



# 2023 Come Travel with Us! MENTOR SENIOR CENTER TRAVEL QUEST



***The Mentor Senior Center offers a variety of trips annually; from local afternoon excursions to weeklong trips to far off destinations.***

#### **ACTIVITY LEVELS**

**Mild** May require some leisurely walking. There may be minimal steps or uneven surfaces and some standing.

**Moderate** May require moderate walking and extended standing. There may be steps or uneven surfaces.

**Strenuous** May require extended periods of walking and standing. There may be numerous steps or uneven terrain.

Registration for charter bus trips for the entire year always starts in January and will continue until the posted registration trip deadline. Some of the popular trips will sell out quickly so don't hesitate to register. Registration for small bus trips started in December for trips that take place Jan-June. Registration starts April 3/4 for small bus trips that take place July – October. And finally, registration for small bus trips that take place in November and December will be August 7/8.

The interest in the travel program has surged since we didn't travel much for two years and folks are trying to make up for lost time. Please pay close attention to trip registration dates that are posted in the newsletter throughout the entire calendar year.

#### **TRIP REFUND POLICY**

***Travel Insurance is available for ALL Trips. Get more details at the front desk.***

Please choose your trips carefully. Full refunds will only be granted if a trip is cancelled by the City of Mentor. An administrative fee of \$10 for day trips and \$25 for overnight trips will be assessed per person per trip for any changes made to trip registrations. Changes will include participant cancellations, refund requests, transfers and/or room changes. No changes will be made/granted after the advertised deadline. Participants assume risk of change in personal affairs or health. For overnight trips, travel insurance is available and recommended.

## 2023 One Day Trips

### Historic Churches and Lakeview Cemetery

**Apr 14 Fri 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

On this inspirational tour see that Cleveland holds a wealth of riches in museum quality churches built by the many ethnic groups that came here and brought their religious heritage and devotion with them. During our day, we visit 3 different churches/denominations with lunch at Pier W, and in the afternoon, we have a guided tour of the historic Lakeview Cemetery including Wade Chapel and Garfield's Monument and a drive by of the incredible Daffodil Hill, with over 100,000 daffodils in bloom!

Registration/refund deadline is March 14

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$94

### Ain't Misbehaving at the Hanna Theater

**May 9 Tue 10:45 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

"Ain't Misbehavin'" is a fun, musical tribute to the change in music of the 1920s and 1930s with a growing creativity, and cultural awareness that moved from Jazz to the new beat known as Swing. Five highly talented performers present a show that moves with sparkle and captures the various moods of the era. Highlighted by the music of Fats Waller, this show reflects his life's musical journey. We'll start our trip by enjoying lunch at Pier W, before the 1:30 pm. show.

Registration/refund deadline is April 9.

Activity Level: Mild

Resident | Nonresident: \$100

### The Patriot Tour

**May 26 Fri 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

As proud Americans this trip is timed to help you start your Memorial Day weekend with a very unique Patriot Tour in the Sandusky area. We start at the Liberty Aviation Museum in Sandusky and hear a talk by WWII Pilot Harold Brown, who is 98 and one of the remaining Tuskegee Airmen as he recounts his time in combat. During his 30th mission, Brown was shot down over enemy territory, bailed out of his badly damaged P-51 and was taken as a prisoner of war, until his liberation by Allied forces! After his presentation, engage with this true American Hero before we tour the museum that displays many US Aviation artifacts and displays. Lunch is at Our Lady of the Pines, in the heart of Fremont. Next, a live demonstration at Jaws with Paws, that highlights the incredible work our Police Officers do with their K-9 partners. We'll complete our All-American

day in Gibsonburg at the 9/11 Memorial Park, showcasing an artfully arranged 7,000-pound piece of metal from the antenna of the North World Trade Center Building.

