry for any inconvenience. Price includes motorcoach, lunch, the performance, time in historic New Hope, driver's gratuity and taxes and tips for our meal and tickets. We will leave from Damascus at 7 AM and return at approximately 8:30 PM. **Call me ASAP if you are interested in joining us** and if you have any questions at 301-253-0335. We need some quick responses if we are going to make this trip a “go.” Thank you!

TOOTSIE

Way Off Broadway – Frederick, Maryland

Tour Leader – Rusty Embrey – Sunday, July 21, 2024



TOOTSIE is the hilarious award-winning musical-comedy. Based on an unemployed actor, Michael Dorsey, who has talent but somehow cannot keep a job. Desperate to make his dreams come true, he disguises/creates himself as Dorothy Michaels to get work in a tv soap opera. Dorothy has audiences falling for her/him while Michael is falling for his female co-star. All these complications affect his love life and friends. He becomes a star as Dorothy Michaels!

You will have to join us at Way Off Broadway in Frederick to see how this story is going to work out. Price is \$60 which includes the show, buffet, taxes, and tip (if we have 20 people in our group). Price includes hot tea or iced tea and coffee. Cash bar on your own. There is no bus. We will car pool to Frederick. The doors open at 12:30 PM. Dress code for this theater is no jeans or shorts. Business casual attire is suggested.

Driving directions will be in the July Newsletter. **Reservations and payment must be in by June 15, 2024.** Any questions, please call me 301-871-7069. Day of the trip my cell is 202-304-7407.

ERIE CANAL and NIAGARA FALLS

Tour Leader – Joanne Kessler – July 16-19, 2024



This is quite a unique trip as you begin your adventures in Brockport, New York. Our reservations are coming in slowly for this trip. We need several more travelers to make this trip successful. This charming historic town will be yours to explore as the hotel is steps from the town. Dinner is included. The itinerary for this trip was included in the March newsletter (www.damascustravelclub.org). Please check out this wonderful trip to the north and send in your reservation ASAP.

The Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor extends from Albany, New York to Buffalo. Over 500 miles of interconnected canals, rivers and lakes are open from May to November. Record your visit to the Canalway with special passport cancellation stamps at selected cultural heritage sites.

We will experience 3 hours on the canal from Fairport on Wednesday (with lunch), and 2 hours from Lockport on Thursday, also with lunch included on the Pier. Both days include historic narratives of the canal. On a good day, seating on the top deck will allow you to see SO much of the landscape on either side, plus the locks experience.

This trip is two trips in one when we leave the canal area and go to Niagara Falls, too. You will see the falls up close on the famous Maid of the Mist boat trip, the Niagara Falls Observation Towers, and evening illumination. You will be able to walk from the hotel to the falls.



Our trip includes:

- 3 nights hotel accommodations
- 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners
- 2 different canal boat trips with lunch on the Erie Canal
- Admission to museums and attractions
- Niagara Falls and Maid of the Mist
- All taxes, gratuities, guide tips

We leave from Weis Market in Damascus at 7 AM on July 16 and return at approximately 8:30 PM to Damascus on July 19. Please call me ASAP at 301-253-0335 if you would like to join us. We would love to see this trip become a summer destination.

Cost of Package – \$1,176 pp double / \$1,417 pp single / \$1,097 pp triple / \$1,057 pp quad
Deposit of \$390 pp is due NOW / Final payment due is May 29, 2024

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DORCHESTER AND CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND

Enjoy Maryland's Eastern Shore and learn about Harriet Tubman Tour Leader – Helen Aument – Wednesday, August 7, 2024

Experience Maryland's Eastern Shore's centuries-old tradition of hospitality, served with a heaping side of unparalleled Maryland food and the remarkable stories that come from this area. Everyone loves to hear a story and here is your chance. Most likely you know Harriet Tubman in conjunction with the Underground Railroad. Yet this remarkable woman was so much more. Here you will have the opportunity to hear her story from the time she was a slave, then escaped, but returned to help others. There is SO MUCH more. You will have the finest tour company taking you on this journey and telling the story. Harriet Tubman Tours is the only company specializing in her story.

She was born and enslaved on the Eastern Shore until she was 27 when she escaped to freedom. We begin in Cambridge and travel to the Courthouse (site of Harriet's first rescue) and Long Wharf, where the enslaved were transported by ship.

We also see the "Take My Hand Mural," painted on the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center building. Traveling into Tubman Country, we stop at Stanley Institute, a historic African American one-room schoolhouse and visit the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Visitor Center.

