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# PORTAGE SENIOR CENTER

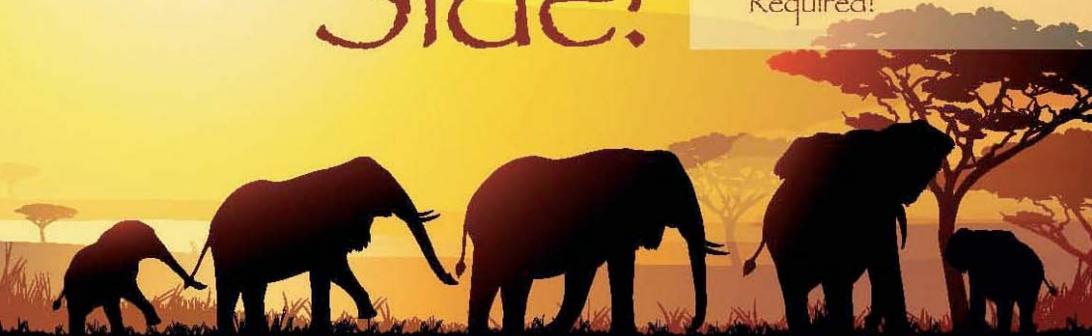
## Travel Guide FOR AGES 50 AND UP

Spring/Summer 2016...And Beyond!



Explore  
Your  
Wild  
Side!

Serengeti Safari  
Canadian Canyon  
Train Trip  
Southern Caribbean  
Cruise  
Ireland & Scotland  
New York City  
Baseball, Theatre  
and so much more!  
Everyone Welcome -  
No Membership  
Required!



# Why Choose a PSC Escorted Group Tour?

**COMPANIONSHIP** People with similar interests travel well together. This is a great opportunity to make new friends! Like-minded people choose similar tour and travel experiences.

**EDUCATION** Travelers learn history, geography, culture, and much more from trained Tour Directors, professional step-on guides and each other while on tour.

**SECURITY** Travelers feel more secure in groups and are confident with a Tour Director who knows the destination.

**FUN** Groups provide a fun atmosphere, and there is always someone to talk to and share the experience.

**CONVENIENCE** All the trip details, transportation, meals, lodging and paid attractions are taken care of in advance by your trip escort.

**VALUE** Cost is spread out over the entire group. Plus, there are additional savings including paid attractions, meals, taxes and gratuities that have been arranged to provide the best value possible. It is simply more economical to travel with a group.

**EXCITING DESTINATIONS** We offer a wide variety of destinations, different trip lengths, and styles of trips. Trips range from inexpensive local minibuss affairs to one-day cultural events, sports, entertainment, special interest and seasonal outings. You can also take advantage of our extended trips, both domestic and international.

