

SUMMER 2022

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▶ **Starting at \$5,755***
for Interior Cabin

Pricing is Per Person in Double Occupancy

*Does not include optional travel insurance.



TRIP

Spotlight

Hawaiian Cruise

Plus a 2 Night Pre-Cruise Package in Honolulu

January 25 - February 5, 2023



Set your watches to island time for this 7-night Hawaii cruise with pre-and post-cruise packages in Honolulu, Oahu! Jagged mountain tops, deep azure seas, swaying palm trees and the easy-going nature of the friendly Hawaiian people are just some of the many treasures waiting for us on this wonderful trip to Hawaii!

You will spend seven nights aboard Norwegian Cruise Line's *Pride of America Aloha!* Discover cascading waterfalls, active volcanoes, black, green and white sand beaches, historic sites and unspoiled nature at five incredible ports. We dock overnight in Maui and Kauai, giving you the opportunity to experience evening activities and morning sunrises unlike any you've seen before.

After our pre-night at the Drury Inn in St. Louis and our flight to Honolulu, our Hawaii vacation begins with a two-night stay in **ocean view rooms** at the **Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort** in Honolulu, Oahu. We'll take a **sightseeing tour of the East side of Oahu** including Diamond Head, Halon Point/blow Hole, and the Pali Lookouts. We'll also drive through the hallowed grounds of the National Cemetery of the Pacific Punchbowl Crater. You will get a glimpse into U.S. history with a visit to **Pearl Harbor and the Arizona Memorial** before boarding Norwegian Cruise Lines' lovely *Pride of America* to begin a seven-night sailing through paradise. Unpack your bags and let the four major Hawaiian Islands come to you!

Trip Includes:



- ▶ Round Trip Airport Transfers
- ▶ Round Trip Airfare from St. Louis
- ▶ Pre-Night at the Drury Inn - St. Louis Airport
- ▶ Pre- and Post-Cruise Package in Honolulu
- ▶ 7 Night Cruise in Selected Accommodations
- ▶ All Meals and Entertainment on the Ship
- ▶ Baggage Handling
- ▶ All Tour Related Taxes & Gratuities
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Mary Ann Gelven
Advantage Club Director

Travel Made Easy

The Advantage Club makes travel planning easy for you! Look at what you can choose from in 2023!

In January you can set your watches to island time on a **7-Night Hawaiian Cruise** with pre-and post-cruise packages in Honolulu, Oahu! Escape the Missouri winter and enjoy deep azure seas, swaying palm trees and the easy-going nature of the

friendly Hawaiian people. These are just some of the many treasures waiting for you on this wonderful trip to Hawaii!

In June we're headed to **Mackinac Island**. June is the best time to visit the island as thousands of beautiful and fragrant lilacs dresses the island in a debonair shade of purple. Mackinac Island is known for its pristine beauty, cool, low-humidity summers, automobile-free streets, horse-drawn carriages, bicycles and fudge stores! Lodging and dining at the quintessential luxury resort, the Grand Hotel, with its famous front porch, will be a treat you won't ever forget.

In August, we'll tour the **Canadian Maritimes**. By definition, Maritime means "connected to the sea," and this is very true of the three provinces you will explore – New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. We'll visit "Anne's Lane" on Prince Edward Island, where millions of readers from around the world come to know and love Anne of Green Gables. One of the highlights of the tour is The Hopewell Rocks, in the Bay of Fundy with the highest tides in the world. You will love the people, history, hospitality, and food on this unforgettable tour.

John Denver sang about it. "**Almost Heaven, West Virginia**, Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River...to the place I belong, West Virginia...take me home country roads." Join us as we explore one of the most beautiful places to be during the fall season as the Appalachian and Allegheny Mountain Ranges burst with color! We will visit the newest National Park in the United States, the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve and stay at the historic Greenbrier Resort for two nights.

In December you can join your Advantage Club friends as we embrace the **Christmas Spirit in Colonial Williamsburg!** Tour plantations and mansions that are decorated as they

might have been hundreds of years ago right down to the elegantly dressed dining room table! Enjoy Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration complete with hot chocolate and fresh-baked cookies. There is no better way to get into the spirit of the season than a Williamsburg Christmas!

Why not join your Advantage Club friends on one of these wonderful trips in 2023? The Advantage Club makes traveling easy and strives to give you an unforgettable vacation. If you have any questions or comments, I would love to hear from you. My contact information is magelven@legendsbk.com or 573-417-0276.



