

# VENTURES TRAVEL

**TRAVEL INSERT**

*Destinations and Schedules for Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall 2011*



**Your Journey  
Awaits You...**

**with a Ventures Travel Vacation!**

Thanks to you, our loyal customers, 2010 was indeed a year of celebration! Together, we traveled near and far, discovered new and different, made new friends and reconnected with old friends. Let's do it again this year! Your vacation is an investment in fun and relaxation--we are committed to providing the most fun for the most affordable price! Compare us to others...you'll come back year after year!

Come with us on new adventures to: NASCAR- Charlotte Motor Speedway or Washington, D.C. in the spring--just in time for the blossoming cherry trees! Visit the Jersey Shore, take a ten-day trek on the Great Western Trail or fly to Jackson Hole, Wyoming for an incredible view of the Teton Mountains. New baseball adventures include: Arizona Spring Training or the ultimate baseball stadiums tour on our Take Me Out to the Ball Games trip. Celebrate the Fall Harvest Festival at Dollywood, eat your fill at the Arizona State Fair in October or take in the Fargo Air Show--all NEW trips this year.

Our Special Trip Planning Service continues to grow by leaps and bounds. When you want to go someplace new or to your favorite destination with your own group of friends or family, contact us! We'll help you plan the vacation you desire, that fits your budget, whether traveling with friends, family or on your own! If your family lives afar and you need help getting there...call us! We gladly provide one of our caring, trained staff members to accompany you.

Inside you'll find trip descriptions which include information about attractions, transportation and walking levels. Some vacations or attractions may not be accessible for our customers who use wheelchairs. If you have questions, please contact us at 952-852-0107, ext. 6 for Lisa-Program Coordinator, ext. 8 for Debbie-Registrar-for trip openings or billing questions, ext. 4 for Nikki-Program Manager and Special Trip Planner or ext. 2 for Margaret-President of Ventures Travel, LLC.

***Will you receive an unexpected refund or back payment that requires you to spend down?  
Pay Now...Travel Later.***

Persons who receive an unexpected monetary gift, refund or back payment which requires a "spend down" can pay for their vacation ahead of time. Put your money safely on account with us and choose your vacation destination at a later date. You then have 12-18 months to choose your dream vacation! Deposits may be subject to a fee if funds are not used within that period. Call our office to inquire about this pre-pay option!



*Ventures Travel, LLC offers educational, recreational and social opportunities for people with developmental disabilities, and respite support for parents, families, and other care providers.*

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## Staffing and Other Considerations:

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On average, trip fees provide one travel guide for every three or four travelers. If extra assistance is needed, please make note on the application. Travelers whose health, medical or personal needs or behaviors fall outside the scope of our staff's expertise, and/or travelers requiring one-to-one assistance will be asked to provide their own staff or pay an additional fee for this service. If a family member, friend, group home or day placement staff is able to accompany the traveler and provide 1:1 assistance; the cost for that person is 65% of the actual cost of the trip. There are times when we may be able to provide additional staffing. Depending on the circumstances, those additional fees range from \$75/day to 65% of the actual cost. Please call us to determine the best option. Our goal is a successful, fun, safe vacation for every traveler! Appropriate and necessary staffing is the key to that success.

Trips depend on various modes of transportation for each trip. Typically, 12- or 15-passenger vans are used except where public transportation is noted in the description. Travelers requiring specialized methods of travel outside the scope of what is normally provided, i.e. accessible vehicles, should contact our office for more information. There is often an additional fee for this type of transportation. If a traveler needs a wheelchair while on vacation, we understand the independence that a motorized, electric wheelchair or scooter offers. However, we prefer that the traveler bring his/her own manual, collapsible wheelchair. If you have questions about which type of wheelchair is best for a particular trip, please call us. Selected attractions may have wheelchairs available for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. **All fees for these additional rentals are the responsibility of the traveler.**

## Act Now!

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Vacations fill quickly and availability is limited. A typical trip size is 7 or 8 travelers and 2 or 3 staff persons. Call us if the application deadline has passed and you are interested in a trip! We'll add more people to a trip if there is enough interest. Sometimes registration is low and a trip may be cancelled or we may ask for additional fees in order to make the trip possible. Variations in price reflect length of stay, mode of travel, season and occupancy. The prices for some vacations reflect two options. We have very flexible payment plans available--see page 3.

- The "Cost" is the *actual* amount it costs Ventures Travel LLC, to provide this vacation for one individual.
- The "Discount Fee" offers some scholarship dollars for those who cannot afford to pay the "Cost."

## How to Register

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- **All travelers must complete a Ventures Travel, LLC, application.** The completed forms are required for registration. Contact us if you need applications OR download forms from our website: [www.venturestravel.org](http://www.venturestravel.org); select "Forms Library," then "Registration Materials," then print.  
**Please Note:** One application is good for the entire calendar year— whether you go on one trip or many. If you have already completed an application for the current calendar year, simply call or email us to register for another trip. No extra forms to fill out!!
- **Mail completed forms along with a \$250 deposit made payable to: Ventures Travel, LLC.** All payments are applied to the cost of your trip and either held on account if a trip is cancelled due to low enrollment or refunded. You may wish to choose another trip yet this year or hold funds on account and apply them to a trip next year. Read our cancellation policies very carefully. **All pre-purchased trip expenses (tickets for trains, planes, cruise ships, attractions and accommodations) are not refundable.**
- **Within three weeks, you will receive confirmation,** suggestions for packing, a physical examination form and other relevant forms. Each traveler must have a physical within 24 months of the trip; this may be a copy of your most recent physical exam.
- **At least two weeks before the departure date,** you will receive a trip itinerary that includes check-in and check-out times and locations. Please read the itineraries closely and call or email if you have any questions!

## Questions Often Asked

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**Transportation:** Meet our group at the departure site which is clearly stated on the itinerary. If you live near or along the travel route, we are happy to meet at a pre-arranged location. If other arrangements such as flights or shuttles from other cities need to be made to connect you with our group, the traveler is responsible for those additional costs.

**Clothing:** Travelers are responsible for their own clothes and personal items. We expect travelers will carry or assist with their luggage but we understand when someone needs help. We strongly recommend luggage on wheels to promote independence and personal responsibility.

**Meals:** Travelers are responsible for buying four meals on every vacation unless otherwise noted in the description. Money to pay for these meals should be included with spending money brought to trip check-in.

**Medications:** Please send medications in prescription-labeled containers, bubble packs or other suitable packaging from the pharmacist. **Please Note:** We want to promote independence and personal responsibility! If a traveler takes his/her medication from a pill bar or other daily dispenser, please bring that along with one sample or extra pill in a prescription-labeled container or bubble pack. We must be able to identify and verify the medications that are in the daily dispenser in case a medication is lost or dropped. Some pharmacies pre-pack medications especially for vacations--ask your pharmacist for the option that is best for you.

**Insurance:** Please provide photocopies of the primary health insurance provider, medical assistance, and/or Medicare cards in the event medical or pharmacy services are needed while on vacation.

### Payment Options

Half of the trip fee (50%) must be paid before departure. Fees can be paid in full on or before the first day of the trip. We offer convenient and flexible payment options:

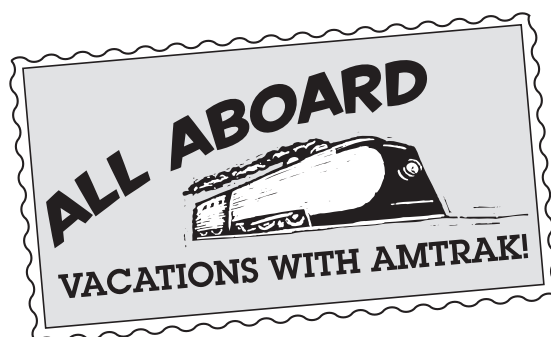
**Credit Cards:** We accept American Express, VISA, MasterCard, or Discover. Credit card payments will also be accepted on the day of departure.

**No-Interest Monthly Payments:** A bill will be sent each month until the balance is paid. Minimum monthly payment is \$75. The balance must be paid within 6 months after the vacation has been completed.

**Single Billing:** No-interest credit will be extended to anyone who would like to pay the fee after the trip. The full amount due must be paid within 30 days after the individual has attended.

Normal goods and services provided in each trip fee include: accommodations, attractions, most meals, supervision of one travel guide/leader for every three or four travelers and transportation (unless special circumstances apply--see page 2). If you have needs which fall outside the scope of the services we provide, contact our office.

## TRIP DESCRIPTIONS



Amtrak has your ticket to adventure! Three exciting trips await you. Important note: Check-in on the first day of the trip will be at a local hotel. This overnight eases the early morning departure on the train. The cost of this overnight is included in the trip fee. Your traveler may stay the night after their vacation as well. There is a \$65 fee for this service. We use public transportation on these trips--there is considerable walking or rolling if utilizing a wheelchair. Train / Hotel

### Big Cities by Amtrak

Take in the sights at two of the nation's "Big Cities." In Chicago, visit Millennium Park and Navy Pier. Take in a spectacular view of the city from the Skydeck at the top of the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower). Bring your camera for the attractions in our nation's capital. See the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam and World War II Memorials, the Capitol and Washington Monument. Tour the popular Air & Space Museum at the Smithsonian.

**Trip #367-11**     **Sept. 29-Oct. 7, 2011**     **9 days**

### Chicago by Amtrak

Ride the rails to the "Windy City" where you will stroll through Millennium Park and have lunch on Navy Pier. Get a spectacular view of sea life at the Shedd Aquarium and, see the entire city from the Skydeck at the top of the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower). Finish off your vacation with a harbor cruise.

**Trip #333-11**     **June 26-July 1, 2011**     **6 days**

### Milwaukee by Amtrak

Celebrations and festivals happen all summer long in Wisconsin's beautiful city on the lake. Take a boat tour of the scenic shoreline and explore the astonishing Pabst mansion. Taste the delicious ethnic food and stroll through the shops on Brady Street. Tour the Miller Brewing Company or brand new Harley Davidson Museum. Catch a Brewers home game at Miller Park, if playing, or visit the world-class Milwaukee Zoo.

**Trip #339-11**     **July 13-18, 2011**     **6 days**

## Bright Lights, City Sights



### Disneyland & California Adventure!

April is a great time to escape the dreary Minnesota weather and immerse yourself in the magic of Disney! Celebrate California's past and future. Visit the newest Disney park—California Adventure—and see Minnie, Mickey and all the rest at Disneyland! Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking

**Trip #314-11    April 14-18, 2011    5 days**

### Hollywood, Disneyland & Universal Studios

Stroll down the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame, see hand and foot prints of famous stars at the Chinese Theatre—look for your favorite stars! Tour the Kodak Theatre, home to the Academy awards and American Idol Final. "Ride the Movies" at Universal Studios...then on to Disneyland and Mickey, Minnie and all their friends! Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking

**Trip #384-11    December 15-20, 2011    6 days**

### **NEW!** Jersey Shore

You've watched the TV show...but, the Jersey Shore has so much more to offer! Stroll the piers and boardwalks, shop for souvenirs at their unique stores. Watch salt water taffy being made (and try some, too) and enjoy one of the many local amusement parks. Visit Asbury Park, Jenkinson's Aquarium and the Cape May lighthouse. Don't forget their amazing beaches! You're *shore* to have a great time! Flight / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking

**Trip #332-11    June 24-28, 2011    5 days**

### Las Vegas

Bright lights and city sights describe a Las Vegas vacation to a T! See a Las Vegas-style nightclub show, magic show and the Fremont Street laser light show. Watch the fountains of the Bellagio and tour Circus Circus. Enjoy a grand buffet and try your hand at casino-style gambling. Five-day vacation includes a side trip to Hoover Dam which is 75 years old this year. A brand new bridge, just down river, offers amazing views of the dam. All meals included on the 4-day vacations. Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking due to public transportation

**Trip #305-11    February 25-March 1, 2011    5 days  
(includes Hoover Dam)**

**Trip #370-11    October 14-17, 2011    4 days**

**Trip #385-11    December 16-19, 2011    4 days**

### Miami and the Florida Keys

*(See description in the Sun 'n Fun section)*

### New Orleans – French Quarter Festival

*(See description in the Southern Hospitality section)*

### New York!

Visit, tour and enjoy this ever-busy city! Visit Ground Zero, Rockefeller Plaza and Times Square. Tour Ellis Island, the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building. So many things to do...so many things to see. Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking due to public transportation

**Trip #363-11    September 16-20, 2011    5 days**

### San Francisco

A truly unique experience! Ride world-famous streetcars and tour historic Chinatown. Stroll along Fisherman's Wharf and take the ferry to Alcatraz! See the Golden Gate Bridge, discover the hands-on activities at the Exploratorium and tour the beautiful Japanese Gardens! Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking due to public transportation

**Trip #355-11    August 26-30, 2011    5 days**

### **NEW!** Seattle, Washington

Surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery, three national parks and pristine waterways, Seattle is a great summer destination! Visit the Seattle Center, Seattle's entertainment hub, and the Pike Place Market with its aisles of farm fresh fruits and veggies. The Museum of Flight boasts exhibits that are hands-on and people friendly—try your hand at flying! The Olympic Sculpture Park and the Woodland Park Zoo are must-see attractions. Top it off with a ride on one of the ferries or water taxis from the Seattle Waterfront...you'll be glad you did. Flight / Hotel-Suites / Moderate to considerable walking

**Trip #351-11    August 15-19, 2011    5 days**

### Southern California

*(See description in the Sun 'n Fun section)*

### **NEW!** Washington, D.C. Cherry Blossom Festival

Our nation's capital is awash in the beauty of cherry blossoms. Imagine the sounds and smells of spring in the air! Bring your camera along for this trip! See the Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam and World War II Memorials, the Washington Monument and the Capitol building and Visitor Center. Tour the popular Air & Space Museum at the Smithsonian. Flight / Hotel-Suites / Considerable walking due to public transportation

**Trip #311-11    March 31-April 4, 2011    5 days**

## Country Sights & Sounds

### Branson, Missouri

Rock to a little country music, tap your toes at great music shows, eat delicious food... Branson has something for everyone! Take a paddlewheel ride on the Branson Belle—always a big hit! Hear great music from the 50's, 60's or 70's! See the Haygoods and other popular Branson shows! Flight trips cut out the long drive but you enjoy just as much Branson as the van trips!! Vacations in November and December are made even brighter with holiday light displays. Van OR Flight / Condo-Vacation Home / Light to moderate walking



<b>Trip #315-11</b>	<b>April 20-27, 2011</b>	<b>8 days</b>
<b>Trip #326-11</b>	<b>June 6-13, 2011</b>	<b>8 days</b>
<b>Trip #336-11</b>	<b>July 1-8, 2011</b>	<b>8 days</b>
<b>Trip #357-11</b>	<b>September 1-7, 2011</b>	<b>7 days</b>
<b>Trip #372-11</b>	<b>October 19-25, 2011</b>	<b>7 days</b>
<b>Trip #377-11</b>	<b>November 16-22, 2011</b>	<b>7 days</b>
<b>(Festival of Lights)</b>		
<b>Trip #381-11</b>	<b>December 1-5, 2011</b>	<b>5 days</b>
<b>(Festival of Lights-flight trip)</b>		

### **NEW!** Dollywood, Harvest Festival

Celebrate fall at the Harvest Festival in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Two great attractions await you! Dollywood theme park is a one-of-a-kind adventure and as unique as its namesake, Dolly Parton! Enjoy the spectacular fall colors of the Smoky Mountains--beautiful! As a bonus, hear great Southern gospel music at Dollywood! Flight / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #369-11**    **October 6-11, 2011**    **6 days**

### Memphis, Tennessee

"Walk a Mile in My Shoes," tour Graceland Mansion, the Lisa Marie (Elvis' private jet) and the Sincerely Elvis Museum. Stroll through the Elvis Presley car museum—impressive! On Beale Street, eat some good old-fashioned barbecue and hear great music & blues at B.B. Kings. Other options: Tour the Rock N Soul Museum or Sun Studio. Flight / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #317-11**    **May 6-10, 2011**    **5 days**

### Memphis and Nashville!

A little bit country and a little bit rock n' roll – this trip has it all! Enjoy the glitz at Graceland and the glamour of the Grand Ole Opry. Take a riverboat ride and savor some down home cookin' on Beale Street. Tour the Rock N Soul Museum and Country Music Hall of Fame! Experience the best both of these Tennessee cities have to offer! Flight / Hotel / Moderate walking

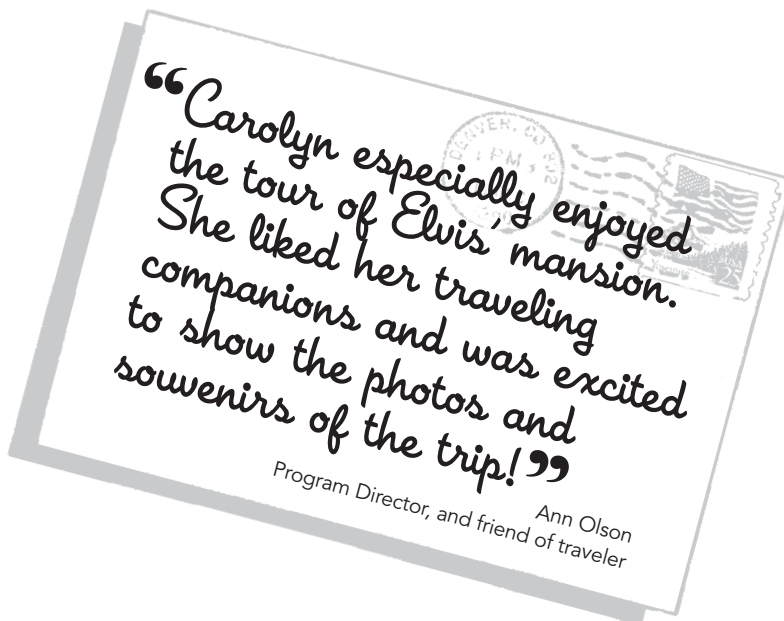
**Trip # 373-11**    **October 25-November 1, 2011** **8 days**

### Nashville, Tennessee

A country-filled vacation! Tour the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Grand Ole Opry. Visit RCA Studio B, where Elvis and many others recorded, and the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame. Finish off with a wonderful river boat ride (in season) and enjoy a picnic on the grounds of the Parthenon—an amazing replica of the one in Athens, Greece. Flight / Hotel / Moderate walking



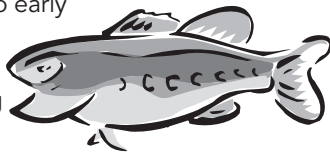
**Trip #316-11**    **April 28-May 2, 2011**    **5 days**



## Fisherman's Getaways

These trips fill quickly—sign up early for our prime fishing trips!

Bring your current fishing license...or enough spending money to buy a license at the resort. Each destination has distinctive qualities...and lots of fish for you to catch. Van / Cabin – Resort / Light to moderate walking



### Fishing at Lake Mille Lacs

Such a popular trip; we added an extra day to your vacation! As one of the most popular fishing lakes in Minnesota, Lake Mille Lacs is the place where fish stories are made. Board your guided fishing boat for two half-days of fishing where you'll hunt for walleye, northern pike and lake trout! Take in local attractions, go to the Mille Lacs casino for dinner and test your luck in the slots.

**Trip #338-11 July 11-15, 2011 5 days**

### Fishing at Lake of the Woods

Our most popular fishing trip! Bayview Lodge awaits your return! Look out for spectacular scenery and exciting fishing as your guided launch leads you out onto the lake. Or, fish off the dock for smallmouth bass and other pan fish. Cook up a scrumptious meal, play games and make s'mores around the campfire.

**Trip #360-11 September 8-12, 2011 5 days**

### Lake Superior Charter Fishing!

Just bring your fishing license and trout stamp on this awesome fishing vacation! Go out on two deep-lake fishing charter trips where you'll catch fish such as walleye, lake trout and salmon. The charter boat provides all the fishing gear—you bring in "the big one!" Enjoy your stay in Duluth and see a few of the local attractions as well. All meals are included on this vacation.

**Trip #328-11 June 13-16, 2011 4 days**

### Lake Cabin Getaway

*(See description in the Midwest Adventures section)*

### Arizona Dude Ranch\*

Come ride horses, enjoy home-cooked meals and the incredible beauty around the ranch. This family-owned and operated ranch loves our travelers! Cookouts and evening entertainment round out each day. All meals are included on this vacation. Flight / Ranch / Moderate to considerable physical activity (especially when riding). (220 lb. weight limit for horseback riding)

\*This ranch vacation is suited for those requiring more physical assistance to mount a horse, or who have little to no riding experience.

**Trip #371-11 October 17-21, 2011 5 days**

### NEW! Arizona Fall Frenzy

Go west for the Arizona State Fair—October is a perfect time for this sunny getaway! And, fall baseball season is underway too. Sports fun, fair food and plenty of sunshine—it doesn't get any better than this. Flight / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking (especially at State Fair)

**Trip #374-11 October 27-Nov. 1, 2011 6 days**

### Black Hills, South Dakota

Moved up to June—to avoid the August heat! See Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse monuments. Visit Deadwood, SD where the old west is alive and well! Enjoy a drive through Badlands National Park and the Wildlife Loop at Custer State Park. Tour Bear Country, USA and take the trolley ride in Rapid City. To top it off, eat your fill at a chuck wagon show. Van / Hotel-Cabin / Moderate – considerable walking (depending on interest for more hiking)

**Trip #331-11 June 23-30, 2011 8 days**

### Grand Canyon

You must visit the biggest, best and most beautiful spot on earth! Eighteen miles wide (in some spots) and up to a mile deep—it is awe-inspiring! Stops on the South Rim include the Desert View Visitor Center, the Watchtower with its incredible views and the Yavapai Geology Observation Station and Geology Museum. Flight / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking (depending on interest for more hiking)

**Trip #365-11 September 23-27, 2011 5 days**

Go West!



**NEW! The Great Western Trail**

From mild to wild, there is plenty to see on this western excursion! Explore Denver's Zoo, Buffalo Herd Nature Preserve, Botanic Gardens or Museum of Nature & Science. In Colorado Springs, you must see Garden of the Gods, Seven Falls, Pike's Peak and the Air Force Academy. Surrounded by beauty and majesty, this is one trip you'll always remember! Flight / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking (depending on interest for more hiking)

**Trip #323-11    May 31-June 9, 2011    10 days**

**NEW! Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

Explore the majesty of the Grand Teton Mountain range...in Jackson Hole, the heart of the National Park. Ride over 4000 feet in 9 minutes to the top of the mountains at Teton Village. You will be amazed to see bison, prairie dogs, moose, deer, wildflowers, butterflies, pristine lakes and snow at the top of the mountains! Flight / Hotel-resort / Moderate walking

**Trip #346-11    August 4-8, 2011    5 days**

**Las Vegas**

*(See description in the Bright Lights, City Sights section)*

**Medora, ND—The Old West**

Nightly music shows and buggy rides set the stage for a return to the Old West. The nationally acclaimed Pitchfork Steak Fondue is a hit with our groups! Enjoy the Comedy Corner show at the Old Town Hall Theatre! Drive through Theodore Roosevelt National Park—hike the trails, photograph the wildlife and shop for souvenirs at the Visitor Center. An option for those who are interested includes a scenic \*horseback trail ride. Van / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking (depending on interest for more hiking) \*220 lb. weight limit for horseback riding

**Trip #329-11    June 17-22, 2011    6 days**

**Seattle, Washington**

*(See description in the Bright Lights, City Sights section)*

**Yellowstone National Park**

Old Faithful...still erupting after all these years! And you could be there. Yellowstone National Park has it all: see the unmatched beauty and wonder of shooting geysers, steaming hot springs and waterfalls! Bring your camera to photograph a large variety of wildlife; bears, wolves, bison, bighorn sheep and elk. Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking

**Trip #324-11    June 1-6, 2011    6 days**

# Midwest Adventures

**Door County, Wisconsin**

Discover the exquisite beauty of the Door County Peninsula. Visit Sturgeon Bay Ship Canal and Coast Guard Station to view the lighthouse and breakwater pier—bring your camera, a prime photo opportunity! Take a ferry to Washington Island and ride the "Cherry Train" trolley tour. Visit one of many area museums to learn about shipwreck lore. And, end your day with a breathtaking sunset over Lake Michigan. Van / Hotel-Cabin / Moderate walking

**Trip #337-11    July 11-15, 2011    5 days**

**Friendship Getaway**

For the person or couple of friends who want to get-away to a cozy cabin at Eden Wood Center! Enjoy a baking project or craft-making, going out to dinner & a movie, and perhaps bowling or swimming. You and the group choose the variety of activities on this vacation! Designed for persons over 18 who have permission for short periods of unsupervised time and who work well with one staff for every five travelers or campers. All meals are included in this vacation!

**Trip #386-11    December 27-30, 2011    4 days**

**Lake Cabin Getaway**

Enjoy swimming and relaxing at your cabin or around the campfire. Make s'mores, take the pontoon out on the lake, put up your feet and relax. Visit local attractions (*depending on resort location*), play mini-golf and grab a great meal out on the town. Van / Resort / Light walking

**Trip #341-11    July 18-22, 2011    5 days**

**NEW! Lake Superior Fall Colors**

Fall is the best time to travel up to Northern Minnesota & Wisconsin and enjoy the beautiful fall colors! Bayfield, Wisconsin has a simple, serene beauty that you must see. Of course, you may also want to pick your own fresh red apples at one of Bayfield's countless orchards, cruise through the Apostle Islands, hike one of the many colorful trails and enjoy a delicious meal at one of the unique restaurants. Van / Hotel-resort / Moderate walking

**Trip #366-11    September 26-30, 2011    5 days**



## Laura Ingalls Wilder Vacation

Visit Laura's childhood home in Walnut Grove and enjoy the annual outdoor drama along the banks of Plum Creek! In DeSmet, you will see the surveyor's house, the last home of the Ingalls family, the Ingalls Memorial Site and replica of the Brewster School. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant is in full swing (in both towns) while you are there! All meals are included on this vacation! Van / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking

**Trip #342-11 July 22-25, 2011 4 days**

## Minnesota Festivals Weekend



Enjoy the best of our Minnesota Festivals on this awesome weekend getaway. At the Minnesota State Fair, enjoy thrilling rides, animal barns, live music and every kind of food-on-a-stick you can imagine! At the Renaissance Festival, see

live jousting, stage shows, arts & crafts and enjoy more delicious food. All meals are included on this vacation! Van / Cabin / Considerable walking (**Please note:** Renaissance Festival is not very accessible for wheelchairs)

**Trip #354-11 August 26-29, 2011 4 days**

## Twin Cities Holiday Theatre Weekend

Step into Christmas past, present and future with Scrooge, or drift through a dance with Clara and the Nutcracker...the Twin Cities has much to offer in its many theatres! Cozy up by the fire in your cabin; see the Holidazzle parade and the Macy's 8th floor holiday display in downtown Minneapolis. All meals are included on this vacation! Van / Cabin / Light to moderate walking

**Trip #382-11 December 9-12, 2011 4 days**

## Twin Cities Spa Retreat

Grab a friend or two and spoil yourselves on this winter or summer getaway. Fancy a facial? Pine for a pedicure? Choose the services you desire: manicure, pedicure, facial, massage, and hair styling. Relax in the hot tub and savor the scent of aromatherapy oils...anytime is a good time to be pampered! All meals are included on this vacation! Van / Hotel / Light walking

**Trip #301-11 February 1-4, 2011 4 days**

**Trip #334-11 June 27-30, 2011 4 days**

## Wisconsin Dells

Always a favorite with our travelers! Visit Lost Canyon, Ride the Ducks and tour the Circus World Museum. Play mini-golf and enjoy a picnic lunch at Devil's Lake State Park. Thrills and chills can be had at the Tommy Bartlett Sky, Ski & Stage show. The magic of Rick Wilcox keeps you guessing! All meals are included on the 4-day vacation. Van / Resort / Moderate walking

**Trip #330-11 June 20-24, 2011 5 days**

**Trip #335-11 July 1-5, 2011 5 days**

**Trip #340-11 July 18-22, 2011 5 days**

**Trip #348-11 August 9-12, 2011 4 days**

**Trip #356-11 August 29-Sept. 2, 2011 5 days**

## Wisconsin Dells Indoor Water Park Fun!

Here's a novel idea—go to Wisconsin Dells in the fall—and stay at one of their premier indoor water park resort hotels! Still the same great Dells—but this time your thrills include a mesmerizing magic show and the Tommy Bartlett Exploratory. Awesome fun for everyone! All meals are included on this vacation. Van / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #362-11 Sept. 16-19, 2011 4 days**

## Minnesota Music Festivals

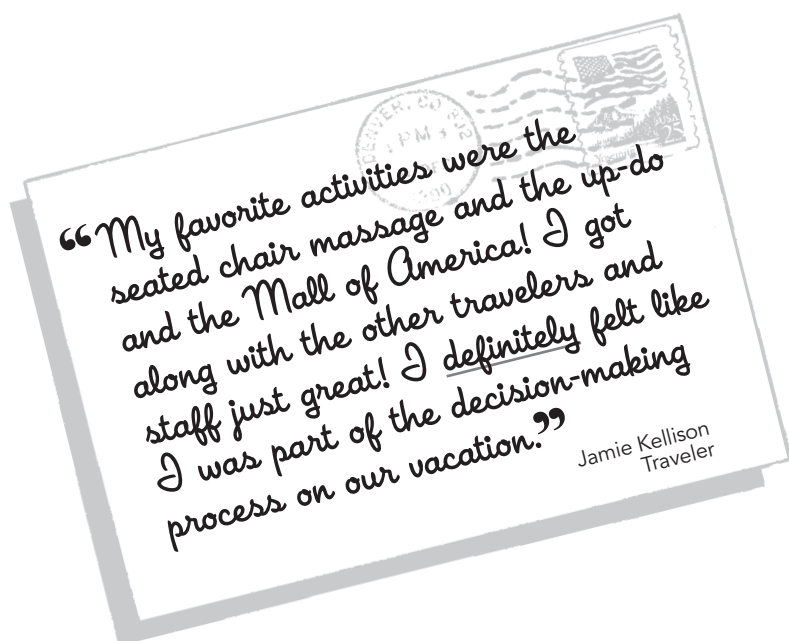
### Higher Ground Music Festival

Come experience praise and worship like never before at this two-day music extravaganza! Every year, the biggest acts in Christian music have graced the stages here, talent such as: Mark Schultz, Hawk Nelson, Chris Tomlin, Steven Curtis Chapman, Go Fish and many more...2011 could be the biggest year yet! Don't forget your autograph book or T-shirt; you can meet most of the acts! All meals are included on this vacation! Van / Hotel / Light to moderate walking (**Please note:** grounds at music festival are not very wheelchair accessible)



**Trip #349-11 TBD 3 days**

(Usually scheduled mid-August)



## Northern Excursions

### Duluth, Minnesota

Explore our favorite North Shore destination! Stroll along Canal Park, visit the unique shops and eat at Grandma's—a Duluth landmark! Watch the Aerial Lift Bridge make way for the huge iron ore boats. Walk a little further on along the piers to the lighthouse! Tour the Depot Train museum and ride the pizza train to Two Harbors. Catch a sightseeing tour of Lake Superior on the Vista Fleet. Other possible attractions: a drive to Gooseberry Falls and the Split Rock Lighthouse or a tour of the Glensheen Manor or the William A. Irvin iron ore boat. Van / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #353-11 August 22-26, 2011 5 days**

### Juneau, Alaska

This once-in-a-lifetime dream vacation takes you on a whale watching cruise, brings you face-to-face with the enormous Mendenhall glacier and to the top of Mt. Roberts by tramway. A must-see tour of the Glacier Gardens Rainforest Adventure tops off this unbelievable trip. Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking (**Please note:** this vacation is not very wheelchair accessible)

**Trip #344-11 July 28- August 2, 2011 6 days**

### **NEW!** Lake Superior Fall Colors

Fall is the best time to travel up to Northern Minnesota & Wisconsin and enjoy the beautiful fall colors! Bayfield, Wisconsin has a simple, serene beauty that you must see. Of course, you may also want to pick your own fresh red apples at one of Bayfield's countless orchards, cruise through the Apostle Islands, hike one of the many colorful trails and enjoy a delicious meal at one of their unique restaurants. Van / Hotel-resort / Moderate walking

**Trip #366-11 September 26-30, 2011 5 days**



## **P SAIL AWAY!**

Our cruises offer something for everyone! Whether you're interested in a little sun and fun, magical Disney entertainment or incredible sunsets and vistas, you can find it aboard one of these cruise offerings. Don't delay—send in your application NOW! All trip dates will be determined once the application deadline has passed and all travelers are registered. Each trip is offered during a specific time frame and the numbers of days are noted in the descriptions below. **Please note: Passport required for every cruise vacation!**

All meals are included on these vacations. Many cruise vacations include an overnight in a hotel near the airport due to the early flight out. This will be noted on your itinerary if this is the case on your vacation. Accessible accommodations may be available but register early. Flight / Cruise ship accommodations / Moderate walking

### Alaskan Cruise

One incredible experience after another! Board your ship and cruise along Queen Charlotte Sound past the Queen Charlotte Islands. Stop at Ketchikan and Sitka before debarking in Anchorage. Unbelievable shorelines, majestic mountain peaks and astonishing beauty await you.

**Trip #358-11 Dates to be confirmed 8 days**  
(Usually scheduled early to mid-September)

### Caribbean Cruise

Fly to Florida and board your ship to paradise! Enjoy delicious meals and a ship filled with exciting entertainment options. Visit various islands in the warm Caribbean waters. This five-day cruise is a fun-in-the-sun dream come true!

**Trip #306-11 Dates to be confirmed 5 days**  
(Usually scheduled end of February to early March)

### Central American Cruise

Cruise warm southern waters and escape the harsh winter of Minnesota. Visit various destinations in Central America. This five-day cruise is a dream vacation. Stops on this cruise may include Mazatlan, Cozumel, Belize City or Guatemala!

**Trip #383-11 Dates to be confirmed 7 days**  
(Usually scheduled early to mid-December)

### Disney Cruise

Disney lovers—this is your dream cruise! Begin in Florida and board your ship to paradise! Get plenty of sun, fun and relaxation. Enjoy delicious meals and a Disney cruise ship filled with exciting entertainment options. Not to be missed!

**Trip #319-11 Dates to be confirmed 5 days**  
(Usually scheduled early to mid-May)

## Southern Hospitality!

### New Orleans – French Quarter Festival

Presenting the best in New Orleans music, food and fun! Savor Creole cooking, take in every type of music from jazz to R & B to funk, folk, gospel, even opera. See the Mardi Gras Museum and visit the bayou. Visit Jackson Square, Woldenberg Riverfront Park and the Louisiana State Museum's Old U.S. Mint for more signature events! Flight / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking due to public transportation

**Trip #313-11** April 7-11, 2011 5 days

### San Antonio, Texas

Rich in American history, natural beauty, wild animals, and fun! Remember the Alamo—take a tour of this historic site, a symbol of courage and sacrifice. Then, take a boat ride along the famed River Walk and explore Sea World. You must take the wildest drive ever at the Wildlife Ranch and picnic at Natural Bridges Caverns. Flight / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking

**Trip #308-11** March 14-18, 2011 5 days

**Trip #379-11** November 18-22, 2011 5 days

## Sports Lovers' Vacations

These trips are for die-hard sports fans! Focus on your favorite football or baseball team or racecar driver and cheer them all on to victory! **Note the early registration deadlines.** Send in your application today! These vacations fill quickly and we will notify you once the trip dates have been determined. **All meals included on the 3-4 day vacations.**

### **NEW!** Arizona Spring Training)

In the midst of winter in Minnesota, don't you want to fly to sunny, warm Arizona and watch some baseball? Get a head start on the season with your favorite Cactus League team! This could be your favorite destination every spring! Flight / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #309-11** March 17-21, 2011 5 days

### Green Bay Packers Training Camp

All right you Packers fans! You asked for it, and here it is! Go to Green Bay to watch the guys in green practice and run drills. Visit the pro-shop, tour Lambeau Field and the Packers Hall of Fame. Size up the team for the season! Van / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #345-11** August 1-4, 2011 4 days

### **NEW!** Fargo Air Show

Featuring the U.S. Navy Blue Angels and several other performers, record numbers of people will watch their daredevil antics, aerobatic demonstrations, tight

flight formations, vintage airplanes and feel their need for speed! Be part of it! Van / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking

**Trip #350-11** August 12-15, 2011 4 days

### Mankato, Vikings Training Camp

A very popular trip! Spend a few days watching the Purple and Gold practice at their training facility in Mankato, Minnesota. Attend practices and all the scheduled special events. You may even get your favorite player's autograph! Van / Hotel / Moderate walking



**Trip #347-11** August 5-8, 2011 4 days

### Minnesota Vikings Weekend!

Bring your Purple and Gold gear on this Vikings weekend getaway! Ventures Travel fans have brought the Vikes good luck—let's keep the trend going! Fans will enjoy game day with all the pre-game tailgating. Afterwards, have dinner at a sports bar so you can discuss the merits of the game! GO VIKES! Van / Cabin / Moderate walking

**Trip #378-11** Dates to be confirmed 3 days

(Usually scheduled mid to late November)

### **NEW!** Take Me Out to the Ball Games!

A Baseball Extravaganza! First off, cheer on the Twins to victory! Then, hop in the car and head to Chicago for BOTH a Chicago Cubs game AND a Chicago White Sox game. Wait...there's more!! Motor on up to Milwaukee to enjoy a Milwaukee Brewers game! 4 games in 8 days. WOW! Van / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #343-11** July 21-28, 2011 8 days

### Twins Baseball at Target Field!

These popular weekend getaways fill up fast! Haven't yet been to Target Field—or can't wait to get back again? Come cheer your Minnesota Twins on to victory. With the baseball schedule out already, these dates are confirmed! And, we've added more trips and an extra day for more Twins fun! Van / Cabin / Moderate walking

**Trip #321-11** May 26-29, 2011 4 days

**Trip #325-11** June 10-13, 2011 4 days

**Trip #361-11** September 15-18, 2011 4 days

### Twins Spring Training trip—Florida

Escape from your wintry blues and cheer on your favorite home-grown Minnesota Twins player! Baseball fans will truly enjoy this sunny, spring training location in Fort Myers, Florida! Help get the home team off to a great start! Flight / Hotel / Light to moderate walking

**Trip #310-11** March 24-28, 2011 5 days

## Racing Vacations

Join us for two great NASCAR experiences! Travel to the Michigan International or Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte to see live racing action! Pit passes get you close to the drivers, their crews and cars at most races! Enjoy the pre-race activities and cheer on your favorite driver! Van OR Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking from the parking areas to the seating areas and around pit row

**Trip #322-11**    **May 27-31, 2011**    **5 days**  
(Lowe's Motor Speedway-flight trip)

### Ultimate NASCAR!

Can't get enough racing action? Are you a NASCAR super-fan? See all three days of racing events at Michigan International Speedway. The fun begins on Friday with qualifiers; Saturday you'll see the Nationwide Series race, and Sunday you'll get all the biggest names in racing at the main event! Pit passes get you into the action before each race! Van / Hotel / Considerable walking from the parking areas to the seating areas and around pit row

**Trip #352-11**    **August 18-23, 2011**    **6 days**  
(Michigan International Speedway-van trip)

## Sun 'n Fun Destinations!

### Disney Extravaganza!

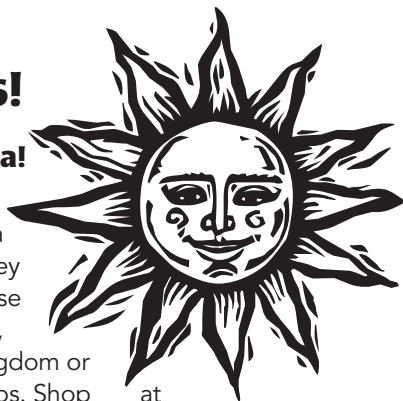
THE vacation for Disney fans—Go to sunny Florida and delve into three Disney parks in eight days! Choose between Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Animal Kingdom or Disney's Hollywood Studios. Shop at Downtown Disney, relax by your backyard pool or lounge at the beach. Flight / Vacation home / Considerable walking

**Trip #304-11**    **February 24-March 3, 2011**    **8 days**  
**Trip #320-11**    **May 17-24, 2011**    **8 days**  
**Trip #368-11**    **October 3-10, 2011**    **8 days**

### Disneyland & California Adventure!

Immerse yourself in the magic of Disney and celebrate California's past and future. Visit the newest Disney park—California Adventure—and see Minnie, Mickey and all the rest at Disneyland! April is a great time to escape the dreary Minnesota weather. Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking

**Trip #314-11**    **April 14-18, 2011**    **5 days**



## Florida Ocean Adventure

Spend a day at Discovery Cove where you'll be nose to bottlenose with a dolphin as you swim with these fabulous creatures! Enjoy a day at Sea World where you'll meet other animals that inhabit the ocean. Top it off with a visit to Daytona Beach. Take in the Makahiki Luau at Sea World! These memories will last a lifetime! Flight / Vacation home / Moderate walking

**Trip #318-11**    **May 13-17, 2011**    **5 days**

## Hawaii –Oahu and Maui

Begin your dream vacation in Oahu! Explore Hawaii's Plantation Village—where you'll experience the "real Hawaii." This sugar plantation and botanical garden features historic homes and plants that reflect the diversity of the islands. The living history museum tells personal stories of struggle and triumph! You must visit Waikiki Beach. Then, fly to the fabulous island of Maui where breathtaking scenery awaits. Visit the Maui Ocean Center and the once sacred Iao Valley. Drive up Haleakala and visit the historic village of Lahaina. Of course, top it all off with a luau! Flight / Condo / Moderate to considerable walking due to public transportation on Oahu

**Trip #302-11**    **February 8-16, 2011**    **9 days**

## Hawaii—Oahu & The Big Island

Start this dreamy vacation on the island of Oahu. Lounge on Waikiki Beach and tour the island for a visit to the pineapple & coffee plantations. Fly to the Big Island of Hawaii where black sand beaches and the Kilauea Volcano await you! Tour the Tropical Rainforest Zoo; see the lava flows at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Be sure to check out the amazing waterfalls and cascading streams of the Hamakua Coast. Flight / Hotel and Condo / Moderate to considerable walking due to public transportation on Oahu

**Trip #327-11**    **June 9-17, 2011**    **9 days**

## Hawaii—Maui

A heavenly vacation at any time of year. Take the scenic drive up Honoapiilani Highway. Tour the Maui Tropical Plantation on your way to Kepaniwai Park and the Iao Valley State Park. Visit the Enchanting Floral Gardens along Kula Highway. You'll see stunning landscapes, beautiful sunsets, and to top it off...dancing and a meal at the luau. This must be heaven! Flight / Hotel-condo / Moderate to considerable walking (depending on interest for more hiking)

**Trip #359-11**    **September 7-13, 2011**    **7 days**

## Sun 'n Fun *continued*

### Hollywood, Disneyland & Universal Studios

Stroll down the famous Hollywood Walk of Fame, see hand and foot prints of famous stars at the Chinese Theatre—look for your favorite stars! Tour the Kodak Theatre, home to the Academy awards and American Idol Final. “Ride the Movies” at Universal Studios...then on to Disneyland and Mickey, Minnie and all their friends! Flight / Hotel / Considerable walking

**Trip #384-11**    **December 15-20, 2011**    **6 days**

### Miami and the Florida Keys

A magical destination that fills your senses! You must visit the John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, the “crown jewel of the state park system” and enjoy beaches, trails and a boat ride! More beauty will be found at the Key Largo Botanical State Park and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. Of course, just driving along the coastal highway is the star of the show—be sure to bring your camera on this adventure. Flight / Hotel / Moderate to considerable walking (depending on interest for more hiking)

**Trip #375-11**    **November 4-9, 2011**    **6 days**

### Orlando—6 days of Fun + Disney World!

Orlando is known for sun and fun any time of the year! This vacation combines the fun of Orlando with Disney World. You'll experience the imaginative world of Wonderworks and their “Outta Control” dinner show; a day at Kennedy Space Center and Wildlife Refuge plus one full day at Disney World. Flight / Vacation Home / Considerable walking

**Trip #307-11**    **March 10-15, 2011**    **6 days**

### Orlando + Disney + Universal Studios!

This vacation will chase away your blues! Spend one full day at Disney World plus two full days at Universal Studios! Shop at Downtown Disney and feast at Sea World's Polynesian Makahiki Luau. Other attractions include a day at Cocoa Beach, Clearwater Beach or Lake Louisa State Park. Flight / Vacation home / Considerable walking

**Trip #312-11**    **April 1-7, 2011**    **7 days**

**Trip #364-11**    **September 20-26, 2011**    **7 days**

**Trip #380-11**    **Nov. 29-Dec. 5, 2011**    **7 days**

### Puerto Rico!

This amazing island paradise has a little of everything. Stroll down the narrow streets of Old San Juan and tour forts El Moro and San Cristobal; both boast stunning views of the ocean. Take a day trip to El Yunque Rainforest, Camuy Caves and Arecibo Observatory, the largest radio dish on earth, home to NASA's Search for Extra-terrestrial Intelligence program! Eat delicious food and feel the ocean breeze on your face. Flight / Hotel or Resort / Considerable walking

**Trip #376-11**    **November 10-15, 2011**    **6 days**

### Southern California

Explore two great cities of southern California: San Diego and Los Angeles! Begin with Sea World and then, tour the stores of Old Town, Downtown, and the Gaslamp Quarter! Other highlights: Venice Beach, Hollywood Walk of Fame and the Chinese Theatre! Flight / Hotel / Moderate walking

**Trip #303-11**    **February 17-23, 2011**    **7 days**

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- Small group size
- Wide variety of vacation destinations
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