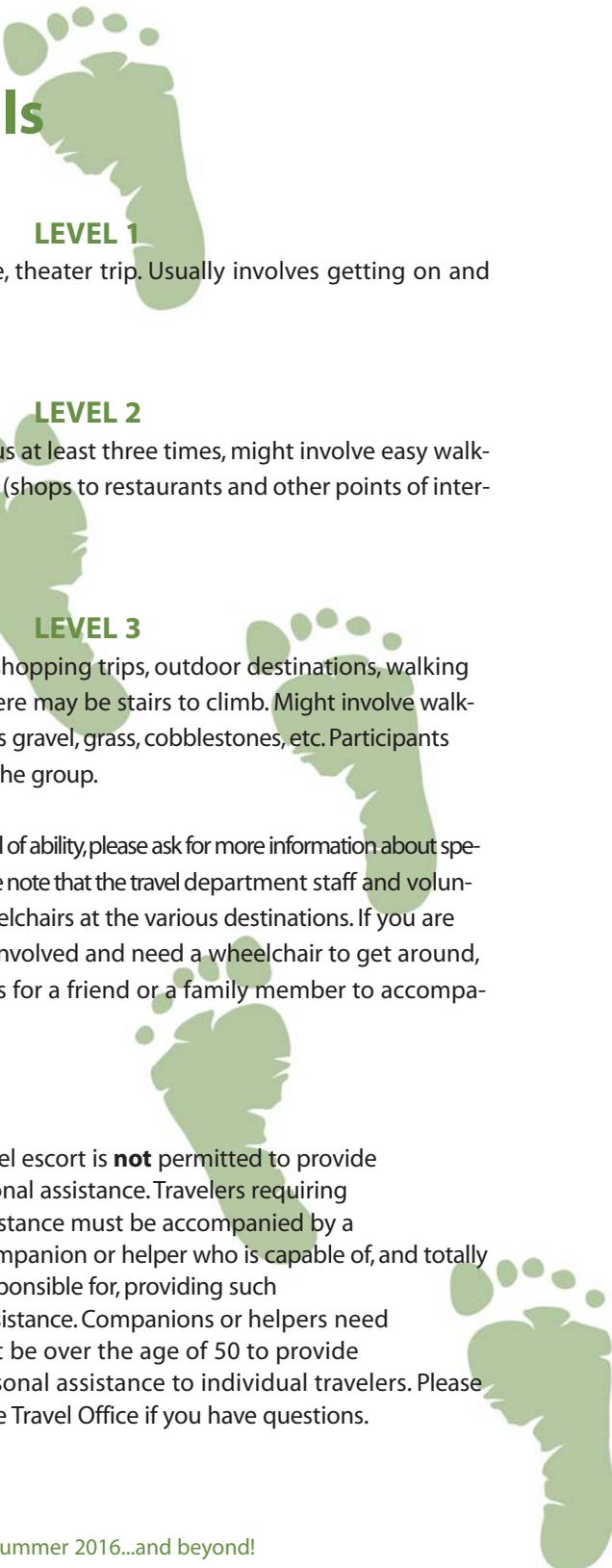
## TRIP SIGN-UP DEADLINES

**DAY TRIPS:** Two (2) weeks prior to travel date. Theater trips requiring tickets may require additional advanced notice.

**EXTENDED PSC TRIPS:** Four (4) weeks prior to travel date. Vendor sponsored trips may require additional advanced notice.

**REMINDER:** The best way to insure that your favorite trip is not cancelled is to sign up early!!!

# Walking Levels



## LEVEL 1

Minimal walking; for example, theater trip. Usually involves getting on and off the bus three times.

## LEVEL 2

Sightseeing, getting off the bus at least three times, might involve easy walking from one place to another (shops to restaurants and other points of interest), ball games, museums.

## LEVEL 3

Lots of walking; for example, shopping trips, outdoor destinations, walking tours in the cities, airports. There may be stairs to climb. Might involve walking on uneven surfaces, such as gravel, grass, cobblestones, etc. Participants must be able to keep up with the group.

If you are in doubt about your level of ability, please ask for more information about specific trips before you sign up. Please note that the travel department staff and volunteers are not able to push wheelchairs at the various destinations. If you are unable to walk the distances involved and need a wheelchair to get around, you must make arrangements for a friend or a family member to accompany and assist you.



**Reminder!**

The travel escort is **not** permitted to provide personal assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must be accompanied by a companion or helper who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing such assistance. Companions or helpers need not be over the age of 50 to provide personal assistance to individual travelers. Please call the Travel Office if you have questions.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016**

**SOLD OUT**

**A STEP BACK IN TIME ... Turkeyville**

Historical exploration at its best, this trip takes us on a tour of the Underground Railroad in Schoolcraft, Marshall and Battle Creek. We'll have a step-on guide show us examples of 19th century architecture including the Honolulu House and Postal Service Museum. Enjoy lunch (included) at Schulers in Marshall followed by an ice cream stop at Cornwell's Turkeyville, and a walk around Monuments Park, where two memorials reflect the active participation of Battle Creek citizens.

**WALKING LEVEL: 3      ESCORT: JOYCE BRANCH**  
**MEMBER: \$71          NON-MEMBER: \$81**



**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016**

**SPRING INTO GRAND RAPIDS ... Grand Rapids, MI**

Immersing ourselves in food and beauty is what this trip is all about. Cooking demos will inspire our culinary creativity before we enjoy our own shopping adventures in the marketplaces where the demonstrations are held! We will experience the wonder and variety of Trader Joe's, offering flavors we may never have tasted. Tempting us with fine bakery selections, our (included) lunch at Arnie's offers relaxation and sustenance before shifting creativity gears. What's next? How about an opportunity to put together a summer planter at Hardner Warner Landscaping & Garden Center. We'll put our hands to work creating a perfect porch or patio reminder of our close-to-home adventures.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2      ESCORT: SHIRLEY WATSON**  
**MEMBER: \$96          NON-MEMBER: \$106**



**MAY 5 - 8, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

**SOLD OUT**

**KENTUCKY DERBY ... Louisville, Kentucky**

We're headed to Louisville, Kentucky for the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby! The "Run for the Roses" is the most exciting two minutes in sports. We'll be there with reserved seats in the grandstands, so let's bring our big hats, sip a mint julep and enjoy a spectacular day at Churchill Downs for the Grand Daddy of them all! Many more tour inclusions.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2      ESCORT: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES**  
**PRICE: STARTS AT \$1,599 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$100**