Registration/refund deadline is April 26

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$115

### Summer Mystery Trip #5

**Jun 1 Thu 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Here is your chance to join us on a special Mystery Trip for a day full of surprises that combine unique areas, sites and attractions. We'll travel to smaller, lesser-known areas that provide a fun experience and rest assured we have not visited them on any of our other JKL Tours trips. You will need a sense of adventure, a good sense of humor and comfortable walking shoes. Lunch (and surprises are included). Come with us to kick off your Summer on this JUNE adventure.

Registration/refund deadline is May.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$104

### Weathervane Theater featuring "Ragtime, The Musical"

**Jun 29 Thu 3:45 – 11:55 p.m.**

This tour begins with dinner at Papa Joes Restaurant before we travel to the Weathervane Theater in Akron for the 7:30 p.m. "Ragtime, the Musical" show. At the dawn of a new century, everything is changing . . . and anything is possible. Called "a triumph for the stage," and "the best musical in twenty years," this winner of multiple Tony Awards confronts history's timeless contradictions of wealth and poverty, freedom and prejudice, hope and despair, and what it means to truly live in America.

Registration/refund deadline is May 29

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$125

### Ohio's Lavender and Blueberry Trail

**Jul 7 Fri 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

On this unique tour we'll start by visiting Moreland Amish Fruit Farm, a wonderful old-fashioned family farm where everyone helps out (all 14 kids!). Next, travel to the Wooster area to tour Lavender Trails, the come-to-life dream of Jim and Amy Duxbury in what is called a gardeners delight. Lavender is a unique herb with many uses from fragrant floral arrangements, to sachets, to potpourri and more. We'll learn about the different types of Lavender along with how and when to plant, nurture, harvest and many of the hand-on uses for Lavender with a chance to wander the delightfully scented lavender fields and visit their boutique shop. We'll have a fantastic

lunch at the Barn restaurant in Smithville, with time to shop their complex. Off to the Largest Blueberry Farm in Ohio and a presentation by the Master Grower learning about growing Blueberries and how they are considered a Super Fruit for their tremendous assets. Everyone will be provided a jar of fresh, Blueberry Jam and enjoy their extensive gift shop!

Registration/refund deadline is June 7

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$115

### Rivers Casino with Pittsburgh River Cruise

**Jul 19 Wed 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

There is no better way to see one of America's most livable cities than from the decks of a riverboat. The Captain does an expert narration on all things Pittsburgh – past and present during this one-hour cruise. You will be amazed by all the fascinating facts about the three rivers, the city and its history. Then try your luck at the Rivers Casino which features over 3000 state-of-the-art slots, video poker, exciting progressives and over 100 table games. The gaming bonus (provided by the casino) is \$25.

Registration/refund deadline is June 19

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$82

### Rabbit Run Theater featuring "Hound of the Baskervilles"

**Jul 28 Fri 3:45 – 11:00 p.m.**

The dinner and the show are attractions in themselves. Dinner (featuring baked half chicken) is at the Grand River Cellars Winery. Then we travel to the Rabbit Run Dinner Theater for the show. At intermission, you'll enjoy a light snack.

Registration/refund deadline is June 28

Activity Level: Mild

Resident | Nonresident: \$93

### Everly Brothers Tribute Show at Hartville

**Aug 3 Thu 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

This unique trip combines shopping, a terrific lunch and a special matinee concert that will take you back to the 50s and 60s, seeing the Zmed Brothers perform their tribute to The EVERLY Brothers! We'll start our day at the Hartville Shopping complex for a morning of bargain hunting, we'll indulge in a superb lunch in the dining room of the Hartville Kitchen where no one leaves hungry. You get to choose your meal tableside that comes out hot and fresh and includes PIE! After lunch, we'll go to the Ballroom for a stroll down memory lane to see and hear "The Everly Brothers Experience!" This tribute show is presented by the Zmed Brothers, Dylan and Zachary, the sons of Adrian

Zmed who starred as Johnny Nogerelli, leader of the T-Birds in Grease 2. As kids, they were heavily influenced by the music of Grease, Chuck Berry, Buddy Holly and of course, the Everly Brothers! Here is your chance to hear classic tunes, like "Bye Bye Love," "Wake Up Little Susie," "When Will I Be Loved?" and many more. Come join us for this nostalgic day of fun and classic '50s/'60s music.

