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What Will You Do When You Grow Up?



September 2018
TRAVEL GUIDE
for ages 50 and up

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 Travel Leaders, professional step-on guides and each other while on tour.

SECURITY Travelers feel secure in groups and are confident with a Travel Leader who knows the destination.

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

CONVENIENCE Most of the trip details, transportation, included meals, lodging and paid attractions are already taken care of in advance.

VALUE Cost is spread out over the entire group. Plus, additional savings may be available for large groups, including paid attractions, included meals, taxes and gratuities that have been arranged to provide the best value possible.

EXCITING DESTINATIONS A wide variety of destinations are offered, as well as different trip lengths and styles. 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 GUIDELINES

- Sign up early to:
 - allow us to ensure the viability of a trip and to plan accordingly.
 - take advantage of “signup by” rates if applicable.
- Call or stop by to check on trip availability.
- If a trip is full, a no-obligation wait list is available.
- A trip may be full prior to the “signup by” date.
- Extended trips have final payment dates included on the trip flyer.

Walking Levels

Use the walking levels below to decide if a trip is right for you. All trips include boarding/exiting the motor coach multiple times.



Easy – Board a motor coach and have limited amount of walking at a leisurely pace.



Moderate – Trip involves possible stairs and/or walking on uneven surfaces. Examples: theatres, museums, historical buildings, etc.



Strenuous – Multi-day trips or day trips that involve extensive walking. Please check your trip flyer for details.

If in doubt about the requirements of a trip, please ask the Trip Coordinator when signing up.

The Portage Senior Center Trip Leaders and motor coach driver are **NOT PERMITTED** to provide personal assistance. If you are unable to walk the distances involved, you must make arrangements for a companion, friend or relative who is capable of, and totally responsible for, providing such assistance. Companions do not need to be over the age of 50.



When the motor coach arrives at a destination/stop, all travelers must exit the vehicle. You are not allowed to remain on the coach if you do not wish to participate in an activity.



DAY TRIP



EXTENDED TRIP



INTERNATIONAL TRIP

Down the Road Again ... Shpshewana IN

Monday, October 1, 2018 / Travel Leaders: Mary M. & Barbara H.P.

\$111 Member / \$121 Non-Member

Travel down the road again with an Amish step-on guide. Learn about Amish traditions and lifestyle. Visit an Amish school. Enjoy a few favorite stops, along with new learning experiences and shopping opportunities. Watch demos and sample home-made foods. Haystack lunch in an Amish home included.



ArtPrize Ten ... Grand Rapids MI

Wednesday, October 3, 2018 / Gail Andrus Travel

\$95 Member / \$95 Non-Member

Join Waiting List

ArtPrize is an international art competition and festival. Learn about the artists and their works at Art Prize Ten. A step-on-guide will share the imaginativeness of the art displays at both indoor and outdoor venues. Lunch is included at the Sweet House.



Autumn on the River ... Eaton Rapids & Grand Ledge MI

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 / Travel Leaders: Judy L. & Joyce B.

\$86 Member / \$96 Non-Member

Join Waiting List

A lovely way to spend a fall day – lunch at the beautiful, historical English Inn in Eaton Rapids followed by a peaceful cruise on the Grand Princess in Grand Ledge. Complete the day with a stop for ice cream on the way home (on your own).



Chicago Gangster Tour ... Chicago IL

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 / Travel Leaders: Jane W.O. & Trudy R.

\$169 Member / \$179 Non-Member

Experience Chicago's original gangster tour of hot spots and hit spots that made Chicago famous during the roaring 20s. The prohibition era comes alive as the gangster guide shares stories of the time when Al Capone ruled the south side of Chicago; stories of Bugs Moran, Johnny Torrio, Machine Gun Jack-McGurn and the inside stories of the Chicago politicians. After the tour, enjoy lunch and an interactive show at the Tommy Guns Garage, the only speakeasy in the City of Chicago.



Trains of West Virginia

Tuesday, October 23 – Sunday, October 28, 2018 / Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures

\$1,399 PP Double / \$1,689 Single

Join Waiting List

A fall foliage adventure on four trains including an all-day excursion aboard the world famous *New River Train*. Other excursions include the *Cheat Mountain Salamander*, the *Cass Bald Knob* and the *Durbin Rocket*. Enjoy reserved seating at the Gandy Dance Dinner Theatre.



