



# Travel News & Notes

Winter 2012

## TRANSCANADIAN RAILROAD: TORONTO TO VANCOUVER

Thursday-Friday, May 24-June 1, 2012

A trip of a lifetime—across big sky prairies, through breathtaking mountains, down to the Pacific this is the journey the travel magazines talk about! Toronto to Vancouver—the country of Canada not at 35,000 ft., but right outside your window. We travel aboard the beautifully restored 1950's stainless steel art-deco style of *The Canadian*—VIA Rail's premiere Blue & Silver class rail experience. Our transcontinental experience begins as we fly from Cincinnati to Toronto prior to a Thursday evening boarding of *The Canadian*. We depart Toronto traveling through a landscape of rugged and scenic beauty—miles and miles of pines, lakes and giant boulders as we pass through the towns of Sudbury Junction, White River and Sioux Lookout. Passing through Winnipeg and Saskatoon we depart the train mid afternoon in Jasper for an exceptional stay in the Canadian Rockies. The elegant and rustic Jasper Park Lodge is our home for two nights as we tour the Rockies by deluxe motorcoach, visiting the Columbia Icefields and dining in the continental splendor of Chateau Lake Louise. Tuesday afternoon we reboard *The Canadian* traveling through the night to Vancouver. Here we depart for a tour of Stanley Park and other Vancouver sites, before ferrying to Victoria Island. After overnighing at the beautiful Hotel Grand Pacific our deluxe motorcoach tour of Victoria will include the world famous Buchert Gardens and afternoon tea at the Empress Hotel. Having seen the beauty and breadth of Canada we ferry

back to the mainland and board our jet home from Vancouver the following morning.

**TOUR INCLUDES:** Roundtrip airfare (Cincinnati to Toronto/ Vancouver to Cincinnati); VIA Rail Canada excursion *Blue & Silver first class passage*, including private, sleeping rooms and all meals on board; ½ day city tour Winnipeg and Toronto (subject to flight and rail arrival times); 2 nights b/b lodging at Jasper Park Lodge, deluxe motorcoach transfers to and from train; full day sightseeing Jasper to Chateau Lake Louise with lunch included at resort, Columbia Icefields Snowcoach; 2 nights lodging Grand Pacific, Victoria; guided tours in Vancouver including lunch at Stanley Fish House, and Victoria including tea at Empress Hotel, admission to Buchert Gardens and Farewell Group Dinner; hotel taxes and gratuities; roundtrip ferry crossing to/from



Victoria; roundtrip baggage handling of 1 piece of luggage per person. Tour escort and driver gratuities at discretion. **Reservations due JANUARY 31, 2012.**

### TOUR PACKAGE ACCOMMODATIONS:

~**SINGLE BEDROOM:** Private 1 person room w/ comfortable bench seat, vanity, and concealed toilet; at night a snug, private sleeping area (6'5" x 3'7")

**SINGLE occupancy : \$ 4,275**

~**DOUBLE BEDROOM:** By day, a private room for 2 adults w/ armchairs, small closet, vanity and separate toilet; at night converts to upper & lower beds. (7'2" x 4'11")

**DOUBLE occupancy \$ 3,550**

Shower facilities are available in each sleeping car; each car accommodating up to 20 guests. Special toiletry kits are provided.

## WARM GLOW CANDLE CO. & VERA BRADLEY FACTORY OUTLET SALE—Ft. Wayne, IN

Tuesday-Wednesday, April 10-11

An early afternoon departure aboard our deluxe motorcoach transports us to the rural Indiana town of Centerville, the home of WARM GLOW CANDLE CORPORATION. This family run business started in 1995 in the couples basement with the goal they still hold today of creating fragrant, slow and clean burning candles with an appealing value. Today over 5,000 candles can be hand produced in one day. We visit the outlet for these beautiful décor additions. We then head to one of our favorite tucked away dining destinations THE BACK FORTY JUNCTION for an all you can eat, country cooking buffet before moving onto Ft. Wayne, Indiana and our overnight accommodations at the Hampton Inn. The next morning bright and early we head to the Ft. Wayne Coliseum annual home to the fabulous, quilted designs of world famous VERA BRADLEY OUTLET SALE. This annual **40-70% off sale** offers a wide variety of Vera Bradley products from elegant accessories, purses, luggage and even home goods both current and retired patterns. An added bonus is our at-

