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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2014

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL CENTER ... Farmington Hills, MI

Visit one of the largest and oldest Holocaust museums in the nation, which has received international accolades and millions of visitors. The displays explain Jewish customs and religious traditions, but the Center's most striking exhibits tell the story of the Holocaust. Lunch included as well as afternoon visit to Marvelous Marvin's Mechanical Museum.

WALKING LEVEL: 2 ESCORT: GLENN ROEHRIG
MEMBER: \$78 NON-MEMBER: \$88



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2014

SHIPSHEWANA CHRISTMAS PARADE ... Shishewana, IN

Some new experiences in Shishewana! Start the day in the Blue Gate Theatre where you'll see the musical "Josiah for President". Josiah is an Amish farmer who is unaware that he has become a write-in candidate for President! Next enjoy a delicious family-style lunch at the Blue Gate Restaurant. Then transfer to the Menno-Hof center to learn about the history and heritage of the Amish, Mennonites and Hutterites. The highlight of the day comes after dark with a chance to view the Christmas Parade featuring lighted horse-drawn vehicles and unique parade floats. A tree lighting ceremony tops off the evening.

WALKING LEVEL: 2 ESCORT: JUDY LUDENS
MEMBER: \$98 NON-MEMBER: \$108

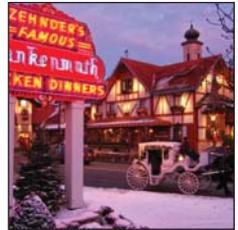


MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014

ZEHNDER'S HOLIDAY SHOW ... Frankenmuth, MI

Zehnder's Holiday Show features "New Odyssey" 3 guys with 30 instruments. Outstanding arrangements of almost every style are performed ranging from Beethoven to the 40's and from the Swing Era to the 80's and 90's top 40 and of course, some of your favorite Christmas tunes. Includes lunch.

WALKING LEVEL: 1 ESCORT: LOUISE SEPANIK
MEMBER: \$110 NON-MEMBER: \$120

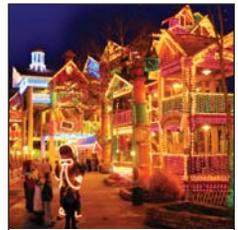


MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 - 5, 2014 (EXTENDED TRIP)

A BRANSON CHRISTMAS ... Branson, MO

Get in the Christmas spirit with a motorcoach tour to Branson, called the Live Music Show Capital of the World. Highlight will be the Andy Williams Christmas Show starring The Lennon Sisters and the Osmond Brothers! Also included will be *Jonah*, at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Doug Gabriel, The New Family Sensation "SIX", The Brett Family Singers, and the #1 Hits of the 50's and 60's.

WALKING LEVEL: 2 SPONSOR: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES
PRICE: STARTS AT \$929 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); FULL PAYMENT DUE



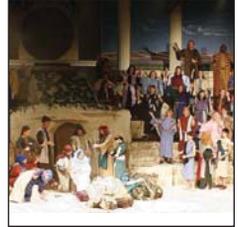
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2014

BETHLEHEM'S TOWER, A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ... Lake Zurich, IL

Biblically based story of Jesus' life from birth to crucifixion to resurrection. Told through the use of live animals, magnificent costuming and GRAMMY and Dove award-winning music, this extraordinary presentation is comparable in its exceptional quality to the shows seen in the Sight and Sound Theatres of Branson, Missouri and Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. *Bethlehem's Tower* has also been broadcasted by Chicago television. Lunch with ambience included. This beautiful and moving presentation is not to be missed!

WALKING LEVEL: 1.5 - 2 ESCORT: JOYCE BRANCH

MEMBER: \$103 NON-MEMBER: \$113



FEBRUARY 19 – MARCH 5, 2015 (EXTENDED TRIP)

A FLORIDA GULF COAST VACATION ... St. Pete's Beach, FL

Escape the Michigan snow, soak up the Florida sunshine and experience Florida's natural beauty when you visit the St. Pete Beach area! Stay at the Dolphin Beach Resort, located directly on the Gulf Coast, and do as much or as little as your heart desires – swim in the pool, stroll along the beach and venture into St. Pete's to visit the Salvadore Dali Museum. Excursions included are Detroit Tigers spring training, picnic lunch at Fort DeSoto, Hard Rock Casino in Tampa, Derby Lanes Greyhound Racing and Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks.