Laugh with Jeanne Robertson ... Shipshewana IN

Friday, November 16, 2018 / Travel Leaders: Sandy S. and Sally B.

\$115 Member / \$125 Non-Member

A sense of humor is much more than a laughing matter - it is a strategy for success. Jeanne Robertson is a professional speaker who specializes in a form of hilarity based on her life experiences. Jeanne has won many top honors in professional speaking during her career, which has spanned more than 50 years.

Prior to the performance, visit the Menno-Hof information center or gift shop. Dinner is included at the Blue Gate Restaurant.



Holiday Spirit ... Frankenmuth MI

Thursday, November 29, 2018 / Travel Leaders: Shirley W. & Louise S.



\$123 Member / \$133 Non-Member

Enjoy one of the final performances of *New Odyssey, 3 Guys with 30 Instruments*, who have been touring for 40 years, traveled 1.7 million miles and have given 7,500 entertaining performances. Enjoy a traditional chicken luncheon at Zehnder's in charming Frankenmuth prior to the holiday music.



A Capital Christmas ... Washington D.C.

Thursday, November 29 – Tuesday, December 4, 2018 / Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures

\$1,399 PP Double / \$1,729 Single / \$1,309 PP Triple

This is something special for the season, featuring round trip deluxe motor coach transportation, a night in Gettysburg, three nights in D. C. and one in Pennsylvania. Dinner at the historic Farnsworth House, Gettysburg Visitor Center, lunch at the Hard Rock Café in D. C., a tour of Ford's Theatre and the Peterson House, and a guided tour of the Vietnam Wall, Lincoln Memorial and the Korean War Memorial are included. Also on the list is admission to the Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens as well as admission to and tour of the National Aquarium in Baltimore.



A Christmas Carol at the New Vic Theatre ... Kalamazoo MI

Thursday, December 6, 2018 / Travel Leader: Joyce B.

\$120 Member / \$130 Non-Member

Experience the New Vic Theatre's traditional presentation of a Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*. The New Vic has presented this show annually since 1980. Before the performance, enjoy dinner at the Park Club. What an enchanting way to begin the holiday season.



New Year's Eve on the Atlantic Coast ... Ocean City MD

Saturday, December 29, 2018 – Wednesday, January 2, 2019 / Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures

\$999 PP Double / \$1,249 Single / \$949 PP Triple
\$50 Deposit / Final Payment Due 11/18/18

Join us for a New Year's Eve Celebration at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Ocean City, Maryland. The NYE Gala includes Dinner, DJ with dancing, roving entertainers and an open bar. This is a New Year's event you won't want to miss!



Florida Gulf Coast Adventure ... St. Pete Beach FL

Thursday, February 21 - Sunday, March 10, 2019 / Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures

Call the Portage Senior Center for availability and pricing

Join Waiting List

This popular excursion includes 16 nights' accommodation, reserved seating at Joker Marchant Stadium to see the Detroit Tigers play in spring training, a day trip to the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa and more.



Iceland's Magical Northern Lights ... Iceland

Thursday, March 21 – Friday, March 29, 2019 / Collette Tour

Call the Portage Senior Center for availability and pricing

The "land of fire and ice" is a place of many wonders, including the opportunity to see the spectacular aurora borealis – or northern lights. Take an exhilarating evening northern lights cruise. Travel to the "Golden Circle," home to many of Iceland's most renowned natural wonders. Spend time at Thingvellir National Park, the nation's most historic area. Gaze at the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall – one of the world's most incredible cascades. At the Lava Exhibition Center, learn about Iceland's volcanic history and its impact on daily life. Explore Skogar Folk Museum and see traditional turf-built homes. Walk on a black volcanic sand beach. See Jökulsárlón glacial lagoon filled with floating icebergs. Relax in the warm, mineral-rich water of the natural geothermal pool, the Blue Lagoon. Spend your evenings gazing at the night sky in search of the elusive and dazzling northern lights.





DAY TRIP



EXTENDED TRIP



INTERNATIONAL TRIP

Beautiful – the Carole King Musical ... Kalamazoo MI

Saturday, March 23, 2019 / Travel Leader: Mary M.