tendance *benefits breast cancer research* in that a percentage of sales on specialty items goes to the Vera Bradley Foundation. A yummy country cooking dinner, the warm comfortable accommodation of our friends at the Hampton Inn, coupled with this unique sales event will make *this tour a fast sell-out*. Gather your shopping lists for Mother's Day, graduations and even early Christmas shopping now and plan to join us for this unique annual event. *And even better the tour price is the same as 2011—no increase!* GROUPS WELCOME so gather your card clubs and church groups to come along.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** All *inclusive* (except outlet purchases) includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, overnight accommodations, breakfast & dinner, taxes & gratuities, timed/ ticketed admission to Vera Bradley sale event. Reservations due March 1.

**COST: \$ 195 per person**

**DOUBLE occupancy**

**\$ 245 per person**

**SINGLE occupancy**

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## BROADWAY SERIES AT THE ARONOFF



If you are interested in details for any of the following plays, or in adding your name to our special advance Aronoff Broadway series mailing list for updates on the new season please give us a call at 513-232-5487.

**Billy Elliot—West Side Story—Mama Mia—Le Miserables**

### SPRING MEET AT KEENELAND

Friday, April 27

It's back!

We're pleased to once again



offer the excitement of Keeneland's Spring meet. Our deluxe motorcoach spirits us to this center of world-class thoroughbred racing to enjoy the elegant accommodations afforded our guests in Keeneland's LEXINGTON ROOM. Overlooking this world famous racing course we enjoy a sumptuous luncheon buffet while perusing our racing programs. We'll place our bets at the Lexington Room's convenient mutual windows in time for the 1:00 PM post time. Just steps away we watch the action from the VIP balcony, or via the in-room monitors. Come enjoy the poetry of the world's finest horses framed by the pastoral elegance of a Kentucky Spring

**TOUR PACKAGE: All inclusive** includes deluxe motorcoach transportation; admission to Keeneland's Lexington room; luncheon buffet; program; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due March 10.

**COST: \$ 85 per person**

*'Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.'*

*Author unknown*

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## DERBY DINNER THEATRE:

### 'BOEING/ BOEING'

Wednesday, February 15

This hilarious romantic comedy tells of three beautiful flight attendants on a two day layover in Paris each ready to celebrate the City of Lights with their fiancée—until they realize they are engaged to the same guy! The Romeo's challenge of balancing three lovely ladies, a bedraggled walk in accountant and the all knowing maid unfolds with chaos, mayhem and matchmaking. Coupled as always with the delicious, down home cooking of Derby Dinner Theatre's luscious buffet this is a great Valentine celebration get away we hope you'll share.

**TOUR PACKAGE: All inclusive** includes deluxe motorcoach transportation; country buffet luncheon & dessert; matinee performance; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due JANUARY 20.

**COST: \$ 80 per person**

### 'HAPPY DAYS: THE MUSICAL'

Wednesday, May 9

A new, feel good musical with the energy and nostalgia of the award winning TV show as the Cunningham's and the Fonz invite you to an unforgettable, foot tappin' afternoon of great music and good fun. Goodbye gray skies—hello blue! The entire Happy Days gang is coming to the Derby Dinner stage—so get out those saddle shoes and circle skirts for the juke box musical of all time. Coupled as always with the delicious, down home cooking of Derby Dinner Theatre's luscious buffet don't miss this fun, theatric Spring fling

**TOUR PACKAGE: All inclusive** includes deluxe motorcoach transportation; country buffet luncheon & dessert; matinee performance; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due March 31 .