**2016 EARLY BIRDS  
SAVE \$5.00**

**REGISTER FOR DESIGNATED TRIPS 90 DAYS OR MORE IN ADVANCE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2016**

**MEADOWBROOK HALL AND THEATRE ... Rochester, MI**

A delight for our senses! Magnificent sights await at Meadowbrook Hall, an estate built by one of the automotive aristocracy's most remarkable women who later donated it to Oakland University. The estate was named a National Historic Landmark in 2012 and contains vast collections of original art and furnishings. A guided tour of this Tudor revival style mansion which is referred to as one of "America's Castles" is not to be missed. This trip includes a tasty lunch at the mansion, after which we transfer to nearby Meadowbrook Theatre for a delightful performance of "Sistas the Musical." Hit tunes trace the history of black women from the 1930s through the 90s as the family cleans out Grandma's attic and relives memories. Join us for this very special spring outing!



**WALKING LEVEL: 3     ESCORT: MARY MAISTO**  
**MEMBER: \$125     NON-MEMBER: \$135**



**MAY 15 - 20, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

**HISTORIC CITIES OF THE EAST ... Pennsylvania**

We'll travel by deluxe motorcoach to Pennsylvania Amish Country, Baltimore, Gettysburg and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This spectacular tour features a five-night stay in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and a performance of "Samson" at the Sight and Sound Theatre! Trip features include guided tours of the Gettysburg Battlefield, Baltimore city sightseeing, a history and heritage tour of Pennsylvania Dutch Country as well as visits to Valley Forge National Historic Park, Museum of the Civil War, a delightful harbor cruise, and much more! Price includes trip cancellation insurance.



**WALKING LEVEL: 2     ESCORT: SHORELINE TOURS**  
**PRICE: STARTS AT \$1,059 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$100**

**TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2016**

**SOLD OUT**

**IT'S A MYSTERY ... Destination Unknown**

You'll never guess what we've got up our sleeves for this one! A great lunch will be included, and we'll have time to chat with old friends and meet some new ones. Sign up now to enjoy all the intrigue of this excursion. Don't worry – we promise not to let the cat out of the bag.



**WALKING LEVEL:     ESCORT: JOYCE BRANCH**  
**MEMBER: \$67     NON-MEMBER: \$77**



**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016**

**SOLD OUT**

**STARTING OVER ON U.S. 12 ... New Buffalo & White Pigeon, MI**

For all of us who have enjoyed Dr. Geisler's previous US—12 tours and missed his first Quaint, Quizzical & Quirky US-12 journey, this trip is for us! Visits will be made to museums, libraries, inns, a vintage meat market, theaters, land offices, gravesites, railroad stations, a camelback bridge, featherbone factory, 1911 highway and more!

**WALKING LEVEL: 2     ESCORT: DR. JOHN GEISLER & TRUDY RIKER**  
**MEMBER: \$52     NON-MEMBER: \$62**



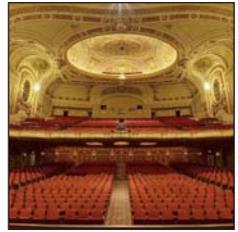
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**TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016**

### **JEWEL OF JOLIET ... Joliet, IL**

This is a one-of-a-kind triple treat. Our eyes, ears and palate will be astounded during our extraordinary visit to the Rialto Square Theatre, voted one of the ten most beautiful in the nation! Built in 1926, it features Greek, Roman and Byzantine architecture with columns rising 100 feet into a celestial dome full of intricate sculptures. After lunch (included), we will be delighted by a concert on the world renowned Baron Grand Theatre Pipe Organ in the breathtaking auditorium. Also included is a stop at nearby Lockport, sight of Lock Number One on the historic Illinois and Michigan Canal, and one of the best preserved lock towns in the country.

**WALKING LEVEL: 1.5    ESCORT: LOUISE SEPANIK**  
**MEMBER: \$98            NON-MEMBER: \$108**



**SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2016**

### **PALMER HOUSE ... Chicago, Illinois**

Ah, the magnificent Palmer House Hilton! Start with a delicious lunch (included) in the hotel's elegant Lockwood Restaurant. After lunch, listen to the hotel's resident historian and storyteller, Ken Price, tell the tales behind this AAA four-diamond hotel which has been hosting visitors to the Chicago Loop for over 140 years. Next, we take an exclusive guided tour of the hotel with its art-deco lobby, grand ballrooms and noteworthy guestrooms. An elite visit to the hotel museum includes artifacts not normally open to the public. We will also receive a "Bertha's famous brownie" which was invented for the 1893 Columbian Exposition! Early sign-up is encouraged due to the popularity of this tour.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2    ESCORT: MARY MAISTO**  
**MEMBER: \$130        NON-MEMBER: \$140**



**SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016 - INTERGENERATIONAL**

### **CIRCUS, CIRCUS ... Peru, Indiana**

Peru, Indiana was once the winter headquarters for several great circuses including Ringling Brothers, Hagenbeck-Wallace, Clyde-Beatty and Buffalo Bill's Wild West show. Memories come alive each July during this Circus City Festival. Join us for front row seats at an authentic Circus Parade, complete with calliopes, bands, fancy horse drawn circus wagons, clowns, unicyclists and so much more. After all the excitement, stroll down the midway, to discover food booths, games, rides, arts and crafts, etc.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2.5-3    ESCORT: LOUISE SEPANIK**  
**MEMBER: \$88            NON-MEMBER: \$98**



**JULY 26-28, 2016**

### **A MYSTERY TRIP ... Destination Unknown**

This year's tour includes some really unique attractions and a bit of history. This tour may also have a Mystery within the Mystery. The only way to find out where we are going is to come along. Grab a few clothes, your sense of adventure and your imagination and get ready for a great time. Your Mystery Trip Includes: Round Trip Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Two Nights Accommodations, Admission to ALL ATTRACTIONS, 4 Meals-2 Dinners and 2 Breakfasts, Baggage Handling Taxes and Gratuities INCLUDED.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2    ESCORT: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES**  
**PRICE: STARTS AT \$499 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50    FINAL PAYMENT DUE JUNE 24, 2016**



**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2016**

## **DAS DUTCHMAN ESSENHAUS ... Middlebury, IN**

**DINE AND DASH** in the heart of Amish country, close to Shipshewana, join us at Indiana's largest family restaurant where family-style, buffet and menu dining options are each prepared using authentic family recipes with heaping platters of crispy chicken, bowls brimming with traditional favorites and 30 irresistible varieties of pie.

**WALKING LEVEL: 1      ESCORT: SANDY SINOTTE**  
**MEMBER \$75              NON-MEMBER: \$85**



**SEPTEMBER 7-10, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

## **TALL SHIPS 2016 ... Erie, PA**

After three years' absence, join us in welcoming back the Tall Ships to Erie, PA. The lovely Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel is our host hotel for this grand event, putting us front and center for the Parade of Sail and more at the adjoining convention center. Your excellent Tall Ships adventure includes: roundtrip motorcoach transportation, 3 night accommodations at the Sheraton Erie Bayfront, admission to the Tall Ships Festival which includes access to the Convention Center, the Parade of Sail, Touring of the Ships, a live performance of *Fortunate Victory*, admission to the Erie Maritime Museum, Tour of St. Patrick's Church, visit to the Erie Land Lighthouse. Also included is lunch and wine tasting at the South Shore Winery, admission and tour of the Watson Curtze Mansion, dinner at the Ambassador Center, dinner at the Hotel, and breakfast every morning.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2      ESCORT: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES**  
**PRICE: STARTS AT \$799 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE AUGUST 5, 2016**



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2016**

## **MURDER MYSTERY TRAIN ... Charlotte, MI**

The Old Road Murder Mystery Dinner Train is a popular show. Fine dining with a hilarious table-side murder mystery featuring an acting troupe and a rotating schedule of shows throughout the year. Be prepared to be part of the show in the intimate setting and **WATCH OUT!** You might even be the unfortunate soul who gets to be the **VICTIM** of their devious plot!

**WALKING LEVEL: 1      ESCORT: SANDY SINOTTE**  
**MEMBER: \$124              NON-MEMBER: \$134**



**SEPTEMBER 13-15, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

## **SPRINGFIELD, IL ... Springfield, IL**

On this 3 day trip to Illinois, we will visit all the significant locations in the Springfield years of Abraham Lincoln; from the 1830's when he was a storekeeper and postmaster in New Salem, through his law practice and political career in Springfield, to his departure for Washington D.C. in 1860. Visit the Lincoln Presidential Museum consisting of state-of-the-art, full immersion exhibits and special effects theatres.