\$127 Member / \$137 Non-Member

\$122 Member / \$132 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

Join us for a matinee performance of *Beautiful - The Carole King Musical*, which has made its way from Broadway to Miller Auditorium! This musical tells the story of legendary Carole King's early life and career journey with those iconic songs that led her to stardom. Listen to *So Far Away, It Might as Well Rain Until September, Some Kind of Wonderful, Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow, I Feel the Earth Move* and more. Complete the day with a group dinner after the show at Martell's. Select and pay for your choice from the menu, but we'll supply dessert!



Get Clued In! A Mansion Murder Mystery ... Kalamazoo MI

Friday, March 29, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Sandy S., Sally B., & Jane W.O.



\$70 Member / \$80 Non-Member

\$65 Member / \$75 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

Come to the quintessential whodunit thriller at the estate of Sir Warren Peace (Ladies' Library) and get thrown into a night of mystery, intrigue and murder. With a killer crowd of people just waiting for murder to arrive on the scene, this night will keep everyone looking over their shoulders and guessing who will be the next victim. Bribe suspects for clues and gather information to reveal the unhinged guest who is whacking all the invitees. Be careful, because you could be next! Dress your best in evening wear and suits—this is a refined party, after all. Note: Transportation on your own.



Vera Bradley Goes VIP ... Ft. Wayne IN

Thursday, April 11, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Louise S. & Joyce B.



\$104 Member / \$114 Non-Member

\$ 99 Member / \$109 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

VIP treatment is in store for those who arrive at the humongous Vera Bradley annual sale by motor coach. Skip the lines and get immediate access to the bargains – up to 70% off on purses, totes, luggage and more. Private check-out and waiting area afterward is reserved for motor coach shoppers.



After shopping, head to Tucanos Brazilian Grill, known for their extensive salad bar and churrasco (shoe-HAS-ko) style dining. Assorted freshly grilled meats and vegetables are brought to diners' tables; take as much or as little as you wish.

Thunder Over Louisville ... Louisville KY

Friday, April 12 – Sunday, April 14, 2019 / Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures



\$699 PP Double / \$819 Single / \$679 PP Triple

\$50 Deposit / Final Payment Due 3/10/19

Rated as one of the top 100 events in North America, the Kentucky Derby Festival's Opening Ceremonies are truly a sight to behold. The Air Show dazzles the crowd with more than 100 planes, aerobatics teams, daring sky diving groups and breathtaking stunts. When it gets dark, the Thunder rolls.

Eight 400-foot barges assemble on both sides of the 2nd Street Bridge to form the stage from which the fireworks spectacular ignites. The breathtaking and mind-numbing 28-minute show includes Thunder's signature one-mile "waterfall" effect off the bridge, making the fireworks seem to rain down forever. In the memory of the crowd, it does!



What's New at the Detroit Zoo? ... Royal Oak MI

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Shirley W. & Mary M.



\$98 Member / \$108 Non-Member

\$93 Member / \$103 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

Reminisce on a previous experience or kindle new memories at the Detroit Zoo! Stroll the paths to see roaming animals, a bird aviary, fish, butterflies and the world's largest penguin exhibit. It's a special Senior Day at the zoo with many vendors present. A lunch voucher is included. Join us for a day of adventure.



Waitress at DeVos Place ... Grand Rapids MI

Saturday, May 4, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Judy L. & Jane W.O.



\$103 Member / \$113 Non-Member

\$ 98 Member / \$108 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

Based on the 2007 film, *Waitress*, this play follows Jenna, a pregnant waitress in the south who is trapped in an abusive marriage and looking for a happy ending. She finds relief – and potentially that happy ending – by making creatively titled pies and forming a romance with an unlikely newcomer. Dinner is on your own at one of several restaurants in the area.



A Branson Adventure ... Branson MO

Monday, May 13 – Saturday, May 18, 2019 / Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures



\$1,299 PP Double / \$1,549 Single / \$1,239 PP Triple

\$50 Deposit / Final Payment Due 4/12/19

A love of entertainment is the key to this Branson get-away. Enjoy admission and reserved seating for such shows as the *#1 Hits of the 60's and 50's Too*, *CJ Newsome Classic Country*, *SIX*, *Clay Cooper's Country Express*, the *Dough Gabriel Show* and Branson's famous *Baldknobbers*.



Marvelous Wonderettes at Meadowbrook Theatre ... Rochester MI

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Judy L. & Trudy R.



