EXCURSIONS FROM THE SQUARE

Cultural Tours since 1992

RICHMOND & MONTICELLO APRIL 28-30, 2015

Relive our nation's earliest days on an excursion to VIRGINIA. Our first stop is MONTPELIER, the home of James Madison. The highlight of the trip is MONTICELLO, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and the UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA campus, considered one of the finest achievements of American architecture. Our final stop is RICHMOND for a tour of the VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL and the VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, whose impressive collections range from ancient to contemporary. TOUR COST: \$1075 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is \$135. LIMITED SPACE

GARDENS, MANSIONS & MUSEUMS in the HAMPTONS MAY 12-14, 2015

We invite you to join our excursion to LONG ISLAND, mid-week and off-season, before the crowds have arrived. You will enjoy the history, architecture, museums and scenery of this 118-mile long peninsula settled originally by Native Americans 10,000 years ago. Highlights of this EXCURSION are visits to OLD WESTBURY GARDENS, the newly opened PARRISH MUSEUM with its collections of paintings by William Merritt Chase and Fairfield Porter, and a tour of the home and studio to which JACKSON POLLOCK and LEE KRASNER escaped from New York City. TOUR COST: \$1155 per person double occupancy. The single supplement is \$185.

MEMORIAL DAY ART TOUR MAY 24-26, 2015

We have chosen world class museums and historic sites for our MEMORIAL DAY GETAWAY. You will enjoy paintings, sculpture, architecture and history in such charming small towns such as BEACON, HUDSON, POUGHKEEPSIE and HYDE PARK in New York State and WIILLIAMSTOWN and NORTH ADAMS in Massachusetts. The centerpiece of the trip is a visit to the STERLING AND FRANCINE CLARK ART MUSEUM with its exciting new addition by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Tadao Ando. We hope you will join us! TOUR COST: \$1090 per person, double occupancy. The single supplement is \$185.

SUMMER HOLIDAY IN THE BERKSHIRES JULY 29-AUGUST 3, 2015

Join us for an unforgettable trip to the gorgeous BERKSHIRE MOUNTAINS of WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS. This area has been a favorite retreat of artists, musicians and writers for more than a century. It is the location of celebrated summer festivals the best of which you will have the opportunity to enjoy. Included are performances at JACOB'S PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL, WILLIAMSTOWN THEATRE FESTIVAL, TANGLEWOOD, the summer home of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and more. We will visit MASS MoCa, the fabulous venue for contemporary art in NORTH ADAMS, and the STERLING and FRANCINE CLARK ART MUSEUM in WILLIAMSTOWN. A special highlight is a tour of THE MOUNT, the former home of Edith Wharton. TOUR COST: \$2275. The single supplement is \$395. ASK ABOUT EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!

SANTA FE AUGUST 14-20, 2015

We are delighted to be returning to SANTA FE this summer. Our full program will feature museums rich in the art and artifacts of the city's fascinating blend of Spanish, Indian and Anglo-American cultures. We have included an excursion to BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT, and an optional visit to ABIQUIU, the former home of GEORGIA O'KEEFFE. There will be ample time to browse in shops and galleries and dine in local restaurants featuring unique New Mexican dishes. Performances at the extraordinary SANTA FE OPERA and SANTA FE CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL will be available for you to enjoy. There will be an optional pre-trip to ALBUQUERQUE, including a visit to the ACOMA PUEBLO, known for its beautiful pottery; an exciting optional post-trip in NORTHERN NEW MEXICO with in depth sightseeing in the area of TAOS, and extraordinary evening concerts at MUSIC FROM ANGEL FIRE, a world-class chamber music festival now in its 32nd season. COST FOR LAND ARRANGEMENTS: \$2250. The single supplement is \$795. ASK ABOUT EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!!

SEE DAY TRIPS ON THE OTHER SIDE

NEW YORK DAY TRIPS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Enjoy New York on your own or join us for a day exploring the MUSEUM MILE. You can see the PLAINS INDIANS on view for only two months at the METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART, GUSTAV KLIMT and ADELE BLOCH-BAUER: THE WOMAN IN GOLD at the NEUE GALERIE, or check out the newly renovated COOPER-HEWITT SMITHSONIAN MUSEUM nearby. BUS COST: \$65

WHITNEY MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

Again you can spend the day on your own or join us for a visit to the new Renzo-Piano designed **WHITNEY MUSEUM** which will open in the meat-packing district of **NEW YORK** in May. You can walk on the fabulous **HIGH LINE** nearby and browse in the galleries in **CHELSEA**. **BUS COST: \$65**

FRIDA KAHLO at the NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN THURSDAY, JUNE 11

Travel to the **NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN** to see the roses in bloom and the special exhibition, **FRIDA KAHLO**: **ART, GARDEN, LIFE**, focusing on the artist's engagement with nature in her native country of **MEXICO**. Enjoy an optional lunch on nearby **ARTHUR AVENUE**, the little Italy of the **BRONX**. **COST: \$85** including garden admission.

AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE - ROMEO AND JULIET WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

Join us for the AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE'S production of ROMEO AND JULIET, choreographed by Kenneth MacMillan with music by Sergei Prokofiev. We have premium orchestra seats at the METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE at LINCOLN CENTER. An optional lunch in the area is planned prior to the performance. COST: \$155 including the ballet ticket. BUS ONLY: \$65.

COMING UP THIS FALL

In September, join our extended weekend in BOSTON with EXCURSIONS to SALEM and the PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM and the literary and historic homes in LEXINGTON & CONCORD In October we will return to MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL, with its outstanding museums, the TYRONE GUTHRIE THEATER, and wonderful ST. PAUL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA.

Plans are also in the works for a late autumn week in PARIS!

DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN APRIL.

Pick up points for our motor coach **EXCURSIONS** are available near City Line Avenue 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**. All day trip sales are final. We accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express for overnight trips only, for a small additional fee.

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