**Included: 2 nights at the Drury Inn and Suites and 6 Meals.**

**WALKING LEVEL: 1      ESCORT: MARY MAISTO**  
**PRICE: \$325 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE AUGUST 10, 2016**

**Make your deposit by April 13 for a \$25 discount on total price.**



**UNDER  
CONSTRUCTION**

**SUMMER 2016 • COMERICA PARK**  
**SUMMER 2016 • DETROIT RIVER CRUISE**  
**SUMMER 2016 • IRON POLAR BEAR**  
**SPRING 2017 • IRELAND & SCOTLAND**

Spring/Summer 2016...and beyond!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

**TEXAS TENORS ... Auditorium Theatre, Shipshewana, IN**

Over 100 million people from around the world tuned in to NBC's "America's Got Talent" in 2009 to see the Texas Tenors become the highest-ranking vocal group in the history of the show. With breathtaking vocals, humor and cowboy charm the Texas Tenors have traveled the globe performing more than 500 concerts in the last four years. Enjoy a family style meal before the show (included).

**WALKING LEVEL: 1.5    ESCORT: JUDY LUDENS**

**MEMBER: \$106    NON-MEMBER: \$116**



**SEPTEMBER 24-October 3, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

**THE BUFFALO ROUNDUP ... South Dakota**

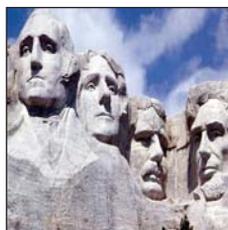
Ten day and Nine night vacation - Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and Badlands. Custer State Park in the beautiful Black Hills of Western South Dakota is full of lush forests, quiet and serene meadows, and majestic mountains. Each fall, the ground rumbles and the dust flies as cowboys, cowgirls and park crew saddle up to bring in the thundering herd of over 1,000 buffalo. Your excellent adventure includes: transportation,

tour of the Corn Palace, Black Hills Gold Museum, Store Mount Rushmore National Park, roundtrip excursion on the 1880 train through the Black Hills, admissions to bear country, a scenic drive through Spearfish Canyon, Bear Butte State Park, as well as many other adventures. Includes: 17 meals-8 dinners & 9 breakfasts, baggage handling, taxes and tips

**WALKING LEVEL: 2    ESCORT: ED AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$1,799 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE AUGUST 20, 2016**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2016**

**FALL FUN MYSTERY ... Destination Unknown**

This trip will feature some tasty treats, some very interesting life stories and maybe a little music if we ask for it! Lunch will be included. We will have some great stories to tell when we get home, so reserve your seat now for this Fall Mystery Trip. A 12 hour day, but well worth it!

**WALKING LEVEL: 2    ESCORT: JOYCE BRANCH**

**MEMBER: \$76    NON-MEMBER: \$86**



**OCTOBER 13-17, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

**NEW YORK NEW YORK**

Skyscrapers and city lights – there is only one New York! Join us on this indulgent, extended trip as we explore the features that make this place a one-of-a-kind location. Gray line Tours sightseeing is a must with hidden gems around every corner. This trip includes three Broadway performances, a concert at the New York Philharmonic, and breakfast to start us out right every day.

**WALKING LEVEL: 3    ESCORTS: ART NEMITZ & BARRY ROSS (KSO)**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$2286 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT \$400. FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JULY 25, 2016.**

**Make your deposit by July 13 for a \$25 discount on total price.**



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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

## **OAKRIDGE BOYS ... Shipshewana, IN**

It's true! The boys are back in town. The Oak Ridge Boys that is. The vocal quartet and newest Country Hall of Fame Members responsible for the hits "Elvira," "Bobbie Sue," and "American Made" are coming back to Shipshewana. With No. 1 hits, millions of albums sold and sold-out tours across the nation, the country music superstars The Oak Ridge Boys are bringing their world famous sound to the Blue Gate Theatre.

**WALKING LEVEL: 1. ESCORT: Keith Maisto**  
**MEMBER: \$115 NON-MEMBER: \$125**



# THEATER TRIPS



**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016**

## **HAZEL... Drury Lane Theatre ... Oakbrook, IL**

"Hazel" is back! If you remember the hilarious 60's TV comedy of the same name, you'll want to join us for the world premiere on stage at the popular Drury Lane Theatre. For those of us who don't remember, Hazel is the live-in maid at the Baxter household. The question is: Can a simple maid debone a turkey, save a marriage, uncover a matter of national security and lead a conga line? She can if she's hazel! Come with us for the laughs and delicious meal (included). Sign up by April 26 to ensure your seat.

**WALKING LEVEL: 1 ESCORT: MARY MAISTO MEMBER: \$122 NON-MEMBER: \$132**



**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2016**

## **NICE WORK IF YOU CAN GET IT ... Munster, IN**

It's the Roaring Twenties and a cast of outrageous characters gather in New York to celebrate the wedding of wealthy playboy Jimmy Winter. But things don't go as planned when the playboy meets Billie Bendix, a bubbly and feisty bootlegger who melts his heart. The champagne flows and the gin fizzes in the hilarious, Tony-winning musical comedy. This fresh and funny song and dance Broadway musical features a treasure trove of George and Ira Gershwin's most beloved, instantly recognizable tunes like "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off" and "Someone to Watch Over Me." Lunch included.