Registration/refund deadline is June 2.

Activity Level: Mild

Resident | Nonresident: \$104

### **Dog Days of Summer Mystery Trip #13 Aug 16 Wed 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

On the road again, just can't wait to get on the road again!

This BRAND NEW JKL TOURS mystery trip has never been offered before. We'll visit a much smaller area that has a lot to offer in the way of history, secrets and charm. For all our mystery trips, you will need a sense of adventure, a good sense of humor and comfortable walking shoes. Lunch (and surprises) are included. Come join us to beat the Dog Days of Summer exploring this new area!

Registration/refund deadline is July 16

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$104

### **Sugarcreek Wine Tasting Tour**

**Sep 12 Tue 8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Travel to Sugarcreek and visit two wineries in Ohio's Amish Community with tastings and a few snacks to go with your wine. The luncheon will be at the Dutch Village Complex with shopping opportunities, a bakery and a meat-cheese market. Afterwards, travel into Downtown Sugarcreek, Ohio's "little Switzerland" to see the beautiful Glockenspiel, with time for shopping. We will also make a stop at the Swiss Bulk Food Store.

Registration/refund deadline is August 12.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$93

### **Hartville Flea Markets Tour**

**Sep 21 Thu 8:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

Hartville has long been a popular attraction for travelers. Enjoy the Hartville Marketplace with 175 individually-owned shops where you can find an array of items including the world's largest hardware store. We'll enjoy a luncheon at Hartville Kitchens before traveling to the Walnut Creek Flea Market which completed a major expansion in the spring of 2022.

Registration/refund deadline is August 21.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$73

### **Historic Barn Mural Tour**

**Oct 19 Thurs 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

Travel to Sandusky County where a local guide boards our bus for a tour which features visits to 6 barns. The barns were painted throughout Sandusky County by Barn Artist, Scott Hagan. Along the way, lunch will be included in a large barn (that is now a catering facility), stop at King Dairy Farm (an automated dairy) and visit the 9/11 Public Safety Service Memorial. The memorial is made from sacred steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center and features a 7000-pound piece of the North Tower antennae. Finish the day at Ideal Bakers and I enjoy a fresh baked donut.

Registration/refund deadline is September 19

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$101

### **Autumn Wine Tasting Adventure**

**Oct 25 Wed 8:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Set your sights on Wine Country as we visit wineries along the The Lake Erie Wine Trail, where the constant misty breezes allow them to grow a great variety of wines. We'll start at the 250 acre Arrowhead Winery of North East, PA., established in 1998, and sample six of their most popular vintages. Next, we are off to visit Arundel Cellars, a lovingly restored cider mill barn, named after a European Castle. (This winery includes the option of BEER tasting!) At the Brewery at Union Station, in the historic train station at Erie, PA we break for a buffet lunch. After lunch, we'll visit Heritage Wine Cellars, started 150 years ago with their tradition carried on by the 7th generation of wine makers who will provide us samples of their best vintages. We'll complete our day at Penn Shore Vineyards, one of the oldest and largest wineries in Pennsylvania.

JKL TOURS has had successful (and really fun) wine tasting tours and we are confident this will be a really enjoyable Autumn adventure.

Registration/refund deadline is September 25

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$94

### **Detroit – The Comeback City**

**Nov 1 Wed 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.**

The Motor City is revving up for a major comeback to once again take its place as one of America's great cities. After the financial crisis of 2008, Detroit supporters have banded together to re-invent this once proud metropolis. We start with a guided tour seeing spectacular and historic buildings in the downtown area that have been saved to combine with

new buildings bringing "The D," back to life. We'll see real American history in the original neighborhoods from the early 1700's, and seeing automotive history including a visit to the fabulously restored art-deco building from the 1920's of the Fisher Brothers Bodyworks. We'll have a photo stop at Hitsville, USA, where Berry Gordy founded the legendary Motown Records, and created the sound that changed America with the success stories of Diana Ross & the Supremes, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, the Temptations, the Four Tops, the Marvelettes, and so many more. We'll have lunch at Sinbad's on the Riverfront (that was a 1920s Speakeasy) across the Detroit River from Canada (and the Hiram Walker Whiskey Factory.) After lunch, we'll have a truly unique view of Detroit by taking a 3-mile ride on their above ground Monorail.