WALKING LEVEL: 2 SPONSOR: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES

PRICE: STARTS AT \$1799 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$100

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: JANUARY 20, 2015



FEBRUARY 21 – 27, 2015 (EXTENDED TRIP)

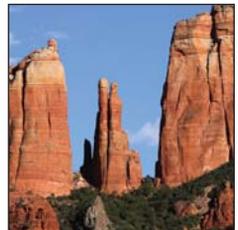
SEDONA & TUCSON, AZ

Beat the winter blues and travel to the "Valley of the Sun" by Kalamazoo-Detroit transfer, Detroit-Phoenix direct flight, and deluxe motorcoach transportation – all included. Experience stunning vistas and breathtaking views of red rocks, canyons, buttes in the distance, and mesas rising into deep blue skies. Spend 3 nights in Sedona and 3 nights in Tucson in first-class lodging. Highlights include San Xavier Mission; Pima Air Museum; Kartchner Caverns; Sabino Canyon Trolley Tour; Pinnacle Peak & Trail Dust Town; Case Grande Ruins National Monument; Biosphere; Verde Canyon Rail Journey; Sedona Trolley Tour.

WALKING LEVEL: 2.0 – 2.5 SPONSOR: SHORELINE TOURS

PRICE: STARTS AT \$2,374 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$250

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: DECEMBER 20, 2014



MARCH 15 – 23, 2015 (EXTENDED TRIP)

THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN SAVANNAH, GA

Celebrate this St. Patrick's Day in style and travel by deluxe motorcoach with Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures to Savannah, Georgia! Reserved seating for the nation's 2nd largest St. Patrick's Day parade is provided. With participants from all over the world, it's a spectacle to behold. This trip also features the best of Charleston and Myrtle Beach!

WALKING LEVEL: 2.0 – 2.5

SPONSOR: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES

PRICE: STARTS AT \$1,649 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$50

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: February 10, 2015



TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2015

MORE LOCAL TREASURES ... Kalamazoo, MI

Get to know Kalamazoo better by joining us as we tour Bell's Brewery, Chenery Auditorium, City Hall, 5th/3rd Bank, Kalsee and Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery. Lunch included at the Park Club.

WALKING LEVEL: 3

ESCORT: JUDY LUDENS

MEMBER: \$46

NON-MEMBER: \$56

EARLY BIRD: \$41



SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015

VERA BRADLEY VALUES... Ft. Wayne, IN

Being a "Bag Lady" is pretty cool as long as your bag is one designed by Vera Bradley. Bags of every sort, purses of all sizes and shapes, totes and even duffle bags will all be on sale at 40 – 60% off during the annual Vera Bradley Outlet sale. The sale is open by reservation only and not open to general public. After lunch at a popular Fort Wayne "Ristorante" (included), relax and enjoy an oasis in the heart of Ft. Wayne, the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory.

WALKING LEVEL: 2.5

ESCORT: LOUISE SEPANIK

MEMBER: \$92

NON-MEMBER: \$102

EARLY BIRD: \$87



FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2015

MUSIC AND MORE ... Grand Rapids, MI

Travel first to St. Cecilia's Music Center with a warm welcome of coffee and pastries. Within the Center is the beautiful and historic Royce Auditorium with the sights and sounds of a Baroque Concert by the Grand Rapids Symphony. Hear music by Rebel, Telemann, Handel and Rameau. The next stop is fine dining at the Women's City Club where your taste buds will be delighted with lunch. We'll also be led on a tour of their historic building. Proceed to the Grand Rapids Public Museum for "Strike up the Band", a Wurlitzer organ concert featuring the music of Gershwin, Joplin and Berlin. This concert is performed on The Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ – the most famous musical instrument built by Wurlitzer!

WALKING LEVEL: 2

ESCORT: MARY MAISTO

MEMBER: \$80

NON-MEMBER: \$90

EARLY BIRD: \$75



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015

ON THE GO, A MYSTERY TRIP

It's mystery trip time again! This time you will be transported to places where you will see things that move us. What fun we will have as we travel along, and we'll even stop to enjoy a great meal (included) while we're gone. If you want to know, you have to go!

