

Are We There Yet? 2020-2021 Tours

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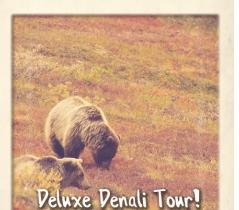
 The question isn't "Where do you want to go?"
 It's "Where do you want to go first?"



hunder Over Louisville April 10-20, 2020



Backroads of Ireland April 25-May 6, 2020



Wonderful Alaskan Wilderness Sept 8-15, 2020



Pelaware Mansions and Gardens Jun 7-11, 2020



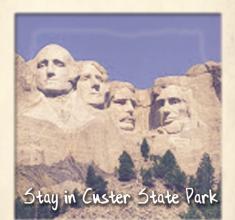
The Fjords of Norway July 18-26, 2020



Antarctica Adventure Jan 4-18, 2021



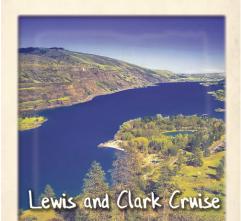
San Antonio Christmas December 13-16, 2020



Treasures of the West Ang 19-26, 2020



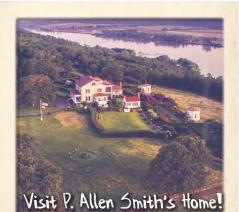
ABQ Balloon Fiesta October 2-5, 2020



Columbia and Snake River July 31 - Aug 8, 2020



Spain and Portugal Pouro Cruise Oct 7-17, 2020



Little Rock and Hot Springs

Oct 26-29, 2020

A Note from Dea...

Happy New Year! Our year has already gotten off to a strong start with so many of you signing up for our tours with specials offered by our partners. The Douro River Cruise has an extension of the free airfare offer until February 28, and while some cabin types are limited, there are always cancellations and upgrades occurring. We will do everything we can to get you off the wait list and onto the ship, or we can book you on another sailing of the cruise, even though you will not be with Declan and myself. Booking through us ensures you will receive the same pricing and special offers, while also helping us when negotiating rates and specials with the cruise company going forward. We have also helped many of you with individual bookings through our partnership with Heartland Travel in Waterloo, IL. Connie Vogt has over 25 years of experience and she and her staff are always there to help.

Speaking of Savings... The lower exchange rate of the Euro has also allowed us to offer \$500 in savings off the original price of our Backroads of Ireland tour in April, and \$450 in savings on our Paris and Normandy Beach in June as long as the exchange rates stay low. Since we book group air, the airlines only allow us to hold the seats for a certain amount of time before the tour, and require us to release unused tickets. That is why if you sign up after the deadline, we will have to check to see the current pricing on tickets available on our same flights.

Have You Met Maggie? Many of you have had the chance to meet Maggie this past year, as she has been able to get out of the office more and see some of the wonderful places we visit! She has become an excellent tour leader as well as our office manager extraordinaire! Nancy S wrote a wonderful note about Maggie after she led a tour to the Lyceum, saying "I just wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed our trip to Arrow Rock yesterday. The show was spectacular and I'm still humming some of the songs. The food at the restaurant (Settlers Inn, Boonville, MO) was one of the best group meals we've ever had. From the salad to the fried chicken to the dessert, each course was delicious. I hope we go back there again. I actually thought it was better than any of the other restaurants we've been to at Arrow Rock. You did a great job escorting the tour group. Our friends Larry and Karen really enjoyed the trip also and I hope they join us again."

Giving Back, AWTY Style: Philanthropy is important to all three of us, and one that is particularly close to our hearts is Family Forward. Formed from the combination of Family Resource Center and Children's Home Society, they provide training for new foster parents and services for the children in the foster care system. One way we assist them is by collecting luggage for the children who enter the foster care system. When a child is removed from the home and placed into foster care, the social workers always need a container to put the child's clothes and toys into; unfortunately, this is often a trash bag due to lack of alternatives. By donating new or gently used luggage, the social worker now has the child place things into a bag or suitcase, and you have made a stressful situation a bit less overwhelming for a young person in need. We are the official collection point for the luggage. Over the past few years, we have collected duffle bags from golf tournaments, train cases for make-up and toiletries, and nice hard luggage that has been replaced due to checked bag restrictions, all of which has gone to help children in need. If you wish to donate new or gently used luggage, make sure the bags are clean and in working condition (especially zippers and buckles!). Contact us to let us know you will bring the bags on a vacation day tour or if you plan to drop them off at our office. We then take the luggage to Family Forward as needed, as your generosity has occasionally been too overwhelming for their small storage space!