**COST: \$ 80 per person**

## STREAM CLIFF HERB FARM & WINERY

Friday, May 18

Due to the popularity of past tours we are returning to this jewel in Southern Indiana. Traveling via deluxe motorcoach we arrive at Streamcliff. Featured in *Garden Ideas & Outdoor Gardening* this historic area is dedicated to the loving care and relaxation gardening brings. Their intimate gardens are done in quilt designs to commemorate the owner's grandmother and her love of quilting and gardening, including Grandmother's Fan Garden, Crucifix Garden, Log Cabin Quilt Garden, and Bridal Garden among others. Our friend Betty Manning will share a bit of poetry and gardening tips, followed by each guest designing their own herb garden to bring home. We'll enjoy a light lunch in Stream Cliff's tea room, have time to explore the unique and creative small shops and even enjoy a sip or two of their most recent attrac-



tion, The Winery at Streamcliff—all combining to make a very popular destination.

**TOUR INCLUDES: All inclusive** including deluxe motorcoach transportation; tea room luncheon; lecture and craft project materials; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due April 12.

**COST: \$ 80 per person**

### Passport/ U.S. Passport Card Update per U.S. State Department website, January, 2009:

As of January 30, 2009 ALL persons traveling by **AIR, GROUND, OR SEA** between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Central & South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda are required to present a valid passport.

## **AUGUSTA, KY: ROSEMARY CLOONEY MUSEUM, LAVENDER HILLS and ASBURY MEADOWS GARDENS & TEA**

*Thursday, June 21*

A scenic drive to Augusta and the ROSEMARY CLOONEY MUSEUM opened by former Lt. Governor Stephen Henry and his wife Heather Renee French Henry, 2000 Miss America, in Rosemary's former Kentucky home starts this nostalgic day tour. The museum includes material from the Clooney family (including nephew and heart throb George) plus a room of Heather's gowns and collections from her reign as Miss America. After lunch at the historic Parkview County Inn we'll enjoy a presentation from the owners of LAVENDER HILLS FARM about the growing and uses of this aromatic and soothing plant; then a brief, guided driving tour of Augusta narrated by one of its most prominent historians. Afterward we make the short drive on to the Victorian elegance of ASBURY MEADOWS B&B for a house tour, light ENGLISH TEA, and time to tour their amazing gardens including; a rabbit garden (home to silky, Flemish bunnies), a Kentucky shade garden and country kitchen garden. Martha will also have a chat to us regarding the development of their newest garden—a Biblical garden.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** All inclusive including deluxe motorcoach transportation; all meals and attractions listed above; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due May 10.

**COST:** \$ 85 per person

## **HOOSIER HERITAGE: NEW HARMONY/ World Premiere LINCOLN THEATRE OUTDOOR DRAMA & CORYDON, IN.**

*Wednesday—Thursday, June 27-28*



A new adventure of history and southern Indiana highlights beginning with the award winning historic village of NEW HARMONY. Our guided tour goes in depth into the two groups who occupied this idyllic riverside town before lunch at the lovely RED GERANIUM INN. We then head to Spenser County and the boyhood haunt of one of America's most beloved presidents. *New this season* and written by Northern Kentucky University's own playwright Ken Jones this world premiere musical 'A. LINCOLN: A PIONEER TALE' is based on Lincoln's boyhood years here in Indiana After overnighing nearby at the Comfort Inn and Suites we head back toward home, first with a stop and guided tour of INDIANA'S 1st STATE CAPITOL CORYDON. Historic homes and the capitol frame this nostalgic town square complete with not one, but two old fashioned soda fountains. Spoiling ourselves with a summertime treat we finally head back to the Queen City.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** All inclusive including deluxe motorcoach transportation; overnight accommodations; all meals; admission to all attractions and guided tours; VIP seating at the Lincoln amphitheatre for evening performance; portorage of 1 bag; taxes and gratuities.