WALKING LEVEL: 2 ESCORT: JOYCE BRANCH

MEMBER: \$73

NON-MEMBER: \$83

EARLY BIRD: \$68



THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2015

COURTHOUSE, CARS AND CUCUMBERS . . . Auburn, IN

We'll begin our day with coffee and cinnamon rolls in Topeka, IN. Then on to Auburn to tour the historic courthouse and town, the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, lunch (included) and Sechler's Pickles.

WALKING LEVEL: 3 ESCORT: JUDY LUDENS

MEMBER: \$82

NON-MEMBER: \$92

EARLY BIRD: \$77



JUNE 1 – 4, 2015 (EXTENDED TRIP)

GET YOUR KICKS ON ROUTE 66... Illinois

You know the line . . . "Get Your Kicks on Route 66." Well, come along while we do just that – journeying along the famous route, experiencing travel much as it was in the first half of the 1900s. Mom and Pop businesses dominated the landscape, and they used every gimmick they could think of to make travelers stop: giant statues, bold neon signs, billboards of all sizes, unique foods, and just plain old amusement. Illinois is blessed with the greatest concentration of these icons of the "Mother Road." We aim to see more than a few as we travel this historic road from Willowbrook, IL to the notorious Chain of Rocks Bridge which crosses the Mississippi into St. Louis.

WALKING LEVEL: 2 ESCORT: LOUISE SEPANIK

PRICE: STARTS AT \$399 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$150

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: April 3, 2015



THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015

GET INTO THE SPIRIT . . . Tecumseh & Jackson, MI

This is a day of spirited fun, tastes and sights winding down two-lane roads in Southeast Michigan, also known as the Pioneer Wine Trail. A beautiful ride is also included through the Hidden Lake Gardens, a Michigan State University sight with a stop at the conservatory, which houses a wonderful display of Bonsai plants. This is a trip you won't want to miss as lunch, wine tastings and a few extra stops are included!

WALKING LEVEL: 2 CO-ESCORTS: SANDY SINOTTE & SHIRLEY WATSON

MEMBER: \$90

NON-MEMBER: \$100

EARLY BIRD: \$85



JUNE 13 - 20, 2015 (EXTENDED TRIP)

CAPE COD & ISLANDS

Travel by deluxe motorcoach with Ed & Ted's to Cape Cod and the Islands and features 5 nights at the Red Jacket Beach Resort overlooking Nantucket Sound! Highlights include guided tours of Hyannis, Sandwich, Plymouth, Martha's Vineyard, Chatham to Provincetown, and Nantucket. Whale watch cruise, high speed ferry to Nantucket Island, ferry to Martha's Vineyard and visits to Cape Cod National Seashore, Flax Pond Cranberry Farm, Sandwich Glass Museum also included.

WALKING LEVEL: 2.0 – 2.5 SPONSOR: ED & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURES

PRICE: STARTS AT \$1,699 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$100

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: May 10, 2015



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM, HOUSE AND GARDENS... Bloomfield Hill, MI

Spend the day at one of Michigan's cultural gems: the Cranbrook Art Museum, House and Gardens. Begin with a tour of the manor home of Cranbrook's founders, George and Ellen Booth, who also figure prominently in Detroit newspaper history. Then enjoy an included lunch on the property. Before and after lunch, spend time in the gardens enjoying the flowers, fountains and sculpture. Time will also be provided to visit the Cranbrook Art Museum, the centerpiece of the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

WALKING LEVEL: 2 (Museum & House); 3 (Gardens)

ESCORT: GLENN ROEHRIG

MEMBER: \$100

NON-MEMBER: \$110

EARLY BIRD: \$95



JULY 8 – 9, 2015 (EXTENDED TRIP)

A DECADENT ADVENTURE ... Milwaukee, WI

It's all about your taste buds when we visit Milwaukee for an ethnic adventure. Participate in a cooking demonstration with lunch included at the popular Milwaukee Public Market, then tour Pabst Mansion and Brewery where specialty pizza will be delivered to us (included). Enjoy "Motown the Musicals" classic songs through the American dream story of Motown founder, Berry Gordy's journey to a music mogul who launched the careers of Diana Ross, Michael Jackson, Smokey Robinson and many more. Our Milwaukee finale will be a progressive meal, with a delicious side of history. This ethnic adventure provides history of Milwaukee's immigrant palates by highlighting 3 ethnic restaurants during a 3-course meal. It's a great opportunity to explore neighborhoods celebrating Irish, Italian, Polish and German traditions.