John A. Klebba
Chairman of the Board

Our Rural Home

It was fall of 1979, over 40 years ago, when I entered Notre Dame Law School. In the first few months a group of about 11 of us developed a friendship that has lasted to this day. We continue to enjoy each other's company and try, with varying levels of success, to get together annually.

In late April this year I hosted about three quarters of the group at our family farm on the Gasconade River near Belle. They came from cities scattered across the country and none had been to rural Missouri before. For most, it was almost like traveling to a foreign country and they admitted they had no idea of what to expect.

By departure time three days later, they were universal in their admiration of rural Osage County. What we live with daily, and often take for granted, was wondrous to sixty some year-old professionals who rarely venture very far outside their urban homes. Their perspective reminded me of how blessed we are to be able to live and work in central Missouri. Having lived in various cities before moving back to Linn some 31 years ago, it is certainly my opinion that the relative simplicity of our rural lives, while certainly not a perfect existence, is a much better alternative than life in urban America.

And so, while it may seem strange to write about the comforts of home in a newsletter devoted to our travel club, I think we sometimes need to be reminded to pause our daily routines and reflect on those familiar things we too frequently take for granted. Doing so will help make both your trips with Mary Ann, and your return home from them, even better.



CLUES:

1. A famous Missourian was born in this town.
2. City was laid out in 1887 and named after the wife of a railroad man.
3. The second town we visit was laid out in 1836 by an English immigrant who was also a Methodist minister.

September 14, 2022



You will have an exciting day...somewhere...and fun before the trip trying to determine the destination. You'll get clues for our destination at the Lunch and Learns, and in The Advantage Club newsletter. Enjoy the day away, and do some exploring with your Advantage Club friends!

▶ **\$90/person Lunch Included (Sign up by August 15)**

Rivers and Rails of Texas

October 16-23, 2022



Experience the excitement of Texas from both river and rail while enjoying the history of San Antonio, the beauty of the Piney Woods and rustic cowboy culture of Fort Worth.

In San Antonio you will visit the Mission San Jose, shop at El Mercado (an authentic Mexican Marketplace), the Alamo, and cruise on the Paseo del Rio. We will travel through the Hill Country's rolling landscape to the 40,000-acre Y.O. Ranch where you will see up to 55 different species of exotic wildlife roaming the ranch. Your first rail travel is through the heart of Texas to Austin aboard Amtrak's Texas Eagle. Here you will visit the Texas Military Forces Museum and take a sight-seeing tour by land and water on the Austin "Duck". In Waco, Texas you will visit the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and shop at Magnolia Market at the Silos, where the spirit of Chip and Joanna Gaines is alive in the gardens and shops. Your next rail trip is through the Piney Woods, on the historic Texas State Railroad, in exclusive Dome Cars with Champagne and appetizers. In Fort Worth you will ride the rails in restored Victorian coaches on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad where you will follow the old Cotton Belt Route from Grapevine to the historic Fort Worth Stockyards. At the Stockyards you will see the daily cattle drive where the "drovers" bring their herd of Texas Longhorns through town. Our final night of entertainment is an interactive murder mystery at the Lone Star Dinner Theater.



Trip Includes:

- ▶ 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- ▶ 3 Nights in San Antonio including Narrated City Tour, The Alamo and River Cruise on The Paseo Del Rio
- ▶ Amtrak's Texas Eagle Rail Trip through the Heart of Texas to Austin
- ▶ A Narrated Austin "Duck" Tour of Downtown and Lake Austin
- ▶ The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, Shopping at Magnolia Market at the Silos and Kiepersol Winery
- ▶ Rail Trip on the Texas State Railroad through the Piney Woods in Exclusive Dome Cars with Champagne and Appetizers
- ▶ 2 Nights in Historic Fort Worth
- ▶ Riding in Restored Victorian Coaches on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad
- ▶ The Daily Cattle Drive at the Fort Worth Stockyards
- ▶ Farewell Dinner with Entertainment at the Lone Star Dinner Theater
- ▶ Round Trip Airport Transfers
- ▶ Airfare from St. Louis to San Antonio and Return Flight from Dallas/Fort Worth to St. Louis
- ▶ Driver and Guide Gratuities

▶ **Single - \$4,494*** ▶ **Double - \$3,415***

*Travel Protection Plan insurance is available for \$200 per person. \$250 per person deposit due with reservation. Balance Due: August 18, 2022



Miracle of Christmas - Sight & Sound Theatre

December 7, 2022



Travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen-along with their camels! There may be no room at the inn, but God has a lowly stable prepared as the angels announce the coming of the Messiah! Experience Miracle of Christmas as it comes to life on stage with massive sets and live animals in this cherished holiday production.