**TOUR COST:** \$ 240 per person DOUBLE occupancy  
\$ 290 per person SINGLE occupancy

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual STRATFORD THEATRE FESTIVAL, ONTARIO**

*Wednesday—Sunday, August 1-5*

If you've shared Stratford with us before and missed recent trips now is the time to come back. From the timeless plays of Shakespeare and other classics the Stratford Festival offers a matchless variety of entertainment. After overnighing enroute to Canada with our friends at the Livonia Embassy Suites we head onto Stratford where we share performances of the romantic chaos of Thornton Wilder's *THE MATCHMAKER* (later the hit musical 'Hello Dolly') and Gilbert & Sullivan's comic operetta *PIRATES OF PENZANCE*, the zany story of an indentured pirate and the lovely Mabel Stanley. Rounding out our theatre line-up is one of Shakespeare's most popular comedies *MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING* and a once in a lifetime opportunity—the incomparable Christopher Plummer's one man, limited performance of *A WORD OR TWO*, a deeply personal work focused on his love of literature and the way it has shaped his life. Lots of laughs and romance mark this season's offerings, all of which are chosen to delight! We have of course included a tour highlight of a private, post show discussion with actors from one of our plays. Saturday

morning we head out for what has become a guest favorite—an excursion to the home of the best apple fritters anywhere and largest selection of crafts, produce, flowers and vendors in the area—the ST. JACOBS FARMER'S MARKET. And with the return to a summer date you will again have the chance to explore the vast array of optional entertainment available through the STRATFORD SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL schedule to round out your holiday. Our accommodations in Stratford will again be with our friends at the deluxe Arden Park Hotel. All theatre tickets are promised A+ Orchestra seating.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** Includes deluxe motorcoach transportation; all overnight accommodations; all plays and tours listed above (Orchestra A+ seating); 6 meals; baggage handling of 1 piece of luggage; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due June 30.

**TOUR COST:**

\$ 985 per person DOUBLE OCCUPANCY  
\$ 1,275 per person SINGLE OCCUPANCY



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## SAN ANTONIO & AUSTIN, TEXAS

Sunday-Friday,  
August 26-31



Few states in the U.S. have such a unique identity to be known the world over by the mere mention of its cities. Our newest itinerary provides a fabulous view into this historically rich and culturally diverse heart of the Lone Star State. Flying via Continental Airlines we arrive in San Antonio and begin with a guided tour of this historic city, including the world famous ALAMO and nearby IMAX presentation of *Alamo: The Price of Freedom* and the LA VILLITA historic district. We'll share a tour of one of the cities three AIR FORCE BASES, with time allotted for wandering the incredible array of shops and restaurants of San Antonio's Riverwalk—just outside the front door of our hotel. We'll explore the INSTITUTE OF TEXAS CULTURE and share a leisurely, narrated CRUISE ON THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER. Rounding out our time in the San Antonio area is our guided tour of the cool and inviting NATURAL BRIDGE CAVERNS, Texas' largest and one of the world's premier show caves. Then we head a bit east to the capitol of the Lone Star state, Austin. This urban area in a countrified area has incredible diversity while insisting you reset your internal clock to 'mosey'. Here we'll visit the LYNDON B. JOHNSON PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY, one of only 13 presidential libraries in the U.S.; share a guided tour of the STATE CAPITOL and the incredible Bob Bullock TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM, including the IMAX presentation of *The Story of Texas*. As Austin prides itself on being "the live music capitol" we'll share an evening of some of the best music Texas has to offer. Meals will include indulging in Texas BBQ and Tex Mex cuisine as well as other gastronomic delights. Accommodation in both cities will be the upscale Drury Inn & Suites.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** Includes roundtrip airfare; deluxe motorcoach ground transportation; all overnight accommodations; guided tours and admissions to all attractions listed above; 8 meals; taxes and gratuities; portage of 1 piece of luggage.