REAL ID is Coming Up Real Fast: If you wish to fly domestically or enter military bases using your driver's license, you must have a REAL ID license starting October 1, 2020. If you do not have a REAL ID driver's license, you must use a passport, passport card, Global Entry Card or certain other military or government IDs in order to fly. Missouri has two options for driver's licenses, one that is REAL ID compliant and requires more documentation, and one that is not REAL ID compliant. Make sure that you are getting the correct license when you are at the DMV! REAL ID compliant licenses have a star on them.

Otherwise, you can still fly domestically on a passport, which also allows for international travel. A passport card is only for driving or sailing across the borders of Canada and Mexico, though we still strongly suggest having a passport in case you need to fly home in the middle of a tour due to illness. If you need to renew or apply for a passport, we highly recommend the Kirkwood Public Library, as they make the entire process easy and simple. If you live outside of St. Louis, there are many libraries that offer passport services in addition to the county clerk offices.

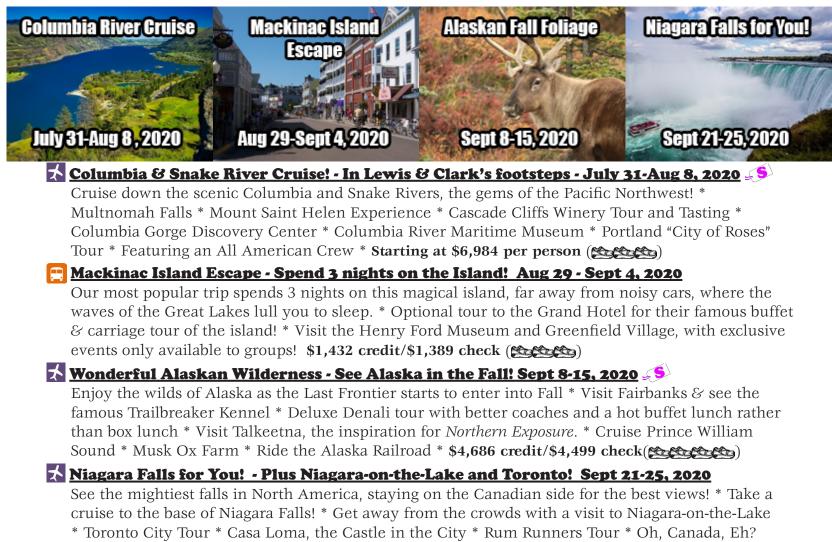
Thank you all for traveling with us. Please look over these tours, call to sign up and mark them on your calendar today. We look forward to seeing you on the road!

Dea!!

P.S. If you need a speaker for your next meeting, I am always willing to share the programs I have created for the St. Louis Community College, such as packing tips and how to avoid travel scams. Call Maggie to check my availability!







- Pilgrims & Poets Celebrate 400 years since Plymouth's Landing Sept 27 Oct 1, 2020 In 1620, the Pilgrims arrived in the New World, searching for religious freedom. * Tour the Mayflower 2, which recently underwent a multi-year restoration! * Plimouth Plantation, a historic park based on the original settlement (with the original spelling) * Provincetown & Boston City Tours * Explore the Native American history of the region at the Wampanoag Homesite * Sandwich Glass Museum * All nights at the same hotel! * \$1,599 credit/\$1,535 check (
- Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta * SPECIAL EVENT! Book by March 5! * Oct 2-5, 2020 Hundreds of hot air balloons rise high into the New Mexico sky * Two chances to catch the Mass Ascension, plus the Special Shapes Glowdeo, where the balloons are lit up at night! * Stay at the Drury, with their Happy Hour each night! * Dine in a private home in Santa Fe! * Traverse the Turquoise Trail * Tickets are limited, book by March 5! * \$2,291 credit/\$2,199 check! (Correction)

Portugal's Douro River Cruise - Book by Feb 28 for Free Airfare! - Oct 7-17, 2020 See the other side for more details!