\$118 Member / \$128 Non-Member

\$113 Member / \$123 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

This play takes you to the 1958 Springfield High School prom where we meet 4 girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts. As we learn about their lives, the girls serenade us with classic 50's hits including *Lollipop*, *Dream Lover*, *Stupid Cupid* and *Lipstick on Your Collar*. When the girls reunite to take the stage and perform at their 10-year reunion, we learn about the highs and lows of the past decades. Enjoy lunch before the show at Alfoccino's Restaurant.



Mid-Michigan Tales and Treasures ... Bay City MI

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Mary M. & Shirley W.



\$115 Member / \$125 Non-Member

\$110 Member / \$120 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

Grab your babushka and come along to learn about the historic, beautiful architecture and Polish heritage in Bay City, MI. An expert historian will be our step-on guide to explain the key sites including a stop along the riverside, highlighting its significance to the city. An included lunch will be at the famous Krzysiak's House Restaurant for an authentic Polish buffet including American food options. Next, view the magnificent St. Stanislaus church built by Polish immigrants, where a guide will share its unique story. Travel on to nearby Midland to end the day with a guided tour of the fabulous Alden B. Dow Home and Studio.



Note: Trip involves a significant amount of walking. The Alden Dow Home will have several areas with steps without railings.

Sweet Memories – A Mystery Trip ... ???

Wednesday, May 29, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Joyce B. & Shirley W.



\$100 Member / \$110 Non-Member

\$ 95 Member / \$105 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

Strolling down memory lane to experience familiar tastes, aromas and sights from yester year; that is the plan for the day. A buffet lunch will be included on this one day adventure.



This mystery trip offers moderate walking at your own pace and the destination is easily accessible.

**Thank you for your participation in our
Portage Senior Center Trips.**

Canadian Rockies by Train ... Vancouver to Calgary

To be Finalized / Collette Tour



Call the Portage Senior Center for availability and pricing

Climb aboard as VIA Rail's *The Canadian* takes you between Vancouver and Jasper in a once-in-a-lifetime overnight train journey. Relax in the dome car and experience panoramic views of snow-capped mountains, glacial lakes, rushing rivers and the sheer unspoiled wilderness of Canada. In Jasper, see the dramatic Maligne Canyon and its picture-perfect lake, where you'll enjoy breakfast with a view! Journey along the unforgettable Icefields Parkway. Stop at Columbia Icefield and choose from a Glacier Experience across this mass of glacier ice or take a walk on the Glacier Skywalk. Feel like royalty while overnighing in the region's most elegant hotels and resorts. Discover the natural beauty of Moraine Lake, the powerful Bow Falls and impressive Hoodoos. Experience a day on a ranch in the Alberta plains, complete with a wagon ride in search of buffalo and a BBQ lunch in the great outdoors.



Please make an appointment with the Trip Coordinator if interested in international travel opportunities.

Southern Exposure and Life in Miniature ... Battle Creek MI

Thursday, June 6, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Ann P. & Mary M.



\$70 Member / \$80 Non-Member

\$65 Member / \$75 Non-Member → If signup by 12/30/18

Springtime will delight at Southern Exposure Herb Farm and the Midwest Miniatures Museum. Chef Elsie will prepare a charming, Southern Exposure lunch with chicken salad and Key Lime pie for dessert. Enjoy a leisurely walk through the flower gardens and a tour of the restored farm buildings. Next, travel through the countryside to Hickory Corners for a step back in time to view fine, quality miniatures displayed in a gallery setting featuring the work of hundreds of artisans. This picturesque country farmhouse filled with beautiful dollhouses, including a replica of the Yellow House that Van Gogh lived in, is not to be missed.



America's Largest Home – the Biltmore Estate ... Asheville NC

Tentative Dates:

Saturday, June 15 – Wednesday, June 19, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Sandy S. & Sally B.

Trip and Pricing Under Construction

Bask in the glory of summer, when longer days mean more time to enjoy the estate's fun-for-all-ages activities. Nestled in the mountains of beautiful Asheville, North Carolina, Biltmore's grounds cover 8,000 acres of breathtaking scenery featuring America's largest home and historic gardens. Many people who visit the Biltmore mansion long to stay overnight. If you're one of them, your wish will be granted. Relax into Vanderbilt-inspired hospitality, a posh hilltop property on the estate. Plans include: Guided Biltmore House Tour, Legacy of the Land Tour, wine & cheese social hour; Antler Hill Village to browse the shops, Village Social for live music; an exhibition that looks at the family who created Biltmore, The Vanderbilts at Home and Abroad and so much more!



