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It has been a whirlwind of travel this past year, with lots of new customers and new tours! If you've been traveling I'm sure you know the demand is high and it is sometimes difficult to get booked. We are having the same issue, our vendors take longer to contract because they are busy and management wants our results very quickly. After planning Downton Abbey in July I keep channeling the British who often say: "We must press on." We are all three pressing on and have been working on ways to get the information out in a more timely and brief manner making it easier for you to respond and pass along. Since we have been using text messaging to communicate with you while on our tours, I thought it might be a good way to briefly share what's going on and coming up on tour too. We have now implemented a text system for upcoming tours with a company called PostCalls.

To join our text list simply text the word *tours* to 24251 (Yes, it's weird because it's not a full phone number but your phone will know what to do.) Again, just text *tours* to 24251 and it will add your number to our text messaging list.

If you are not currently receiving emails from us and want to, join our email list by going to:

<https://groups.io/g/AreWeThereYetTours/join>

You can also just email Maggie at: maggie@arewethereyetdea.com or call 314-304-3508 and she will email you.

We are also on Facebook (look for Are We There Yet LLC and my pink logo should pop up.) and Instagram (@stltourgirl) with posts and photos from tours. I hope you find it fun and interesting and maybe you will see yourself out there on a tour!

Big Announcement! We are officially a travel agency too! January 10 we took the plunge and are fully accredited to book travel outside of our own tours. It does not cost you more and if something goes sideways, we can help you. And as always, we are able to help you buy travel insurance for other tours and travel not with us.

And if your organization ever needs a guest speaker, I would love to speak to you! Give us a call and we can set up one of the many talks I have prepared, including a How To Pack presentation, a presentation about my books (STL Scavenger and Hannibal with Hermann coming soon) or healthcare advocacy.

Here's to another great year and tours!

Yours in tours,

Dea, Declan and Maggie

2024 Vacation Days

Warm Springs Clydesdale Ranch - May 10, 2024 Tour the state-of-art Clydesdale breeding farm Warm Springs Ranch in Boonville, MO * Enjoy lunch from Haller's Catering at the Settlers Inn, open especially for our group * Visit Crane's Country Store * \$149pp **MAY 10 IS SOLD OUT! 2ND DATE OF MAY 23, 2024, HAS BEEN ADDED.**

An American Day in Quincy, IL - May 22, 2024. Enjoy a guided tour of Quincy learning about its famous and infamous past residents * Lunch at iconic favorite Maid Rite, highlighted by Food Network's Alton Brown in 2007 * Tour and treats at Underbrink's Bakery * Visit the All-Wars Museum * Tour the 1930s Ag Museum * **\$149pp**

Gorgeous Grafton by Land, Water and Air - Friday, June 14, 2024 - Soar over the Mississippi River on the brand-new Grafton Sky Tour to Aerie's Resort and Winery * Enjoy Talk n Chic fried chicken lunch at Castelli's Moonlight* Cruise the river on the Hakuna Matata riverboat * **\$144pp** - includes lunch! **SOLD OUT 2ND DATE ADDED 10/15/24**

Overhead View of Jacksonville, IL ~ Wed, Sept 11, 2024 - Enjoy a tour of the Illinois College campus * tour the elegant Governor Duncan Mansion * Inclusive lunch at the Jacksonville Country Club * Enjoy a ride on Big Eli Ferris Wheel, manufactured right in Jacksonville, IL! * **\$139pp**

STL Off the Beaten Path – Thurs, Sept 12, 2024 - Tour the lesser-known museums in St. Louis including the fabulous JB Telephone Museum and the Miniature Museum of St. Louis * Tour the World Chess Hall of Fame and learn the connection of chess to art, culture and history* Included lunch STL original, Pappy's Smokehouse * **\$124pp**

Predator vs Prey ~ Wed, Sept 25, 2024 - Enjoy a private tour of the Endangered Wolf Center, helping to repopulate wolf packs around the world! * Guided tour of the World Bird Sanctuary * Plus a Bird in Flight Demonstration! * **\$159pp - includes lunch!**

Miss Augusta Luxury Yacht Lunch Cruise – Wed, Oct 16, 2024 – Visit the Augusta Visitor Center * Lunch cruise on the newly remodeled Miss Augusta luxury yacht * Tour & Tasting at Mount Pleasant Winery * **\$169pp**

Holiday Brass Concert with included lunch - Monday, Dec 2, 2024 - Welcome in the holiday season with the annual Holiday Brass concert with the dedicated and talented Int'l Women's Brass Conference * We will enjoy a morning performance followed by lunch at The Holiday Inn Express Six Flags * This holiday tradition is guaranteed to have you in the holiday spirit! ***\$119pp**

*We are now the official tour provider for **St. Peters Rec Plex** 636-939-2386, ext. in addition to **St. Louis Community College Continuing Education** 314-984-7777. Ask them about day their day trips with and others.*

Bank at one of these banks? Ask about joining their club: **First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club**- Darcy Fausz at 618-504-2363, **Bradford Bank Travel Club** – Carmen Caldieraro in Greeneville, IL and **Community State Bank of Missouri Diamond Club** in Bowling Green Beth Shannon at 573-324-2233 and in Troy Abby Morgan at 636-528-6088

* pp is the price per person

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