Before heading to the Sight and Sound Theatre we will have lunch at Paula Deen's and have time for shopping in the specialty stores at Branson Landing.

▶ **\$170/person** (Sign up by November 16, 2022)



Trip Includes:

- ▶ Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- ▶ Miracle of Christmas Ticket
- ▶ Lunch
- ▶ Driver and Guide Gratuities

Mackinac Island and the Grand Hotel

June 12-16, 2023 

Mackinac Island is known for its pristine beauty, cool, low-humidity summers, automobile-free streets, horse-drawn carriages, bicycles and fudge stores! June is the best time to visit when thousands of beautiful and fragrant lilacs adorn the island. Lodging and dining at the quintessential luxury resort, the Grand Hotel, with its famous front porch, will be a treat you won't ever forget.

On our way to Mackinac Island we'll stop in Springfield, IL at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**. Here you will experience history like never before. Connect with Lincoln and his family through artifacts that can't be found anywhere else in the world.

When we arrive on **Mackinac Island** no motorized vehicles are allowed on the island, so horse-drawn wagons will transport us from the pier downtown to the beautiful **Grand Hotel** for a two-night stay. We've planned our trip to coincide with "lilac time" on the island. You will be enchanted by the thousands of colorful lilac bushes you'll see in bloom along the way! Sparkling white against the green hillsides, the Grand Hotel is an unspoiled reminder of the glory of bygone days. Your stay will likely be one of the most memorable travel experiences you will ever have! Get settled in your uniquely appointed room and explore the hotel and its expansive grounds before your first of four wonderful meals served in the elegant Grand Hotel dining room. (Coats and ties are required for gentlemen after 6:30 p.m.)

Our full day on **Mackinac Island** begins with a **narrated horse-drawn wagon tour** of this beautiful, unspoiled island. The afternoon will be free for individual pleasures such as shopping in town, sampling the island's famous fudge, pedaling your way around the island or just soaking up the ambiance at the Grand Hotel as you sit in a rocking chair on its 660-foot-long porch enjoying the gorgeous water views.

Returning home, we'll visit the **Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park in Grand Rapids**. Our final day of travel includes a **scenic tour of the Amish countryside** followed by a tasty **home-cooked meal** and tour at a local **Amish farm in Arthur, IL**.



► Trip Cost
Coming Soon!



Maritime Magic

August 13-21, 2023 

► Trip Cost
Coming Soon!

By definition, Maritime means "connected to the sea," and this is very true of the three provinces you will explore – **New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island**.

We will fly to Halifax, **Nova Scotia**, where we'll spend time exploring one of the most unique and captivating cities in North America. In Nova Scotia we will visit Peggy's Cove where the graceful lighthouse sits high upon the smooth wave-worn granite of the coast.

In **New Brunswick** we will travel along the Evangeline Trail, made famous by Longfellow's poem of the same name. In Saint John you will see the incredible Reversing Rapids and then we're on our way to one of the greatest highlights of the entire tour - The Hopewell Rocks, in the Bay of Fundy with the highest tides in the world. We will spend the day along the Acadian Coast where the French culture is alive and well. In New Brunswick you will enjoy a 2 ½ hour lobster lunch educational cruise.

Going from New Brunswick to Prince Edward Island (PEI) we cross the incredible Confederation Bridge, which spans 9 miles and connects **Prince Edward Island (PEI)** to New Brunswick. Our tour of PEI will include the quaint village of Summerside and the wonderful small capital of Charlottetown. Our time on Prince Edward Island includes a visit to "Anne's Land" Prince Edward Island Preserve Company. Millions of readers from around the world have come to know and love Anne of Green Gables, and Prince Edward Island is where devotees come to visit the Anne sites that pay tribute to their favorite red-haired heroine.

Join your Advantage Club friends as we explore the World Next Door!



Call for Detailed Itinerary!

Almost Heaven - West Virginia

October 27 - November 2, 2023 

John Denver sang about it. "Almost Heaven, West Virginia, Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River...to the place I belong, West Virginia...take me home country roads." Join us as we explore one of the most beautiful places to be during the fall season as the Appalachian and Allegheny Mountain Ranges burst with color!

In West Virginia we will visit the newest National Park in the United States, the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve, where the views are incredible! At the bottom of the Gorge, we'll have fun on a scenic float trip on the New River. We will visit the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine where you'll ride the tram through the underground mine and visit the recreated coal camp and the Mountain Homestead. At Tamarack: The Best of West Virginia you will see the handcrafts and fine art of more than 2,800 artisans from all 55 counties in the state.