The Spirit of Peoria ... Springfield IL

Friday, June 21 – Wednesday, June 26, 2019 / Ed & Ted's Excellent Adventures

**\$1,699 PP Double / \$2,059 Single / \$1,609 PP Triple
\$50 Deposit / Final Payment Due 5/15/19**

Join us for this riverboat excursion from Peoria IL to St. Louis MO on the Illinois and Mississippi rivers with overnight stays along the way. Live piano, vocal, guitar, banjo music and professional river lore are provided for entertainment as well as historical information at various spots and wildlife sightings too! One day will be everything Lincoln in Springfield. Enjoy the slower pace of life on this unique riverboat, the Spirit of Peoria!



Discovering More of Petoskey & Surrounding Areas ... Petoskey MI

Tentative Dates:

Tuesday, June 25 - Thursday, June 27, 2019 / Travel Leaders: Shirley W. & Ann P.

Trip and Pricing Under Construction

Join us as we return to Petoskey. Check out Petoskey with new and exciting venues, including the Mushroom Houses, Bay View Community, boat excursions and elegant hotel stays, as well as fabulous dinners and desserts.



FUTURE OFFERINGS

Add your name to the list to be contacted regarding the following trip possibilities:

Local excursion trips as they become available (theatre, museum, sightseeing, etc.)

Sports related trips as they become available.

Additional 2019 extended trips under construction: a visit to Port Huron; Stratford/Toronto; Detroit Culinary Tour; Lexington KY with a visit to the ARK; Greenfield Village at the Holidays.

Our Next Trip Preview will be held on ... Saturday, April 27, 2019

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 members, 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 wear headphones or put in "silent mode".

Travel Policy Information

RESERVATIONS Reservations for one-day trips must be paid in full at the time of sign-up. The deposit for an extended trip must be paid at the time of sign-up. Payment may be made in person at the PSC. You may also call the Trip Office to make arrangements to send the payment in by mail. Early registration is encouraged. A wait list is started when a trip becomes full.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION All travelers must provide updated emergency contact information and have a release of liability form on file. In addition, any special travel needs, allergies or any other medical information that is pertinent to travel should be provided and kept up to date with the Travel Office. Travelers are encouraged to carry a list of medications or other pertinent emergency information (if applicable).

SEATING Seating arrangements will be made at the discretion of the travel leader(s) and announced at the beginning of the trip.

FREQUENT TRAVELER CARDS A traveler may receive one punch on their frequent traveler card for each day that the traveler participates in a trip led by a PSC travel leader. One full card (or combination of cards that make up a full card) may be used on any given trip that is led by a PSC travel leader. A full card (10 punches) is good for \$5 off of a PSC led trip. Please note, FTCs cannot be used on PSC casino trips or third party vendor trips.

Cancellations & Refunds

Contact the Travel Office immediately at (269) 324-9239 if you must cancel a reservation.

A traveler may **NOT** sell their reservation to someone else.

Depending on the payment schedule to venues, a full refund may not be possible unless the PSC can fill the spot.

Refund policies and penalties vary on extended trips and on the timing of the cancellation.

A refund may take 2 to 4 weeks to process.

The PSC reserves the right to cancel a trip if too few people sign up.

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:
Monday – Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM

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Welcome to the Portage Senior Center.

Experience a vital, vibrant community offering a wide variety of services and activities that match the needs of active participants. Established in 1979, the PSC was the first nationally accredited senior center in Michigan.

Activities for Everyone

- Educational Classes
- Performing Arts
- Health and Wellness
- Interest Groups
- Travel Opportunities

Join Now!

Membership at the PSC is open to anyone over the age of 50. Regular membership is good for one full year and allows for participation in all educational, social/recreational, and volunteer events.

\$25/year for Portage residents

\$35/year for non-residents

"I love coming to the Center because the PSC is the perfect place to have fun, stay active, and make new friends. Coming here makes life a lot less lonely."

– Sumanee Haney
PSC member since 2009



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