**WALKING LEVEL: 1.5 ESCORT: TRUDY RIKER MEMBER: \$109 NON-MEMBER: \$119**



**AUGUST 2-4, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

## **MENOPAUSE THE MUSICAL... Moline, IL**

See what millions of women worldwide have been laughing about for 14 years! Set in a department store, 4 women with nothing in common but a black lace bra on sale, come to find out they have more to share than ever imagined. Your trip includes: roundtrip deluxe motorcoach, 2 night accommodations at Jumers Casino and Hotel in Moline, IL, admission to and reserved seating at the Circa 21 Dinner Theatre, tour and tasting at Lavendar Crest Winery, a visit to the Chocolate Manor for a tour and samples; a lunch cruise aboard the "Celebration Belle" on the Mississippi River, 2 dinners/1 lunch/2 breakfasts, a tour of House on the Hill and gaming at Jumers Casino (\$10 free play). All taxes, baggage handling, and gratuities included.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2 ESCORT: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$499 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE JULY 1, 2016**

Spring/Summer 2016...and beyond!

# THEATER TRIPS



**NOVEMBER 3-4, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

## **JUMP ON THE JINGLE BUS!**

Make some magical holiday memories! Treat yourself to an early Christmas present. Travel with us to the spectacular Ft. Atkinson, WI, Fireside Dinner Theater as they perform their Christmas show filled with songs, dance and stories. Before the show we will enjoy their signature buffet dinner and meet the cast. We've arranged a tour of the Black Pointe Estate on Lake Geneva and an escorted tour at Salty Earth where pictures are made. A Wisconsin cheese stop – yes! We'll also stop for a demonstration at Gilbertson's Stained Glass Studio. It's all a wonderful, magical way to begin the holiday season!

**WALKING LEVEL: 2.5      ESCORT: SANDY SINOTTE**  
**PRICE: STARTS AT \$293 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**  
*Make your deposit by August 3 for a \$25 discount on total price*



**NOVEMBER 16-19 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

## **"IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"**

Experience "It's a Wonderful Life" in the hometown of Hollywood actor Jimmy Stewart in scenic Indiana County, Pennsylvania! How ironic is it that Jimmy's Stewart fame in the immortal Christmas Classic "It's a Wonderful Life" mirrors Indiana County's declaration to be the Christmas Tree Capital of the World! The parade has attracted yearly visits from celebrities such as Rich Little, Nick Clooney, and Jimmy Stewart's daughters, Kelly and Judy. Our group will also be part of the parade as we ride on a float and wave to the crowd!

**WALKING LEVEL: 2      ESCORT: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES**  
**PRICE: STARTS AT \$699 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 15, 2016**

# BASEBALL TRIPS

## INTERGENERATIONAL

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016**

**COMERICA PARK . . . DETROIT**

## **DETROIT TIGERS VS. TORONTO BLUE JAYS**

**WALKING LEVEL: 3      ESCORTS: TRUDY RIKER & ART ROBERTS**  
**MEMBER: \$106    NON-MEMBER: \$116**



**MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016**

**PEPSI STADIUM CLUB-FIFTH THIRD BALLPARK . . . COMSTOCK PARK**

## **WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS VS. FORT WAYNE TINCUPS**

Pre-game Bingo and Prizes! Lunch included, featuring a hot dog, chips, cookies, and your choice of a soft drink or coffee.

A secondary pick-up location is available at Friendship Village. Ask for details.

**WALKING LEVEL: 3      ESCORTS: TRUDY RIKER**  
**MEMBER: \$49    NON-MEMBER: \$59**



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# BASEBALL TRIPS

## INTERGENERATIONAL

**JULY 24-25, 2016 (EXTENDED TRIP)**

### **CUBS VS. BREWERS IN MILWAUKEE ... WISCONSIN AND ILLINOIS**

An Intergenerational Cubs road trip! Bring family and friends to see the Cubs and Brewers at the state-of-the-art Miller Park. Have dinner in a vintage train car after the game. On day two visit the ever-changing display of unique cars at the Volo Auto Museum and/or browse the shops at the adjacent Mercantile and Antique Malls. We will top this off with a stop for delectable Chicago-style pizza!