Amazing Art at Crystal Bridges - Stay at the 21C Hotel! - Nov, 2020 S See some of the greatest works by American artists, in a museum designed by Moshe Safdie! * From the colonial to the present, the museum features Durand's *Kindred Spirits*, Warhol's *Dolly Parton*, and Rothko's *No. 210/No. 211*, which had only been shown to the public twice in 50 years! * Stay at 21C, a museum like boutique hotel where art is everywhere! * Price & Date Coming Soon! (Sector)

💦 <u>Newport, RI - A Gilded Age Christmas - Dec 1-6, 2020</u> 45

Tour the Marble House and The Elms, two of the magnificent "cottages" of the wealthy! * Holiday Evening at The Breakers with a live symphony * Blithewold Mansion * Holiday Lantern Tour * Smith's Castle Tour * Rhode Island State Capital Tour ***\$2,597 credit/\$2,519 check** (

🔀 San Antonio Christmas - See over 6000 Luminarias on the Riverwalk! - Dec 13-16, 2020

Everything is bigger in Texas, including their decorations on the riverwalk! * Visit the Missions that dot the countryside around the city. * Enjoy lunch at the Tower of the Americas * Cruise on the San Antonio River and see all the lights and luminarias! * Stay at Drury Hotel on the Riverwalk, and enjoy their famous Happy Hour! * **\$1,208 credit/\$1,159 check** (

Kansas City Christmas - Round-trip on Amtrak! - Dec 18-20, 2020

Ride the rails west to KCMO! * View the Christmas lights of Country Club Plaza & stroll through the shops * See Union Station decorated in Christmas splendor * Lunch & shopping at the Webster House * Tour The Kauffman Center * Dinner at a KC Favorite* **\$504 credit/\$489 check** (





And a sneak peek at in 2021...

실 Antarctica Adventure of a Lifetime - Cruise with Hurtigruten - January 4-18, 2021 🎺

The Adventure of a Lifetime - head to the last discovered continent, unseen by humans until 1840! * Spend time in Buenos Aires, Argentina before the cruise * Lecturers focusing on the natural splendors of this unique landmass will provide talks and excursions * Call for details and to be put on our list for information! * **Cabins start at \$14,346 credit/\$13,772 check** (

📩 <u>Key West Escape - Stay at the Southernmost Resort - Feb 21-25, 2021</u> 🍠

Escape the grey days of Missouri and head to Key West! * Stay at the luxurious Southernmost Resort, right on the water with its own beach! * Includes choice of excursion to the Dry Tortugas or the Dolphin Research Center * Includes breakfast every day! * **Price coming soon!** (

<mark>🛧 San Francisco and Wine Country - June 20-24, 2021</mark> 🍠

All Bay View Rooms at the hip Hotel Zephyr, located on Fisherman's Wharf! * City tour * Optional Tours to Alcatraz at Night, Muir Woods & Sausalito and more! * **Price coming soon!** (

Who is Hurtigruten? You will notice we are offering two tours with Hurtigruten, a company based in Norway with little US brand recognition. They offer two different types of cruises. The first is a Norway coastal cruise, which we scouted out in December and are offering in July, which is part cruise ship, part passenger ferry, and part supply ship for towns that are only accessible by water. We stop at almost 25 different ports, ending over 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle in the town of Kirkennes near the Russian border. Our ship is just one of 11 ships that cruise along the coast, a route they have done since 1893. We are excited about this unusual cruise experience like no other.

The second is Antarctica, a destination where many of you have expressed interest, but I have wavered on offering it until we found a company with a sturdy enough ship to cope with the ice. Hurtigruten has built ships specifically for the Antarctica, with hulls designed to withstand the most challenging ice flows. The hull is so strong, they can use them for direct landings, where the hull itself serves as a plank. These are NOT warm water ships sailing out of their element for a once a month cruise! I feel comfortable taking our group to Antarctica with Hurtigruten, especially since they are often called if anyone needs to be evacuated from the Antarctica Research Center!

Sneaker Rating

What the (🖄)'s mean

The sneaker 😂 rating is based on the tour's *MOST* difficult activity. A high rating may be due to a single activity, such as a home tour with no elevator, or a constant level of activity, such as a walking tour. If possible we will advise you of transportation alternatives, such as taxis, which would be at an additional cost to the traveler.

()= Easy pace, dropped off near the door, mostly ramps or less than a flight of stairs
()= Moderate pace, walking less than a city block, 1-2 flights of stairs, a few inclines
()= Steady pace, walking several city blocks, more than 2 flights of stairs, some inclines
()= Periods of intense pace, walking tour of a half mile, uneven terrain, some inclines.
()= Periods of strenuous pace, walking tours of about a mile, rough terrain, steep incline

Most vacation days are 1 to 2 sneakers. Domestic overnights typically are 3 to 4 sneakers, but can be up to a 5 depending on the location. International tours usually range from 4 to 5 sneakers, with cruises on the lower end of the scale, while tours to undeveloped areas like our African Safari tours will be 5 sneakers. If you are unsure about the activity level of a tour, please call or email us..