You will see Brodess Farm, her childhood home, and the Bucktown General Store where Tubman was hit by a 2-lb. weight thrown at her head – the storied source of spiritual visions leading to her freedom. Lunch is prepared and will be served at the Harriet Tubman Freedom Museum.

Package Includes:

- Transportation
- Guided tour of Eastern Maryland's Tubman related sites
- All entrance fees
- Lunch
- Taxes and tips on meals and any admissions
- Time in Cambridge

Cost based on 35 participants is \$192 pp. Reservations and payment must be made by June 12, 2024

We leave from Weis Market in Damascus, 26075 Ridge Road, at 7 AM and return approximately at 7 PM.

If you have any questions call me, Helen Aument, at 240-793-6820.



THE SOUND OF MUSIC

**Dutch Apple Dinner Theater – Centerville, Pennsylvania
Tour Leader – Rusty Embrey – Wednesday, July 31, 2024**

The Sound of Music is a favorite musical. Maria is a very high-spirited nun for the religious life and has a hard time adjusting to the rules. Mother Superior dispatches Maria to be a governess to a naval widow, Captain von Trapp, and his seven seemingly unruly children. Captain von Trapp expects her to raise the children by his strict military rules. There are problems and she decides to return to the convent. The children love her and miss her and she has captured the captain's heart too. She returns to his estate, and everyone knows the rest of the story. The family escapes to the mountains of Switzerland on the eve of World War II with a thrilling and inspirational finale. We cannot forget the memorable music "Do-Re-Mi" "My Favorite Things," "Climb Every Mountain," "Sixteen Going on Seventeen," and the beautiful "Edelweiss."

We will be picked up from Weis Market parking lot in Damascus at 9:15 AM and return approximately by 6 PM. Enjoy this all-time favorite show for the price of **\$120 pp** which includes show, buffet, motorcoach, driver's tip, taxes, and tips. **Reservations must be in by July 10, 2024.** If you any questions please call me 301-871-7069. Day of the trip my cell number is 202-304-7407.



LAKE TOBIAS WILDLIFE PARK AND MORE

**With Amish Lunch and Amish Market – Halifax, Pennsylvania
Tour Leader – Joanne Kessler – Friday, August 23, 2024**



This is a great opportunity to explore what Mother Nature provides for us. Certainly the safari ride across the hills to view all the animals (some up close) and the surroundings. We will have some time to tour the zoo exhibits indoors and outdoors until we need to leave. We surely want to be on time for lunch at Mary's Place where we will dine in an Amish home, on the farm, and enjoy a family-style meal. There is no electricity in the kitchen.

After lunch we will travel to the Crossroad Market, that has been in the valley for more than 70 years. It is now managed by the Amish, who are settled into most of the valley farms. August is a great month to take advantage of seasonal produce. They also have a variety of items offered by local residents: cheese, pretzels, bakery items, flowers and more. You might want to bring a small cooler to transport any perishable purchases. I plan to visit the market before this trip. I grew up in the area and went to the market every Friday night.

Price for this trip is \$105 pp. Reservations with full payment due August 10, 2024. If you have any questions, please call me at 301-253-0335.

HISTORIC HARPERS FERRY AND ANTIETAM BATTLEFIELD

Maryland Mysteries Solved

Tour Leader – Helen Aument – Wednesday, September 18, 2024

You will not find this adventure anywhere. You will have the opportunity to experience one of the finest storytellers there ever was and the most sought-after historian of our times. Dennis Frye recently retired from the National Park Service (NPS) at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, where he served for more than three decades, with 20 years as Chief Historian. While with the NPS, Dennis earned the Department of Interior's "Distinguished Service Award," the highest honor of the department.



Dennis Frye has authored 10 books and 101 articles, writing for every major Civil War publication; and he is a tour guide in national demand, leading programs for the Smithsonian, National Geographic, and the New York Times, as well as universities and Civil War organizations around the country. Dennis has made frequent national television appearances as well.

By special arrangement we will have the opportunity to have him share with us the human stories of John Brown at Harpers Ferry. Brown's plan to stir an uprising of slaves ended up failing...or did it? Was he sane or a crazy man? You will hear the facts and see the sites. You will have time to explore the historic town and try some of its well-known food.

History reports the battle at Antietam (Sharpsburg) was indecisive but with the North's claim of winning Lincoln launched the Emancipation Proclamation. The story is not complete, especially now. Antietam's story includes Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and George McClellan. Each of them had unique personalities which influenced every minute of this battle. And historians for years have put their spin on what really happened. Why was Lee there? Why didn't McClellan attack? How did Jackson get back from Harpers Ferry so quickly?

Dinner at the end of the day will be at the Bavarian Inn, in Shepherdstown, WV.