Registration/refund deadline is October 1.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$125

### **A Very Merry POPS**

**Nov 26 Sun 12:45 – 6:45 p.m.**

Join us on our annual Mentor holiday tradition and enjoy a wonderful holiday afternoon seeing and hearing The Cleveland POPS ORCHESTRA. The POPS vocal chorus will raise their voices along with our Yuletide spirits so come prepared to sing-along! We reserve main floor seats at the Palace Theatre at Playhouse Square in June, to ensure our guests are on the main floor! Plus, our trip by deluxe motorcoach includes a wonderful, post-show, plated dinner at the Windows on the River, offering spectacular riverfront views of the Cleveland skyline. On our way home, we'll view twinkling lights of Cleveland. (This trip usually sells quickly, so make your reservation soon.)

Registration/refund deadline is October 13

Activity Level: Mild

Resident | Nonresident: \$104

### **Franklin Park Conservatory and Holiday Lights Tour**

**Dec 7 Thu 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Begin with a visit to Franklin Park Conservatory to view elegant displays of poinsettias, seasonal foliage and twinkling lights. A docent will give us a guided tour and you will have time to explore on your own. An early dinner is included at Schmidt's Restaurant in German Village. We will drive through Alum Creek State Park which features three miles of holiday lights with more than 100 displays. Registration/refund deadline is November 7

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$112

## 2023 Overnight Trips

### Amelia Island, St. Augustine & Jacksonville, Florida

**Apr 30 – May 6 Sun - Sat**

Escape to the sunny state of Florida! After an overnight stop, we will spend 4 consecutive nights at our Jacksonville hotel which will serve as home base. View Kingsley Plantation's lovely grounds and learn about its historic past. Take a guided tour of Amelia Island, the southernmost of the Atlantic coast barrier islands. We will also visit the historical and stunning "Fernandina Beach" for a stroll. Experience America's first city, charming St. Augustine, where we have time to browse the shops on historic St. George Street and later visit the famous "Fountain of Youth." After touring the city of Jacksonville, we will enjoy a narrated cruise on the St. John's River. On the trip home, a visit to historic River Street in Savannah, Georgia concludes our sightseeing. Six breakfasts and four dinners are included in the price.

Deposit of \$150 due is required upon registration.

Final payment/registration/refund deadline is February 16

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$709 per person double, \$963 per person single, \$688 per person triple, quad not available.

### Sight and Sound Theater plus Flight 93 Memorial

**June 21 – 23 Wed - Fri**

One of the Bible's most epic sagas comes to life in this adventurous production at Sight & Sound Theatre. Journey with Moses as God first speaks to Moses at the burning bush and splits the Red Sea as the Israelites look for freedom. In addition to great show tickets, this package includes so much more including a Magic & Wonder Show, Amish dinner, Flight 93 Memorial, dinner and winetasting at Mount Hope Estate & Winery, Kitchen Kettle Village (featuring over 40 local shops) plus two nights of rooms. A total of five meals are included.

Deposit of \$150 is required upon registration. Final payment/registration/refund deadline is April 7

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$545 per person double, \$676 per person single, \$506 per person triple, \$489 per person quad.