REMEMBER - ALL PRICES INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING AIRFARE ON FLIGHT TOURS!

Pricing for overnight tours is per person, double occ. Refer to full itinerary for Single/Triple/Quad pricing We always strive for accuracy in our catalog. However all dates, itineraries and prices in this catalog are subject to change based on uncontrollable circumstances. Notice will always be given prior to final payment.





BANK CLUB TOURS

We have been fortunate to partner with two amazing Bank Clubs - Montgomery Bank in Missouri and First National Bank of Waterloo in Illinois. Here are some of the tours we are running with them. For more information such as pick-up locations or to sign up, contact us today!

😑 Charleston and Savannah - with Montgomery Bank - May 9-16, 2020

Enjoy some southern hospitality as we head to the low country cities of Charleston and Savannah * See the Flora and Fauna of Magnolia Gardens * Trolley tour through the squares of Savannah * Visit the only working tea plantation in the USA! * Group Travel Protection has been purchased for you by Montgomery Bank Seniors Club * **\$2,759 credit/\$2,649 check** (

Canadian Rockies and Calgary Stampede - with FNB of Waterloo - July 5-13, 2020

Ride the rails in style through the scenic mountains of Canada on the Rocky Mountaineer * The train only runs in the day so you don't miss a single sight! * Enjoy hot entrées & gourmet snacks served at your seat & complimentary wine, beer, spirits & nonalcoholic drinks on the train * Stay in Banff, in the heart of the National Park * Optional tour to walk on a glacier! * Vancouver City Tour * Capilano Canyon Bridge * See the Calgary Stampede, the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, with barrel racing, chuck wagon races, and an amazing concert and fireworks! * Group Travel Protection has been purchased for you by FNB of Waterloo * **\$7,445 credit/\$6,998 check** (

📩 <u>Treasures of the West - with Montgomery Bank - Aug 19-26, 2020</u>

Head west as we visit Yellowstone, Grand Teton and Glacier, three of the jewels of the National Parks! * Private tour of Yellowstone with a guide from Dea's hometown who lives there year round * Stops at Old Faithful, Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone's Grand Canyon, the Paint Pots, and so much more * Journey up Glacier's famous Going-to-the-Sun road to Logan Pass on historic 1930's Jammers, lovingly restored * Mount Rushmore and Little Big Horn National Historic Sites * We stay in exclusive locations, such as the Lodge in Custer State Park, famous for their large bison herds, and Jackson Hole, nestled in Grand Tetons National Park! * Group Travel Protection has been purchased for you by Montgomery Bank Seniors Club * **\$3,353 credit/\$3,219 check** (

🔁 Little Rock and Hot Springs - with Montgomery Bank - Oct 26-29, 2020

Visit Hot Springs, the town that's also a National Park! * Tour the city and learn about the draw of the water * Discover the history about Al Capone's underground casinos * Dinner show at the Bathhouse Theatre * Clinton Presidential Library * Tour Heifer International, a non-profit that helps lift families out of poverty by providing them farm animals * Tour and lunch at the P. Allen Smith home at Moss Mountain Farm, as seen on PBS * Visit luxurious Antebellum plantation home of Marlsgate, one of the last of such mansions in Arkansas * Group Travel Protection has been purchased for you by Montgomery Bank Seniors Club! * **\$999 credit/\$959 check** (

I had a wonderful time yesterday and your company is wonderful - the way you take care of everything and how nicely Maggie speaks to people and listens and the response time is wonderful. - Linda M.

Private Tours and Other Travel Services

Are you the person responsible for planning your family's vacation? Do you want to go somewhere that we are not offering this year? We can help! From booking airline tickets to private tours to complete packages at resorts like Disney or the Caribbean, we can help make your trip planning less stressful. Call our office to see what assistance we can offer.

Need a speaker?



Dea loves to come give travel presentations to groups that meet and need programs. She will wheel in her suitcase, give her travel tips and hand out packing list sheets. In addition, there are several classes she's created for St. Louis Community College such as How to Avoid Travel Scams, Tips for the Solo Traveler and more. Just give us a call us at (314) 304-3508 or email info@AreWeThereYetDea.com and we will get you set up!