**WALKING LEVEL: 3      ESCORTS: KEITH & MARY MAISTO**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$259 PER PERSON (DOUBLE) - 3 MEALS INCLUDED DEPOSIT: \$100**

**Make your deposit by April 26 for a \$25 discount on total price. FINAL PAYMENT DUE JUNE 3, 2016**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016**

**COMERICA PARK ... DETROIT**

### **DETROIT TIGERS VS. KANSAS CITY ROYALS ... Detroit**

**WALKING LEVEL: 3      ESCORTS: Trudy Riker & Art Roberts**

**MEMBER: \$92      NON-MEMBER: \$102**



## **INTERNATIONAL TRIPS**

**AUGUST 7-13, 2016**

### **GREAT CANADIAN WEST**

Spend 7 days and 6 nights in spectacular Vancouver, Victoria and Whistler exploring the abundant offerings of these great cities. Filled with vibrancy and spectacular scenic sites. There is always something to see and do in the Great Canadian West! Breakfast daily and 3 dinners included.

**WALKING LEVEL: 2.5      SPONSOR: SHORELINE TOURS**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$499 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE JULY 1, 2016**



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# **2016 EARLY BIRDS SAVE \$5.00**

**REGISTER FOR DESIGNATED TRIPS 90 DAYS OR MORE IN ADVANCE**

Spring/Summer 2016...and beyond!



**SEPTEMBER 13 – 24, 2016**

## **DISCOVER CROATIA, SLOVENIA AND THE ADRIATIC COAST**

Medieval architecture, tranquil lakes, local villages and Croatian charm will delight us on this tour featuring Dubrovnik, Lake Bled, Ljubljana, and the pearls of the stunning Dalmatian coast. Begin the exploration with two nights in Opatija, the “Riviera of Croatia” and an Istrian gem. Explore Plitvice National Park by foot and by boat, a place where waterfalls cascade down sheer cliffs connecting 16 pristine lakes. Connect with the local people during a home-hosted dinner. Explore the white stone buildings, winding alleys, and massive city walls of the ancient harbor town, Dubrovnik. Step inside Diocletian’s Palace and back into Roman times in Split’s old town. Explore Ljubljana, Slovenia’s quaint capital city, and float on a “Pletna” boat on serene Lake Bled. Includes trip cancellation insurance. Early booking discount available. Special Travel Presentation Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 3:00 – 4:00PM.



**WALKING LEVEL: 3**

**SPONSOR: COLLETTE TOURS**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$4,379.00 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$530**

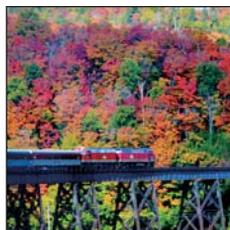
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**SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2016**

## **AGAWA CANYON...ALL ABOARD!**

**A 3-day, 2-night adventure!**

Welcome aboard one of the most popular train tours in North America. This one-day wilderness tour will transport you 114 miles north of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, over towering trestles, alongside pristine northern lakes and rivers and through the awesome granite rock formations and vast mixed forests of the Canadian Shield. The train will begin its descent into the canyon at Mile 102 and as the rail line hugs the top of the canyon wall you will travel down 500 feet over the next 10 miles to the floor of the Agawa Canyon.



**WALKING LEVEL: 3 SPONSOR: PORTAGE SENIOR CENTER**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$435 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE AUGUST 15, 2016**

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**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY IDEAS FOR FUTURE TRIPS TO THE TRAVEL COMMITTEE.**



**DECEMBER 3 - 9, 2016**

## **MAGICAL CHRISTMAS MARKETS ... Germany**

Discover the unique charm of Austria and Germany, alive with holiday cheer and adorned with bustling Christkindlesmarkts. City tours and local guides will ensure our focus on the many unique architectural structures. Enjoy stunning views as we travel by train to 3,600 feet above sea level to the charming town of Innsbruck. Discover Munich, Salzburg and the Neuschwanstein Castle. Step back in time as we stroll the streets past old-world cottages and shops.

**WALKING LEVEL: 3**

**SPONSOR: SHORELINE TOURS**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$3,379 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$250**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 4, 2016**



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**FEBRUARY 13 - 25, 2017**

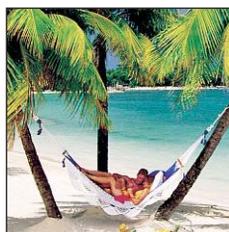
## **SOUTHERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE**

Cue the calypso music! Escape the winter chill with us as we celebrate all things tropical. Spend 13 days and 12 nights aboard Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas. Our cruise will depart from Baltimore and head to the crystal blue waters the Caribbean is famous for. Stops will include St. Thomas, Antigua, Barbados, St. Lucia and more! Rates are per person, double occupancy, and include roundtrip airfare from Kalamazoo or Grand Rapids, port charges, transfers to/from ship, taxes and government fees. Those who book early get the best cabin locations and their preferred dining times.