Entrée Choices (Make your choice on the reservation form in this issue.)

- Grilled Chicken Breast in a White Wine Leek Sauce, Whipped Potatoes & Vegetable Medley
- Schweinebraten Pork Loin Scented with Juniper Berries, with Sauerkraut and a Potato Dumpling in a Rosemary White Wine Jus
- Filet Mignon with Peppercorn Brandy Sauce Served with Whipped Potatoes and Vegetable Medley
- Bavarian Inn Crab Cakes Served with Whipped Potatoes and Asparagus Hollandaise

Package includes:

Transportation	Admission to Harpers Ferry
Admission to Antietam	Historian Dennis Frye
Time in historic Harpers Ferry	Dinner at the Bavarian Inn
Tip for historian guide	Tip for driver

Cost based on 35 participants is \$228 pp. **Full payment must be made by July 30, 2024.**

Please send your reservation form and check in now!

RESERVATIONS

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Mail to: Damascus Travel Club * P.O. Box 304 * Damascus, MD 20872**

Bucks County Playhouse – June 12, 2024

Payment of \$239 pp due NOW

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Encl. \$** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y ___ N ___ _____

Erie Canal & Niagara Falls – July 16-19, 2024

Deposit of \$390 pp due NOW / Final payment due May 29, 2024

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Encl. \$** _____

REQUESTED ROOMMATE:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y ___ N ___ _____

Tootsie – Way Off Broadway – July 21, 2024

Payment of \$60 pp due by June 15, 2024

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Encl. \$** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y ___ N ___ _____

The Sound of Music – July 31, 2024

Payment of \$120 pp due by July 10, 2024

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Encl. \$** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y ___ N ___ _____

Cambridge, Maryland – August 7, 2024

Payment of \$192 pp due by June 12, 2024

Name _____ **Phone** _____ **Encl. \$** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ **Phone** _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y ___ N ___ _____

BAR HARBOR, MAINE

Lighthouse, Lobsters & Seaport Village

Tour Leader – Casey Koontz – August 11-16, 2024

This scenic tour of Maine will be an experience for all your senses, including your taste buds. Summer is the peak time for visiting, with breezy days and cool nights, ideal for a late summer get away.

On this trip we plan stops at the beautiful shores of Ogunquit, Portland and Bar Harbor, Maine, as well as Mystic, Connecticut. We'll have lots of seafood to eat and great sights to see on this trip, as well as enjoying the comradery of your fellow travelers.

Check your April newsletter for a detailed itinerary for this trip. The deadline for getting your deposit in is May 7. At this time, we're still looking for additional folks to reserve their spot for this wonderful trip. Please consider joining us to make this trek North during the hot summer months. I promise you won't be disappointed! Contact Casey Koontz (301) 831-6746 or liontonyjames@comcast.net with any questions.



Cost of Package – based on 35 paid reservations

\$2,164 pp double / \$3,044 pp single / \$1,894 pp triple / \$1,794 pp quad
Deposit of \$500 pp due May 7, 2024 / final payment due July 9, 2024

ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA

Tour Leader – Casey Koontz – September 30-October 11, 2024



Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime trip to experience the thrill of the Flight of the Nations Mass Balloon Ascension and witness the magic of the evening Balloon Blow at the “After Glow” Fireworks Show along with tours of Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico, and many stops and activities to and from our destination - Tennessee, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Missouri, and Ohio. A number of folks that have signed up for this trip said they are looking forward to visiting some of the states they'd not been to yet! What a great idea!

In prior newsletters I outlined the extensive list of activities planned for this trip as well as detailed information about all the things planned while in Albuquerque. Due to the length of this trip and limited space in newsletters I realize you've not yet seen the full itinerary. Therefore, on Wednesday, April 3, I emailed all DTC members the detailed itinerary. Please take time to read the email and its attachment to see all the great features this trip has to offer. If you didn't receive my email or have questions, please feel free to contact me. To meet our minimum to make this trip a “go” we are looking for another 16 people to sign up by June 4th. After reviewing the detailed itinerary, won't you please consider joining us on this exciting trip? Don't disappoint your fellow travelers who have already signed up. Send in your reservation today to make this once-in-a-lifetime trip a GO!!

For those of you who have signed up, please remember your 2nd deposit is due by June 4.

Contact Casey Koontz (301) 831-6746 or liontonyjames@comcast.net with any questions.