WALKING LEVEL: 2.5 ESCORT: SANDY SINOTTE

PRICE: STARTS AT \$299 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$150

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: May 1, 2015



TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015

A JAPANESE EXPERIENCE... Grand Rapids, MI

Experience Japanese culture on this trip! Travel to a Japanese Steakhouse for entertainment and great food (included). Each table will have their own Hibachi Chef providing a show while preparing lunch. Transfer next to Meijer Gardens to see what's new! Opening in 2015 is a Japanese garden that we will be viewing. A docent-led tour inside the facility will highlight the "Splendors of Shiga" exhibit with Japanese historical objects from the 17th century to the present day. Shiga is our sister state in Japan so come and see this unique exhibition! Tram ride through the gardens and sculpture park also included.

WALKING LEVEL: 3

ESCORTS: MARY MAISTO

MEMBER: \$73

NON-MEMBER: \$83

EARLY BIRD: \$68



THEATER TRIPS



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2015

"I LOVE LUCY!" Live on Stage ... Wharton Center, Lansing, MI

It's 1952 and you are a member of the studio audience awaiting the filming of two hilarious and oh-so-familiar *I LOVE LUCY* episodes. Imagine stepping back in time onto the Desilu Playhouse soundstage where a charming host entertains and enlightens you to the behind-the-scenes filming process, the 1950s hi-fidelity technology and this brand-new thing called "television". The episodes begin and you witness, firsthand, the side-splitting antics of that crazy redhead in the Ricardo's New York apartment and thrill to the Cuban sounds of "The Ricky Ricardo Orchestra". Make this Valentine's Day special by experiencing the most entertaining stage production in years. The truth is in the title – whether young or old, everybody really does LOVE LUCY! Lunch included.

WALKING LEVEL: 1

ESCORT: TRUDY RIKER

MEMBER: \$102

NON-MEMBER: \$112

EARLY BIRD: \$97



APRIL 14 – 15, 2015 (EXTENDED TRIP)

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD... Fireside Theatre, Fort Atkinson, WI

The road to Oz was not without adventures! Come along as we encounter new sites on our way to visit the great wizard. Our journey will include visiting an 1888, 20-room Queen Anne mansion located on Lake Geneva; an 1890s observatory that houses the world's largest refracting telescope; and a movie studio where we will discover how a motion picture is made. You'll have a chance to browse around in unique boutique shops and enjoy lunch (on your own) in Lake Geneva. Finally, we will arrive in the enchanted land of Oz (Fireside Theatre/meal included) to witness the classic tale of the "Wizard of Oz".

WALKING LEVEL: 2 CO-ESCORTS: SANDY SINOTTE & JOYCE BRANCH

PRICE: STARTS AT \$299 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$150

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: February 17, 2015

THEATER TRIPS



... Continued ...

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2015

"BILLY ELLIOT" ... Drury Lane Theatre ... Oakbrook Terrace, IL

You can experience Billy's thrilling, inspiring story ... in the most exciting musical of the decade. It is one of the most celebrated, award-winning musicals and has captivated audiences around the world. Set in a northern mining town, against the background of the 1984/'85 miners' strike, Billy Elliot is the inspirational story of a young boy's struggle against the odds to make his dream come true. Includes lunch.

WALKING LEVEL: 1 ESCORT: STEVE TUCKER

MEMBER: \$118

NON-MEMBER: \$128

EARLY BIRD: \$113



WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

"TALLEY'S FOLLY" ... Purple Rose Theatre, Jackson & Chelsea, MI

Do you believe that one mesmerizing evening can change the course of two lives forever? Join us for Lanford Wilson's Pulitzer Prize-winning romantic comedy about a pair of mismatched souls longing to find love after nearly giving up on the dream. Lunch at the popular Common Grill Restaurant included.

WALKING LEVEL: 1 ESCORT: Shirley Watson

MEMBER: \$95

NON-MEMBER: \$105

EARLY BIRD: \$90



TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015

"SEX, PLEASE WE'RE 60!" ... Cornwell's Turkeyville ... Marshall, MI

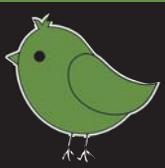
This farce, set at a quaint and cozy bed and breakfast in New England, is "the Golden Girls meets Grumpy Old Men", filled with mayhem, mischief and mood swings. Enjoy the fun when there is a mix-up of libido-boosting pharmaceuticals! Lunch included.