**TOUR COST:**

**\$ 1,480 per person DOUBLE occupancy**  
**\$ 1,690 per person SINGLE occupancy**

## IRELAND: COMING HOME

Friday-Wednesday, September 7-19



We dare you to find these hidden gems included on any other itinerary! Whether a first time visitor or returning friend make this the year to head 'home' to Ireland. Attractions include: the award winning BLASKET ISLAND CENTRE; the 1300 year old GALLARUS ORATORY on the furthest reaches of the Dingle Peninsula; the FOYNES FLYING BOAT MUSEUM celebrating the 1<sup>st</sup> transatlantic commercial flights and the creator of that world wide phenomena that is Irish coffee; the new visitor centre at the poignant DUNBROADY FAMINE SHIP; ANDREW JACKSON ANCESTRAL HOME, leisurely RIVER CRUISE ON LOUGH CORRIB, NEWBRIDGE SILVER FASHION ICON MUSEUM, and a docent guided tour of the capitol city Dublin's NATIONAL MUSEUM and the elegant DUBLIN CASTLE. These new attractions blend seamlessly with Ireland classic favorites of: ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, BLARNEY CASTLE, CLIFFS OF MOHR and the home of the only colored crystal made in Ireland CELTIC CRYSTAL along with a jaunt to the wild and wonderful ARAN ISLANDS. We'll take a run up to Northern Ireland's historic BELFAST with our guided tour there including: the government centre of STORMONT, the ship building yard of the tragic TITANIC and the nation's pride QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY. Back in the Republic we have included a high tea to the elegant ASHFORD CASTLE and an overnight with our friends at the elegant CABRA CASTLE. Overnight accommodations include the convenience of city centre locations; intimate family run boutique hotels; and our favorite the Sandhouse along the wild swept vistas of the North Atlantic. Come visit the Emerald Isle with *the only certified Tourism Ireland travel specialist in the Tri State*—we can't wait to share this unique and insightful itinerary of our favorite island paradise.

**TOURLAND PACKAGE:** Includes all ground transfers and deluxe motorcoach ground transportation in Ireland; services of Board Failte Blue Book certified Irish driver/ guide and MKL tour escort; all accommodations as indicated above or at like properties in twin bedded ensuite rooms; 15 meals; portage of 1 piece of luggage in Ireland; all local taxes and gratuities; admissions as indicated on itinerary; Ireland map and markers; MKL deluxe flight bag. Group airfare quotes and booking available upon request. Hotels subject to change to like properties dependent on availability. Reservations due May 31.

**COST: \$ 2,685 per person DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

**\$ 680 per person SINGLE supplement**

**\*\*Note: no increase in tour package from 2011.**

## MACKINAW ISLAND: THE GRAND HOTEL

Sunday—Wednesday, September 23-26

After our incredibly successful return in 2010 the only comment we received was "When can we come back!" So in celebration of summers end our deluxe motorcoach travels north to one of the country's finest historic inns and our home for the next *three* evenings. According to Native American tradition Mackinac Island is a sacred place, home to the Great Spirit Gitchie Manitou. By virtue of its location in the center of the Great Lakes waterway this little island became a tribal gathering place where offerings were made to the spirits and chieftains were laid to rest. Arriving in Mackinaw City we board the ferry delivering us to the famous island of no autos—home to the clip clop of horses' hooves. Our horse drawn taxis carry us to perhaps one of the most picturesque verandahs in the world—the 660 foot, geranium bedecked front porch of the GRAND HOTEL. Built in 1887 this historic landmark has played host to five U.S. Presidents and now awaits your arrival. Amid the cool crisp autumn days we'll enjoy a narrated, horse drawn wagon ISLAND TOUR with plenty of time for your own exploration of the Island, including the famous fort, lovely homes, shops and gardens. Included in your stay at the Grand will be three full breakfasts and gourmet dinners at the Grand Hotel. We have added a special *MKL tour exclusive*: a private chartered BOAT TRIP around the island to FOUR HISTORIC ISLAND LIGHTHOUSES—including admission into one—and a narrated guide on board to enlighten us from waters edge of the marvel that is the Mackinaw Bridge. A first class experience and well worth a visit—either first time or return.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** Includes deluxe motorcoach transportation; 3 nights accommodations at Grand Hotel; 7 meals (including 3 breakfast & 3 dinners at hotel); round trip ferry crossing; round trip ground transportation to/ from ferry dock to hotel; lighthouse and bridge waterway tour; roundtrip portage of 1 bag; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due June 30.