**WALKING LEVEL: 3**      **SPONSOR: GRAND AMERICAN TOURS**

**PRICE: STARTS AT \$1,985, DEPENDING ON CABIN SELECTION; DEPOSIT: \$550 (DOUBLE)**

**FINAL PAYMENT DUE OCTOBER 30, 2016**



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**NOVEMBER 1-10, 2017**

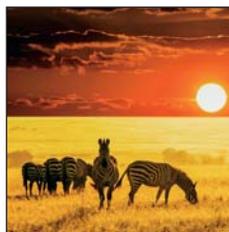
## **TANZANIA: SERENGETI & BEYOND**

The Lion King will come alive on this south-of-the-Equator African Safari! Spend ten days exploring the breathtaking African plains, ground water forests, three national parks and the world's largest unflooded volcanic crater. We will not only get to experience several game drives but we will also have many opportunities to view and take pictures of elephants, zebras, lions, giraffes, hippos, gazelle and more! We will have a chance to embrace and explore this beautiful country while also learning about the local culture. Your experience will include a visit with children at a local school to learn about their educational system, a visit to a workshop aimed to help Tanzanians with disabilities, and more. The experiences on this trip are sensational and endless!

**WALKING LEVEL: 3**

**SPONSOR: GLOBUS**

**PRICE: TO BE DETERMINED**



Spring/Summer 2016...and beyond!



# FUTURE OFFERINGS 2017

**Shedd Aquarium  
Hamilton Fall 2017**

**SAVE THE DATE:**

***Fall Trip Preview:***

***Monday, October 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.***

**Please call 329-4555 to reserve your seat**

## Portage Senior Center Code of Conduct

In order to maintain an atmosphere that is pleasant, welcoming and respectful of each person involved in PSC activities, including trips, it is important that members, volunteers and guests avoid behavior that infringes on the rights, welfare or enjoyment of others. The PSC reserves the right to revoke membership or to deny participation in any PSC activity to any person who does not observe the Code of Conduct. Behavior to be avoided includes, but is not limited to:

- Physical assault or insulting behavior directed to another, including participants, staff or volunteers
- Harassment (sexual or otherwise) of another, including participants, staff or volunteers
- Smoking or using alcohol or controlled substances on the premises or during a Senior Center activity
- Intoxication
- Theft of any kind
- Aggressive or disruptive behavior

The PSC reserves the right to accept, reject or retain any member, guest or traveler who poses a direct threat to the health, enjoyment or safety of themselves or others.

**GENTLE REMINDER** Please minimize the use of perfumes, aftershave, or other fragrances in consideration of other travelers.



### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

If using an electronic device (phone, tablet, handheld game) that makes noise, please consider using headphones or putting it in "silent mode."

# Travel Policy Information

**RESERVATIONS** Reservations for one day trips must be paid in full at the time of sign-up. Payment may be made in person at the PSC, or mailed to the Travel Office using the form in the Travel Guide.

**FOR YOUR PROTECTION** All travelers must complete an emergency contact information form and a release liability form. If you have not already filled out these forms, please request them from the reception desk or Travel Office.

**SEAT ROTATION** Seating arrangements and rotation, depending upon trip length, type of transportation and physical handicaps, will be made at the discretion of the trip escort and announced at the beginning of the trip.

## Cancellations & Refunds



**DAY TRIPS** **Notify the Travel Office immediately if you must cancel a reservation.** If you sold your reservation to someone else, please provide their name to the Travel Office. Refund checks (minus \$8 handling fee per person) may be issued when the trip does not include prepaid expenses and you cancel more than 30 days prior to departure. Otherwise, a refund will be issued only if the Travel Office can find a replacement from a wait list.

**EXTENDED TRIPS** **Cancellation of extended trips must be in writing and must be dated.** Refund policies and penalties vary. Ask for information at the Travel Office. We highly recommend travelers purchase trip insurance for all extended trips. *A handling fee of \$8 per person will be charged when a refund check is issued through the PSC.*

**ALL TRIPS** The PSC reserves the right to cancel a trip if too few people sign up. Refund checks will be mailed to you, which may take up to four weeks. In this case, no handling fee will be charged.

**If you have questions, please contact us at:  
PORTAGE SENIOR CENTER**

Main Desk: (269) 329-4555  
320 Library Lane  
Portage, MI 49002

**Travel Office/Reservations: (269) 324-9239**

Hours for Trip Sign-Up:  
Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**Travel Coordinator Office: (269) 329-4551**  
**[www.portagemi.gov/departments](http://www.portagemi.gov/departments)**

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