WALKING LEVEL: 1 ESCORT: TRUDY RIKER

MEMBER: \$74

NON-MEMBER: \$84

EARLY BIRD: \$69



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REGISTER FOR DESIGNATED TRIPS 90 DAYS OR MORE IN ADVANCE



INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

JUNE 26 – JULY 10, 2015

THE SCANDINAVIAN

Scandinavia is Western Europe's most prosperous, pristine and progressive corner. This getaway offers sparkling lakes, spectacular fjords, and more. From Copenhagen travel to Aarhus, Gothenburg, Stockholm, Karlstad, Lillehammer, Flam, Bergen, Geilo, and Oslo. Highlights include visits to Tivoli Gardens, Hans Christian Andersen's home, Den Gamle By in Denmark, Stockholm's City Hall, Gripsholm Castle, Lillehammer's Maihaugen Open-Air Museum, whimsical Frogner Park Sculpture Garden in Oslo, guided city tours and much more! This adventure offers a great variety of transportation including a ferry crossing from Denmark to Sweden; a beautiful cruise on the Sognefjord and Naeroyfjord; and the Flam Railway – sit back and enjoy an incredible train journey on one of the steepest railway lines in the world. Marvel at some of Norway's wildest mountain scenery, rivers cutting through deep ravines, cascading waterfalls, snow-capped peaks and remote farms clinging to steep slopes!

WALKING LEVEL: 3 SPONSOR: GLOBUS JOURNEYS

PRICE: STARTS AT \$5,918 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$499

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: APRIL 23, 2015



SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 9, 2015

DISCOVER SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND BAVARIA

Journey through spectacular mountain scenery and picturesque cities, as you experience the enchanting Alpine cultures of Switzerland, Austria, and Bavaria. Spend four nights each in the UNESCO world heritage city of Bern, and the charming Alpine city of Innsbruck. Walk the halls of the 13th century Chateau de Chillon, a princely residence on the shores of Lake Geneva. Ride the legendary GoldenPass Panoramic Train from Montreux to the Alpine ski resort, Gstaad. Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Visit Mozart's birthplace and the Mirabell Gardens, featured in the "Sound of Music", during your time in Salzburg. See the fairy-tale castle, Neuschwanstein. Visit Oberammergau, a perfect picture traditional German Alpine village plus much more! *Early booking discount available.*

WALKING LEVEL: 3 SPONSOR: COLLETTE VACATIONS

PRICE: STARTS AT \$4,199 PER PERSON (DOUBLE); DEPOSIT: \$510

FINAL PAYMENT DUE: AUGUST 1, 2015





FUTURE HAPPENINGS

**NATIONAL PARKS & CANYONLANDS & RAIL OF
AMERICA'S WEST, SEPTEMBER 2015
MACKINAC ISLAND, FALL 2015
EUROPEAN RIVER CRUISE, SPRING 2016**

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Trip Preview: Monday, April 20, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.
Please call 329-4555 to reserve your seat

****** Frequently Asked Questions ******

**** Do you need to be a member of the Portage Senior Center (PSC) to go on a trip?***

You do not have to be a member! Benefits of being a PSC member do include priority registration opportunities and discounted pricing. However, any adult over 50 is welcome to travel with us.

We do ask that all individuals traveling with us complete an information sheet and a liability waiver/emergency contact form. These are required for all travelers. They provide important contact information should an emergency occur and are filed securely.

**** I've never traveled via motorcoach before. Is there anything I should know?***

Your trip will include comfortable motorcoach transportation. For extended travel, we use coaches that are video and bathroom equipped. It is not uncommon for coaches to come with free wi-fi and electrical outlets accessible from each seat, although this is not guaranteed.

**** How should we dress?***

Casual dress is fine. There is no need for formal attire. Keep in mind that, although we will try, it is difficult to maintain the "perfect" temperature for everyone on the motorcoach. We strongly encourage travelers to dress in layers.

**** My family would like my travel information. Can you provide that?***

When you register, you should receive an itinerary for your trip. We recommend that you leave a copy of this information with someone at home in case of emergency. Your family can always call the PSC, and they will have information on how to reach the group when traveling.