Cost of Package – based on 45 paid reservations

\$4,221 pp double / \$5,596 pp single / \$3,872 pp triple / \$3,730 pp quad
1st Deposit of \$500 pp was due April 2, 2024 / 2nd Deposit of \$500 pp due June 4, 2024
Final payment is due August 23, 2024

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Bar Harbor – August 11-16, 2024

Deposit of \$500 pp due May 7 / Final payment due July 9, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____ Encl. \$ _____

REQUESTED ROOMMATE:

Name _____ Phone _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Phone _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y___ N___ _____

Jersey Boys – Toby’s Dinner Theater – August 14, 2024

Payment of \$73 pp due by July 22, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____ Encl. \$ _____

DO YOU WISH A SEAT ON THE STAGE FLOOR (NO STEPS)? Y___ N___

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Phone _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y___ N___ _____

Lake Tobias Wildlife Park – August 23, 2024

Payment of \$105 pp due by August 10, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____ Encl. \$ _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Phone _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y___ N___ _____

Historic Harpers Ferry – September 18, 2024

Payment of \$228 pp due by July 30, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____ Encl. \$ _____

MENU CHOICE (CHOOSE ONE): ___ GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST ___ PORK LOIN ___ FILET MIGNON ___ CRAB CAKES

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Phone _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y___ N___ _____

Albuquerque – Sept 30-Oct 11, 2024

1st Deposit of \$500 pp due NOW

2nd Deposit of \$500 pp due June 4 / Final payment due August 23, 2024

Name _____ Phone _____ Encl. \$ _____

REQUESTED ROOMMATE:

Name _____ Phone _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Name _____ Phone _____

ARE YOU A DTC MEMBER Y___ N___ _____

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May 2024



Keep these newsletters for future reference!

SOME TRAVEL NOTES – *Look where we've been!*

SOUTHERN CHARM IN THE SPRINGTIME

Savannah, Georgia / Charleston & Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Tour Leader – Casey Koontz – March 12-18, 2024

What an awesome trip 40 of us had! The weather was perfect and the sights were spectacular. As we traveled South our first stop was the US Army Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, NC, where we experienced hundreds of rare and significant artifacts from the Civil War all the way to present time.

The second day we took a trolley tour of the historic section of Savannah while taking in the moss-covered live oak trees as well as the azaleas in bloom. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner at the oldest standing structure in Georgia. We spent time exploring the historic area and the shops and restaurants along River Street. The group attended a Gullah performance and took wagon rides at Boone Hall, one of the oldest working plantations, and again at the Charleston Tea Plantation where tea is grown and harvested. The group had a nice box lunch outside at Middleton Plantation and then went on a four-part guided tour of the house and gardens. In Charleston we explored the City Market and downtown on our own. Eight of us elected to take a private carriage ride and tour of the historic part of the city. What a treat that was!

Aboard the Spirit Cruise line we enjoyed a great dinner and cruise of the Charleston Harbor. Our stop in Myrtle Beach was enhanced by a tour of some historic sections of the town where we learned about the area from our guide Cathy Strite. That evening we were treated to a seafood buffet dinner at The Original Benjamin's Calabash Seafood followed by attending "Iconic" at the Alabama Theater. The talent there was awesome and said to be comparable to a Broadway show. The following day we headed home with memories of what we learned about the old South, tasting lots of southern cooking and making some new friends along the way.



ADDITIONAL NEW TRIP TO CONSIDER

NEW!

WASHINGTON NATIONALS VS. ATLANTA BRAVES

Tour Leader – Rusty Embrey – Sunday, June 9, 2024

The team is showing great possibilities this year with all the new young guys and few veterans. We should have an exciting game. It is time for us to put on our RED SHIRTS and go to the game and give them our support against a division team, the Atlanta Braves. GO NATS!



We have our same padded Club Seating under cover and on the first base line. This area is open to those who have tickets for club seats only. These seats provide us with little walking, rest room nearby by and food is available and delivery of food to your seat with the Nationals app.

Also, enjoy the museum of all their past trophies: division wins, golden & silver bats, balls, gloves, and the 2019 WORLD SERIES TROPHY.

Rules limit us to a clear plastic purse 16x8 inches or 1 gallon size Ziploc bag or 5x8 inch wallet size purse. You can carry in one unopened bottle of water and food you can carry in one hand. No coolers, no metal or tin containers.

We have a short turn around with this trip. We need your reservations slip in by May 17. The price is \$135 which includes motorcoach, ticket, and driver’s tip. Any questions please call me 301-871-7069. My cell on the day of the trip only is 202-404-7407. The game starts at 1:30 PM. Departure details will be in the June newsletter.

RESERVATION Please remember: SEND ONE CHECK FOR EACH TRIP.

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Washington Nationals Baseball – June 9, 2024

Payment of \$135 pp due by May 17, 2024

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