**COST: \$ 1,035 per person DOUBLE occupancy**

**\$ 1,355 per person SINGLE occupancy**

**\$ 960 per person TRIPLE occupancy**



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**HOLIDAY'S INDY STYLE:**  
**HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

*Friday, December 13*

Join us for this new edition to our holiday tour line up!

NEW  
ITINERARY

With the city centre's Monument Circle turned into 'the world's largest Christmas tree' you know this is a city that knows how to celebrate. We'll begin our visit with a guided tour of the elegant holiday décor of OLDENFIELD, the striking former home of the J.K Lilly Jr. family. Decked out with ribbons, wreaths and garland reminiscent of the 1930's this is a nostalgic look to classic Christmas' past. Then a culinary delight with lunch at the adjacent Indianapolis Museum of Art before heading into the heart of the Circle City and a matinee performance of the INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONY'S YULE-TIDE CELEBRATION held in the historic Hilbert Circle Theatre. As we leave the theatre over 60,000 lights adorn the Circle city's Soldiers & Sailors Monument across the street and after a last awe inspired look we'll head home through the December dusk.

**TOUR INCLUDES:** *All inclusive* including deluxe motorcoach transportation; admission to all attractions listed above; gourmet luncheon buffet; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due October 15.

**TOUR COST: \$ 85 per person**



*'Worrying does not take away tomorrows troubles—it takes away today's peace'.  
Author unknown*

**HUNTER HONEY FARM & HOOSIER HIGHLIGHTS**

*Tuesday-Wednesday, October 23-24*

A brand new itinerary to our favorite state offers an autumn get away you'll love. First we visit the heart of Brown County with lunch at the home of fried biscuits and apple butter the Nashville House. Then we head onto nearby Bloomington and our guided tour of the TIBETIAN CULTURE CENTRE and a late afternoon stop at the beautiful OLIVER WINERY. Our day ends in the rustic woodlands of Indiana's first state park and the CANYON INN at MCCORMICK'S CREEK. After a yummy buffet dinner we're entertained by the park naturalist and maybe a little down home entertainment. The next day after breakfast at the inn we head to HUNTER HONEY FARM where this 4<sup>th</sup> generation of bee keepers have been producing honey products for over 100 years. The Hunters will share with us what goes into beekeeping *and* before departing we'll make our own beeswax candle to bring home. Lovely fall foliage dances overhead as we travel through south central Indiana before heading back to the Queen City.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** *All inclusive* including deluxe motorcoach transportation; all meals; overnight accommodations; admissions to all attractions; baggage handling of 1 piece of luggage; taxes and gratuities.

**TOUR COST:** \$ 245 per person **DOUBLE** occupancy  
\$ 285 per person **SINGLE** occupancy

**REPUBLIC NEWS PRINTING CENTER & NASHVILLE, IN**

*Wednesday, September 19*

We head west to Columbus Indiana and the 41,000 square foot facility home to Johnson County's *Daily Journal*, Nashville's *the Brown County Democrat* and Columbus' hometown paper *The Republic*. Our guided tour shares the process behind printing these as well as other weekly and monthly publications. Traveling on through Gnaw Bone we arrive in Nashville for a fabulous lunch at the NASHVILLE HOUSE famous for their fried biscuits and apple butter among other tasty delights. After lunch we'll have a chance to walk off those calories with some shopping time in the artist colony and craft town of Nashville, before heading back home to the Queen City. A perfect get away for viewing fall's finest scenery—don't miss out.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** *All inclusive*, including deluxe motorcoach transportation; lunch at Nashville House; guided tour of Republic Printing; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due July 31