Located amid the breathtaking mountains of West Virginia your two- night stay at The Greenbrier Resort will spoil you in luxury! Get ready for four wonderful, meals in the elegant main dining room during your stay at The Greenbrier.

After leaving West Virginia we will visit Monticello, the plantation home of Thomas Jefferson in Charlottesville, VA. As we make our way to Washington D.C. for our flight home, you'll enjoy miles and miles of natural beauty as we drive along Virginia's scenic Skyline Drive through Shenandoah National Park.

Explore John Denver's country roads with your Advantage Club friends!

► **Single - \$3,329*** ► **Double - \$2,839*** ► **Triple - \$2,695***

*Does not include optional travel insurance.



Trip Includes:

- 1 Evening Reception, 6 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 3 Dinners
- 6 Nights Hotel Accommodations
- All Activities and Admissions as per the Itinerary
- Round Trip Airport Transfers
- Round Trip Airfare from St. Louis
- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
- Baggage Handling throughout
- All Tour-Related Taxes and Gratuities
- Services of a Legends Bank Representative
- Services of a Cruises and Tours Worldwide Tour Manager

Historical Williamsburg - A Colonial Christmas

December (TBD), 2023 

Join your Advantage Club friends as we embrace the Christmas Spirit in Colonial Williamsburg! The Christmas season officially begins in Colonial Williamsburg with the Grand Illumination, a spectacular evening when candles twinkle in the windows of historic area homes and buildings and the heavens explode with pyrotechnics!

You will tour plantations and mansions that are decorated as they might have been hundreds of years ago right down to the elegantly dressed dining room table! Enjoy Christmas Town: A Busch Gardens Celebration complete with hot chocolate and fresh-baked cookies. There is no better way to get into the spirit of the season than a Williamsburg Christmas!



► Trip Cost

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Call for a Detailed Itinerary!

Trip Includes:

- 5 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches and 4 Dinners
- 5 Nights Hotel Accommodations at Embassy Suites Hotel in Williamsburg
- All Activities and Admissions as per the Itinerary
- Round Trip Airport Transfers
- Round Trip Airfare
- Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation
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Tour Activity Level

The Advantage Club offers tours to individuals who share your interests. While day by day itineraries will provide specific details concerning the scope of activities included each day, our program offers a variety of activity levels that fall into the following categories.

Activity Level 1 -

Very leisurely pace, minimal physical activity, shorter touring days.

Activity Level 2 -

Easy pace some stairs and standing, three to four blocks of walking at a time on level terrains.

Activity Level 3 -

Moderate pace, good mobility needed, stairs and prolonged standing, includes city walking tours.

Activity Level 4 -

Very active travel, fast pace, some strenuous activities.

You will find the activity levels indicated for each trip in the newsletter.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is an insurance plan used to cover travel-related risks, and will be offered as an option on extended tours purchased through a travel vendor. Travel insurance covers cancellations, medical expenses, evacuations, loss or delays, and 24/7 assistance.

Reservation Policy

We encourage you to make your reservations early in order to avoid disappointment.

To reserve your place on any Advantage Club trip you can 1) complete a reservation form, or 2) call Mary Ann Gelven at 573-417-0276, or 3) email your reservation request to magelven@legendsbk.com.

All checks for trips or activities should be payable to The Advantage Club. They can be mailed to the attention of Mary Ann Gelven, Legends Bank, P.O. Box 888, Linn, MO 65051, or you can drop them off at your nearest Legends Bank branch.

Cancellation Policy

If you have to cancel a trip or activity reservation, every effort will be made to provide either a partial or full refund. We cannot guarantee a refund as there will be times when refunds are not possible due to ticket purchases, meal guarantees, etc. On tours where a travel vendor is used, we will adhere to the written cancellation policy of the agent.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off Locations

The motor coach will pick-up and drop-off at these locations on Advantage Club trips. Jefferson City – Walmart East End – northwest parking lot, Linn – parking spaces on east side of Linn City Pool in front of the skate park, and Drake – in the parking lot below the gas station at the junction of Highways 50 & 19. Other locations will be determined based on number of travelers.

YOU CAN MAIL OR DROP OFF RESERVATION FORMS AT ANY OF OUR LOCATIONS

Reservation Form

Return to: *The Advantage Club*
PO Box 888
Linn, MO 65051

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