### Vermont

**Aug 21 - 26 Mon - Sat**

Visit the beautiful state of Vermont. Included in the trip is Shelburne Museum, an outdoor museum of 45 acres, 39 an-

tique buildings and over 150,000 items. A shuttle provides a tour and allows you to stop when something strikes your fancy. Enjoy a dinner cruise with entertainment and dancing on beautiful Lake Champlain. See beautiful scenery at the world's largest granite quarry and watch talented sculptors transform granite into lifelike statuary. There is a tour of Montpelier, the state capital of Vermont, a visit to Morse Farm Sugar Works and Cold Hollow Cider Mill. No trip to Vermont would be complete without a visit to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory. Before leaving, we will make a stop at downtown Burlington's Church Street Marketplace, an award-winning open-air mall with interesting architecture and over 100 places to shop and dine. 5 breakfasts and 3 dinners are included.

Deposit of \$150 is required upon registration. Final payment/registration/refund deadline is June 7

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$720 per person double, \$1009 per person single, \$699 per person triple, quad not available.

### Mega Michigan Tour

**Sept 18-21 Mon - Thu**

Explore the "nooks and crannies" of Michigan. The "little Bavaria" town of Frankenmuth includes lunch (they are known for their chicken) and a stop at the world's largest Christmas store. Charlevoix has a quaint downtown area and features mushroom houses (yes, they are shaped like mushrooms) plus a tour and lunch in a Castle (soaring stone towers and magnificent buildings dating back to 1918). The Traverse City area features a tour of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and a visit to Cherry Republic. Grand Rapids features Frederik Meijer Gardens (with a guided tram tour of the sculpture and horticultural gardens) and Saugatuck features a sand dune ride. Three nights of rooms are included. The package includes seven meals (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 dinner).

Deposit of \$150 is required upon registration. Final payment/registration/refund deadline is July 3.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$871 per person double, \$1027 per person single, \$821 per person triple, \$795 per person quad.

### Fabulous Finger Lakes in Fall

**Oct 4-6 Wed - Fri**

Enjoy an amazing Autumn adventure as we discover the Finger Lakes region, one of the most scenic areas in upstate NY. We'll start by touring Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion of 1887, before dinner at The NY Kitchen Restaurant that includes

a cooking demo. We'll arrive at our hotel, the Hampton Inn on the Lake, with an outdoor patio to enjoy the sunsets. After breakfast in our hotel, we'll have a guided tour of quaint Watkins Glen including seeing Montour Falls. Spend your free time exploring and shopping the little main street before a relaxing boat cruise on Seneca Lake taking in the fall colors from the water. We will enjoy a delightful Italian dinner feast at Cosentino's Ristorante, followed by a wine presentation as the Finger Lakes are one of the premier grape-growing areas in the US! After breakfast on Friday, we travel to Letchworth State Park for a guided tour of this national treasure known as "The Grand Canyon of the East." After our tour, we'll enjoy lunch at the Glen Iris Inn that has welcomed guests since 1914 overlooking the magnificent Middle Falls along the Genesee River.

Deposit of \$150 is required upon registration. Final payment/registration/refund deadline is August 4.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$599 per person double, \$723 per person single, \$569 per person triple, \$569 per person quad.

### Smoky Mountain Tour

**Nov 14-17 Tue - Fri**

The Smoky Mountains at Christmas are spectacular. This package includes a dinner show at the Hatfield & McCoy Dinner Theater, a day at the decorated Biltmore Estate which includes shops of Antler Hill Village, dinner at the Stable Café and an audio-guided Candlelight Tour. Tour the Bush Beans Museum and General Store with lunch in the Bush Family Café, visit Ole Smoky Moonshine for a tour and tasting at their distillery, Titanic Museum, an afternoon and evening at Dollywood with Christmas shows, crafts, a million lights and a meal voucher. Three nights of rooms are included in Pigeon Forge. The package includes eight meals (three breakfasts, two lunches, three dinners).

Deposit of \$150 is required upon registration. Final payment/registration/refund deadline is September 1.

Activity Level: Moderate

Resident | Nonresident: \$1049 per person double, \$1232 per person single, \$995 per person triple, \$973 per person quad.

## OVER NIGHT TRIPS

When booking a triple or quad room on any overnight trip please note that there will only be 2 beds in the room. Travel insurance is available and recommended on overnight trips.