**COST: \$80 per person**

**CHRISTMAS AT COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**

*Monday-Friday, December 3-7*

Since the first organized Christmas celebration drew visitors in 1936 nothing matches the excitement, sights, smells, sounds and grandeur of the Christmas season in Colonial Williamsburg. We'll travel aboard our deluxe motorcoach through the hills of West Virginia to Beckley where we enjoy the crafts and shopping along with a bite of lunch at the TAMARACK Arts & Crafts Center before traveling onto Charlottesville, VA. We begin the next morning with a tour of our 5th President James Monroe's home ASH LAWN HIGHLAND. Just a stones throw down the road we lunch at another historic landmark and home to the most incredible fried chicken, country cooked green beans and stewed tomatoes you'll ever eat—the 200 year old MICHIE TAVERN. Then onto Colonial Williamsburg with a bit of time to settle in and later enjoy a wonderful dinner at the historic CHRISTIANA CAMPBELL'S said to be a favorite of George Washington. The evening is yours to enjoy your choice of the historic district's holiday activities. Next morning our guides welcome us with a morning ORIENTATION TOUR OF COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG, followed by an afternoon spent exploring the sites and history of the exquisite village. Our fourth morning we travel to nearby JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT and YORKTOWN VICTORY CENTER with docent guided tours at both venues. After a brief r&r back in Colonial Williamsburg we're off to our farewell dinner. In addition to the meals mentioned above we'll dine at Colonial Williamsburg's KING'S ARMS TAVERN with continental breakfast each morning at our hotels. Our overnight accommodation in the heart of Colonial Williamsburg will be the Woodland Inn.

**TOUR PACKAGE:** Deluxe motorcoach transportation; admissions to all attractions listed above; on-site guide services as indicated; 4 nights lodging; 9 meals; baggage handling; taxes and gratuities. Reservations due July 31.

**COST:** \$ 850 per person **DOUBLE** occupancy  
\$ 920 per person **SINGLE** occupancy

## CHRISTMAS AT BILTMORE ESTATE

Wednesday-Friday, December 11-13

Christmas at Biltmore Estate is guaranteed to delight and astound. Over a century ago the Vanderbilts chose the Christmas holidays to first open their home to their friends and we hope to share that same experience with you. The home is festooned with elaborate floral and natural arrangements, beautiful glass blown ornaments while the aromas of the season emanate from the lower floor's kitchens. First we explore the home in a specially arranged BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR, followed by a fabulous holiday luncheon buffet at the estate's DEER PARK RESTAURANT. Then off to the estate's BILTMORE WINERY for just a taste of the grape. We'll explore one of the newest areas on the estate, the 1890's country life and mercantile store found at RIVER BEND FARM. Back to our hotel for a brief R&R when we don our glittery Christmas sweaters and finery

before returning to the elegance that is CANDLELIGHT AT BILTMORE. The estate is transformed by the glow of fireplaces and candles, our approach lighted with the flutter of luminaries. Musicians playing chamber music in the library and choirs singing in the Conservatory—these are the memories Biltmore leaves with her holiday guests. The next day we explore a vastly different historic home and excellent represen-



tation of a Victorian Christmas the SMITH MCDOWELL HOUSE. Enroute to Asheville we enjoy lunch at the historic BOONE TAVERN in Berea, KY and while in Asheville a pre-Candlelight dinner at the incomparable GROVE PARK INN—home to the Food Network's national gingerbread competition. A beautiful way to enjoy the holiday season!

**TOUR PACKAGE:** Includes deluxe motorcoach transportation; overnight accommodations; all admissions and tour fees; baggage handling of 1 piece of luggage; taxes and gratuities; and 6 meals. Reservations due July 31.