**** What about tipping?***

For day trips, gratuities are included in the cost of the trip. Included gratuities may vary on extended travel. Please check with your escort for information specific to your trip.

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 noises, 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:
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Why Choose a PSC Escorted Group Tour?

COMPANIONSHIP Friends 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 minibus 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.

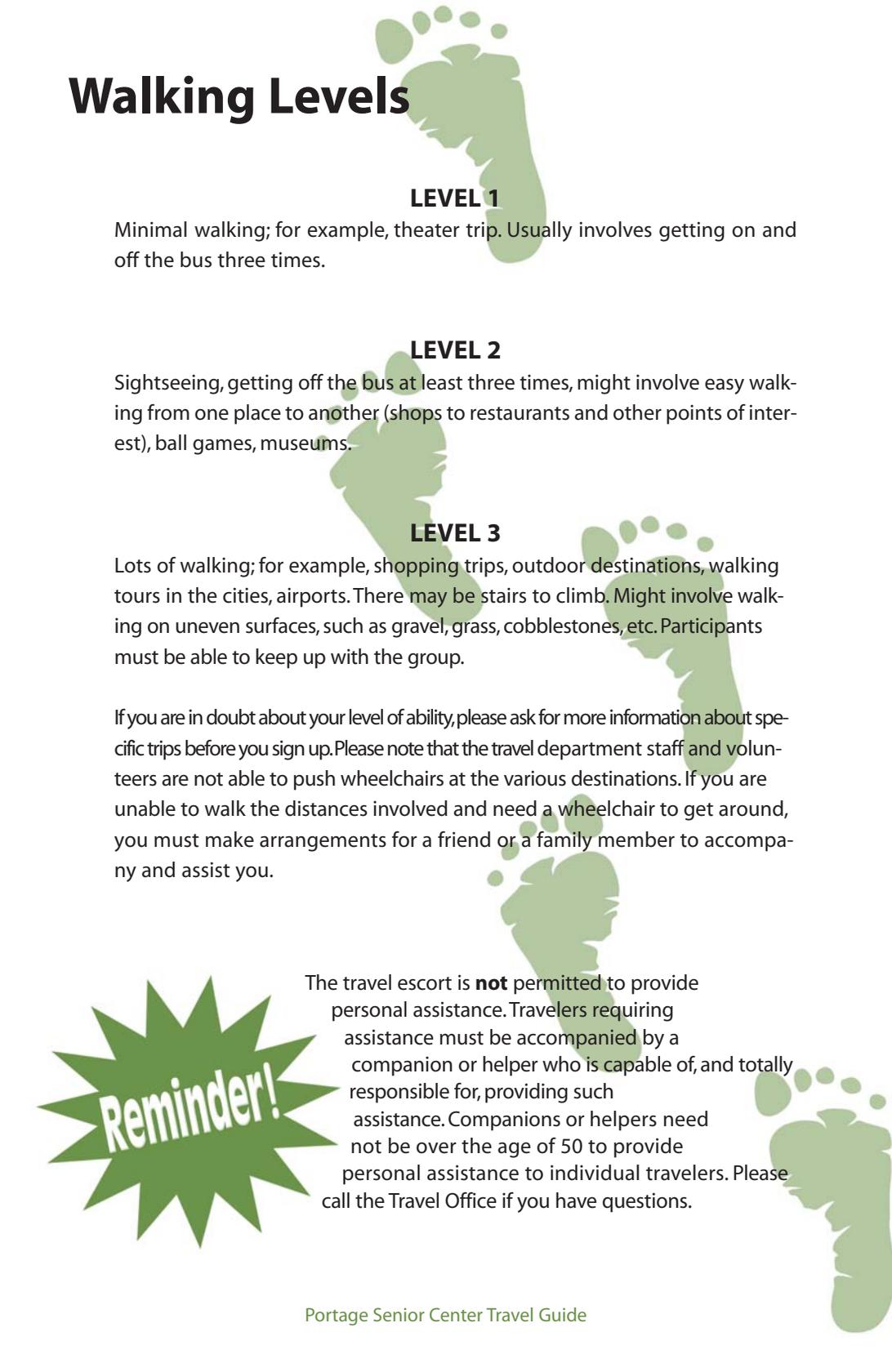
TRIP SIGN-UP DEADLINES

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.





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