🔀 <u>Music and Milling in Cape Girardeau - with STLCC - Fri, March 27, 2020</u>

Enjoy a private concert by Jerry Ford while we dine at Celebrations in downtown Cape Girardeau * Visit Bollinger Mill State Historic Site, home to the oldest covered bridge in MO * Learn the milling process and see a demonstration (based on river level) * **\$119pp - includes lunch!** (Second

🔆 Gorgeous Grafton by Air, Land and Water - with STLCC - Fri, April 24, 2020

Soar over the Mississippi River on the brand-new Grafton Sky Tour to Aerie's Resort and Winery, including a wine and beer tasting. Enjoy lunch at Pere Marquette with their famous fried chicken. Round out the day with a cruise on the Hakuna Matata riverboat. **\$119pp - includes lunch!** (**Second**)

🚓 Hermann Farm Tour via Amtrak - with STLCC - Fri, May 8, 2020

Ride the rails on Amtrak from Kirkwood to Hermann, MO. Visit the Historic Hermann Museum with a docent in period costume. Enjoy lunch at Harvest Table. Enjoy a guided tour of Dierberg Living History Farm and a visit and tasting at the Wurst Haus! * **\$119pp - includes lunch!** (Second

🔆 <u>Hannibal - America's Hometown! - with STLCC - Wed, Jun 3, 2020</u>

Tour Mark Twain's Boyhood Home and Musuem with private guest lecture; lunch dockside and sightseeing cruise; Mark Twain Himself performed by Richard Garey - **\$129pp - includes lunch!**

Fish and Ferris Wheel featuring the New Aquarium! - with STLCC - Fri, Jun 5, 2020 Visit the brand new St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station, exploring hidden treasures within the

Missouri and Mississippi waterways * Soar high above St. Louis in the new Ferris Wheel! Enjoy lunch downtown at Broadway Oyster Bar, a local favorite for years! **\$119pp - includes lunch!** ()

💖 *Greater Tuna* - at the Maples Theatre - plus lunch at AJ's! - Wed, July 1, 2020

See first show in the Tuna series of plays! * Based in Tuna, Texas, the third smallest city in the state, you will be amazed as 20 characters are brought to life by only two actors! * Lunch before the show at AJ's with choice of Prime Rib, Chicken or Shrimp * **\$119pp - includes lunch!** (

Land of Lincoln & Ride the Rails on Amtrak! - with STLCC - Thurs, July 16, 2020 Visit and explore the Land of Lincoln in Springfield, IL. Tour the Lincoln Home and Lincoln Tomb, lunch at Maldaner's and visit to the Lincoln Presidential Museum. Ride Amtrak home from Springfield to St. Louis * \$129pp - includes lunch! [Sector]

Sister Act The Musical - at the Arrow Rock Lyceum - Sun, July 26, 2020

Enjoy a matinee performance of *Sister Act*, a feel-good musical comedy about a woman hiding in a convent who ends up helping her fellow sisters find their voices as she rediscovers her own. Lunch before the show at Settlers Inn. * **\$129pp - includes lunch!** (Second

🐤 <u>Murder on the Orient Express -</u>at the Arrow Rock Lyceum - Sun, Aug 16, 2020

Enjoy a matinee performance of Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express. A snowdrift stops the train in its tracks and a man lies dead in his compartment. This fast-moving "whodunit" will have you on the edge of your seat. * Lunch at Settlers Inn. * **\$129pp - includes lunch!** (Settlers)

🔀 Big Things in Small Town Casey, IL! - with STLCC - Fri, Sept 18, 2020

Casey, IL is now the home of some of the World's Largest attractions, including the largest Mailbox, Rocking Chair, & Wind Chime to name a few. * Lunch at Richard's Farm Table * Illinois Amateur Softball Association Museum * Stop at the Candy Depot! **\$119pp - includes lunch!** (Section 1)

😳 Mark Twain for President Brunch Cruise - with STLCC - Sat, Sept 19, 2020

One of our most popular tours returns! * Richard Garey portrays Mark Twain and shares the humourist's unique take on politics. * Enjoy a 2.5 hour brunch cruise on the Becky Thatcher featuring cheese blintzes, french toast, sausage, salad and more! **\$119pp - includes lunch!** (E)

Haunted Alton featuring Castelli's Moonlight - with STLCC - Fri, Oct 23, 2020

Enjoy a haunted tour of Alton including a visit to the McPike Mansion, "Smallpox Island" and a cemetery. Enjoy a family style lunch at Castelli's Moonlight with their famous "Talk-N-Chic" chicken followed by a river cruise on the Hakuna Matata **\$119pp - includes lunch!** (Second

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