**COST: \$ 490 per person**

**DOUBLE occupancy**

**\$ 575 per person**

**SINGLE occupancy**

*Note: No price increase from 2010*

## VIKING RIVER CRUISE: AMSTERDAM/ GERMANY/ FRANCE/ SWITZERLAND

8 day cruise/ AUGUST, 2013

We wanted to get it just right—moving from larger, ocean going vessels to the intimacy of river cruising and we think you'll agree we have. In 2013 we'll begin offering an annual selection from the award winning VIKING RIVER CRUISES beginning with an extraordinary 8 day cruise—AMSTERDAM to BASEL. Four countries with six guided tours—and you only unpack once! With 175 years experience in river cruising and the largest fleet of river barges in the business it's no wonder this is the most awarded river cruise line in the business. Benefits of river cruising are impressive including:

- **All inclusive** cruise package including: cruise, all meals, daily shore excursions, lectures and entertainment
- Safe, smooth waterways often with city centre docking begin your exploration right away by just stepping off the ship
- **UNPACK ONLY ONCE!** No moving from planes to trains to hotels—you're home each

night

- Protection from fluctuating currency exchanges offered by purchasing such an all inclusive cruise package—no surprises
- Ports of call available only to smaller vessels offer an in depth exposure to a country and region
- Complimentary wine on board with lunch and dinner
- Average per sailing of only 150 guests staffed by your gold standard, English speaking crew

**TOUR PACKAGE INCLUDES:** 8 day cruise w/river view stateroom with either a veranda or picture window; 6 guided tours w/ audio headsets; all meals including Welcome Dinner & Captain's Farewell dinner; complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner; visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage sites; culture curriculum with classical music performance and lectures; all port charges

- **CITIES INCLUDED:** Amsterdam; Kinderdijk; Cologne; Koblenz

(Marksburg Castle); Rudesheim; Heidelberg; Speyer; Strasbourg; Breisach and Basil.

- **COUNTRIES VISITED:** The Netherlands, Germany, France, Switzerland

**TOUR CRUISE COST:** For reservations made before March 1, 2012 enjoy **2 for 1 EARLY DISCOUNT pricing—beginning as low as \$ 2,275 per person with up to 2 for 1 roundtrip airfare offered as well.**

*For complete pricing and detailed cruise itinerary please contact MKL Tours at 513-232-5487 or [mkl tours.com](http://mkl tours.com).*

**If you would like to be included in our 'Rock the Boat' introduction to river cruising event with our Viking River Cruise representative, Mr. Eric Molina, please give us a call at 513-232-5487, or drop us an email to: [mkl tours@fuse.net](mailto:mkl tours@fuse.net). Note: Event location & time to be announced; event will be by invitation only to MKL Tour guests interested.**





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### **WILMINGTON FOOD PANTRY PET PROJECT UPDATE**

Again this year on all motorcoach tours departing from Cincinnati we have asked guests bring along pet food when checking in, which we have transported to the Wilmington Friends Food Pantry. In this our 2<sup>nd</sup> year we're delighted to report:

<b>2010</b>	<b>845 pounds donated</b>
<b>2011</b>	<b>1,053 pounds donated</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	
<b>1,898 POUNDS DONATED!!</b>	

Many thanks for your loving hearts.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU:** If your church, AARP group or club is in need of a speaker we would love to help out! Especially proud of our presentations on Ireland and St. Patrick's Day we welcome the chance the 'chat it up a bit' and hope you'll think of us when program chairs are in need of a recommendation.

### **MAILING LIST MASSACRE**

It was a massacre of our own doing but with postal and printing increases we just did the largest 'purge' of our mailing list in our company's history . .for the first time actually deleting folks who have traveled with us! If we haven't heard from a guest in the last 4 years they have now been deleted. We had to assume we no longer had a current address or they are no longer interested in travel, **BUT** if you know of anyone who did not receive this mailing, and would still like to be part of the list **PLEASE** have them contact Janet right away to be readded.

### **INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:**

**TRANSCANADIAN RAILROAD  
VERA BRADLEY OUTLET SALE  
DERBY DINNER THEATRE  
SPRING MEET AT KEENELAND  
ABE LINCOLN OUTDOOR DRAMA  
HUNTER HONEY FARM  
IRELAND: COMING HOME AGAIN  
MACKINAW'S GRAND HOTEL  
STREAM CLIFF FARM  
REPUBLIC PRINTING COMPANY  
CHRISTMAS AT BILTMORE  
CHRISTMAS AT COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG**