

EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE

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MINNEAPOLIS & ST. PAUL OCTOBER 5-8, 2012

SPACE IS STILL AVAILABLE! Discover the cultural heritage of the TWIN CITIES, with its distinctive architecture and impressive museums. See contemporary art at the WALKER ART CENTER with its 11-acre sculpture garden. Frank Gehry's recently designed an addition to his FREDERICK R. WEISMAN ART MUSEUM, his first museum project originally built in 1993. Across the Mississippi River in ST. PAUL we will tour historic buildings from the turn of the last century including the CITY HALL AND COURTHOUSE, an art deco masterpiece built in 1932, and the MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL completed by famed architect Cass Gilbert in 1904. Tickets are available in the evenings for a performance ant the spectacular TYRONE GUTHRIE THEATER and the ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHETRA.

COST FOR LAND ARRANGEMENTS: \$1225 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is \$240. **INCLUDES:** three nights' accommodations at the MARQUETTE HOTEL, including tax and portorage; one lunch, one dinner and breakfast daily, all sightseeing as indicated in the itinerary, including entrance fees. Airfare is additional

ART & LEAVES: COOPERSTOWN MUSEUMS, BASEBALL AND MORE OCTOBER 24-25, 2012

Follow the foliage to Leatherstocking Country made famous in the novels of James Fenimore Cooper. This gorgeous area is blessed with lush hills, glimmering lakes, museums, as well as the exciting NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24 – Depart the Philadelphia area and enjoy a box lunch en route to COOPERSTOWN. Check in at the legendary OTESAGA HOTEL, magnificently located on Lake Otsego. Relax this afternoon or begin your exploration of Cooperstown's wonderful museums. After a sumptuous dinner at our hotel, a local historian will join us for coffee and conversation about the history of Cooperstown and James Fenimore Cooper.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25 – Breakfast is included and the morning is free for further museum visits. Take your pick from the unique FARMER'S MUSEUM, the FENIMORE MUSEUM with its outstanding American collections, and the world renowned NATIONAL BASEBALL HALL OF FAME. After a luncheon buffet, you can relax at the Otesaga or travel to nearby Utica to the MUNSON WILLIAMS PROCTOR MUSEUM OF ART with its fine collection of 19th and 20th century American and European paintings and decorative arts. On view is SHADOW OF THE SPHINX, an exhibit about Ancient Egypt and its influence. Depart in the late afternoon for Philadelphia.

TOUR COST: \$595 per person, double occupancy. The single supplement is \$90. **INCLUDES:** One night at the OTESAGA HOTEL; Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the hotel; box lunch on October 24; all transportation throughout.

MONET'S GARDEN NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2012

Travel with us to the New York Botanical Garden. In addition to more than 250 acres of autumn splendor, you will see a tribute to French Impressionist Claude Monet and GIVERNY, his wonderful garden outside of Paris. Witness the transformation of the garden's Enid Haupt Conservatory and its lovely courtyard pools into a floral masterpiece of diverse plants, bold colors and dramatic design. Two paintings by Monet as well as his palette and a photography exhibit will also be on view in the galleries nearby. If you wish to venture beyond the garden, we will take you for lunch to Arthur Avenue, to enjoy pasta and pastry shops in the heart of the Bronx's LITTLE ITALY. \$80 includes ticket to the Garden. Checks only, please payable to Excursions from the Square, PO box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

For more information call 215 732 8487, email ellenkay@prodigy.net

WOODBURY COMMONS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

As you have requested! Join our pre-holiday shopping trip to WOODBURY COMMONS, the fabulous outlet mall one hour north of New York City. It's the world's largest collection of designer outlets with 220 stores. Your favorite brands at such establishments as at Burberry, Coach, Chloe, Dunhill, Giorgio Armani, Gucci, J.Crew, Jimmy Choo, Lacoste, Last Call by Neiman Marcus, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Prada, Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th, Tod's, Tory Burch, and Eileen Fisher nearby. (See www.premiumoutlets.com) have merchandise every day at 25% to 65% off. We will go there on a Tuesday when you will get an additional 10% off many items if you are 50 or more! \$60, checks only

ST. PETERSBURG, SARASOTA & TAMPA FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 4, 2013

Join us once again for a winter getaway to Florida's West Coast with an itinerary filled with museums, historic landmarks, gardens and the performing arts. Soak up the glorious Gulf of Mexico sunshine in these cities blessed with a fascinating variety of new and old architectural styles. Special highlights of are the RINGLING MUSEUM in Sarasota, and in ST. PETERSBURG the exciting new SALVADOR DALI MUSEUM and the elegant MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, housing splendid European, Asian, Classical and pre-Columbian works. In TAMPA we will visit the lavish Moorish-style home of railroad magnate HENRY B. PLANT and enjoy coffee and pastries in YBOR CITY, Tampa's Cuban quarter, once the cigar capital of the world. Visit WINTER PARK and the CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART which houses the most comprehensive collection of the works of Louis Comfort Tiffany in the world. There will be ample free time to enjoy the galleries, shops, restaurants, and cultural events in the area including a performance at the wonderful SARASOTA OPERA.

COST FOR LAND ARRANGEMENTS: \$1660.00 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is \$460.00. We will book the best possible roundtrip airfare at the time reservations are made. **THE PRICE INCLUDES** five nights' accommodations at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton including tax and portorage; one lunch, two dinners.

ASHEVILLE IN THE SPRING APRIL 4-7, 2013

Travel with us to ASHEVILLE, a delightful town located between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains of western North Carolina. The highlight of our weekend is a visit to BILTMORE, the county estate of George Vanderbilt, where we will enjoy the arrival of spring during Asheville's annual FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS. This fabulous French Renaissance-style chateau, which offers priceless collections of tapestries, paintings, sculpture and furniture, was designed by architect RICHARD MORRIS HUNT and landscaped by FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED. Shop for local handmade treasures and enjoy an included dinner at the GROVE PARK INN, one of America's finest resort hotels, known for its Arts and Crafts-style furnishings. Also on our itinerary are visits to Carl Sandberg's mountain farmstead, CONNEMARA and the boyhood home of novelist THOMAS WOLFE.

COST FOR LAND ARRANGEMENTS: \$1395.00 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is \$240.00. We will book the best possible roundtrip airfare at the time reservations are made. **THE PRICE INCLUDES** three nights' accommodations at the Renaissance Hotel including tax and portorage; one lunch, one dinner; all sightseeing as indicated.

Pick up points for our motorcoach EXCURSIONS are available near City Line Avenue, the Art Museum Area and Rittenhouse Square. All checks should be made payable to EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE and mailed to EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE, PO Box 2189, Philadelphia, PA 19103. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express for payment for a small additional fee.

If you no longer wish to receive information from us in the mail, please let us know. If you are not receiving our frequent online bulletins, please call or send us your email address.

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