

# TRAVELIN'

Community Education Travel Newsletter



Community Education  
TOWNSHIP-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 214

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## First 2015 Travel Talks! is set for February 13

It's time for another Community Education Travel's (CET) Travel Talks! scheduled for Friday, February 13 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. The session will be held at Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. Attendees should enter Door 2 at the front of the building by the flagpole (park in Lots A or B). There will be several breakout sessions providing more in-depth information on several CET destinations (see box).

CET staff, volunteers and travel partners will be on hand to answer questions on all upcoming tours, day trips and motorcoach tours, as well as supply informational brochures. Special travel discounts will be offered. For questions or further details call 847-718-7709 or email [cetravel@d214.org](mailto:cetravel@d214.org).

### February 13 Travel Talks! Breakout Sessions:

- 1:45-2:15 p.m. California Coast with Rail Ireland
- 2:30-3:00 p.m. Antarctica
- 3:15-3:45 p.m. Disney for Adults  
CET Day Trips
- 4:00-4:30 p.m. Southern England, France,  
Tulip Time River Cruise
- 4:45-5:15 p.m. Mississippi River Magic, Agawa Canyon,  
Lake Michigan Blueberry Harvest

### CET offers new motorcoach tours

**Lake Michigan Summer Harvest: Lake Ferry & Blueberries** Set sail with us August 4-6 as we cross Lake Michigan on the S.S. Badger from Manitowoc, Wisconsin to Ludington, Michigan. Highlights include: Mac Woods Dune Buggy Ride over huge lakeshore dunes, Little Sable Point Lighthouse, DeGrandchamps Blueberry Farm, TreeMendous Fruit Farm, amazing Gilmore Car Museum, Cornwell's Turkeyville USA Dinner Theater and more!

**Smoky Mountain Christmas & Biltmore Estate** Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg transform into a festive wonderland of twinkling lights during the Winterfest Lights Festival on CET's Smoky Mountain Christmas Tour November 9-14. Entertainment abounds with professional musical theater shows such as a Smoky Mountain Christmas - Dolly Parton style - at her Dollywood theme park.

**Nashville Country Christmas at the Opryland Hotel** A major highlight November 19-22 of this trip is a three night stay at the Opryland Hotel. Nine acres of indoor gardens are lavishly decorated with amazing holiday displays you need to see to believe. There's even the Delta River Flatboat cruising down a scenic river inside the hotel!

### CET has a new perk for travelers!

Do you belong to a group or organization that likes to travel but doesn't like the hassle of all the research and planning? Call CET!

Along with the addition of Bob Ramian to our staff comes his expertise in organizing outings from a day to a week (or longer) just for your special group or family.

Give Bob a call at 847-718-7751 and leave the planning to us.

## Croatia



### Strike a Pose

CET's group to Croatia and Slovenia pose in front of one of Croatia's many castle ruins.

# MESSAGE FROM LINDA



I'm coming up on my 100th birthday (Galapagos in February!) and yet one of my most favorite places to go in the world is Walt Disney World in Orlando. There's magic in the air! Everyone is so upbeat and friendly. It makes you feel like any dream can come true; that anything is possible. Plus it makes you feel younger! I'm going back this year and I'd like to invite you to come along with me on CET's Disney for Adults trip, October 31-November 7.

We'll have a super time exploring all that Disney has to offer plus we'll have fun learning! Epcot's World Showcase puts many countries of the world on display. Countries like Germany, Mexico, Norway, China, Canada, France and Great Britain highlight their history, customs and food in private pavilions that make you think you are there. Living with the Land explores worldwide agricultural advances and lets you know how much of the food for Disney's restaurants is grown on site. This week is also part of Disney's Food and Wine Festival so you have more chances to try foods of the world.

At Hollywood Studios we'll learn the story of Walt Disney and his creative ideas and see some spectacular stage shows. At the Animal Kingdom we'll visit Conservation Station to see how we can help the earth's fragile ecosystem and maybe see how they check an orangutan for a sore tooth! We'll also have some sneak peeks behind the scenes at the Magic Kingdom on some private classes we'll take.

We'll treat you like VIPs with private seating at Epcot's Illuminations Fireworks Show and Hollywood Studio's Fantasmic. I also predict a private breakfast with a safari-clad Minnie and lunch at the world-famous Brown Derby—cobb salad, anyone?

At that time of year the weather's great and there are fewer crowds because school is in session. Through it all I, and my trusty Princess Magic Wand when it's dark, will be there to lead you over every worthwhile inch of the place. Put on your walking shoes because there are a lot of inches to cover!

This is a small-group tour (18-20 people) so let us know soon if you'd like to come along. We guarantee you'll be saying what one of our past travelers said: "Thanks for making my Disney Dream come true—it was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious!"

## SPOTLIGHT: Switzerland



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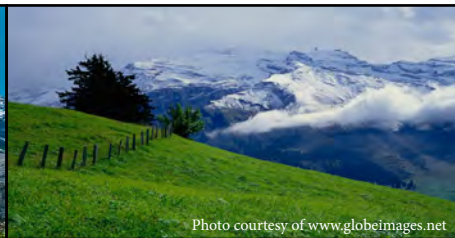


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What comes to mind when you hear fondue, chocolate and rail travel through breathtaking Alpine scenery? Switzerland, of course! Experience these plus a slice of Italy and more on CET's Alpine Lakes and Scenic Trains Tour September 11-20, 2015. Start in Zurich, Switzerland's largest city, with a history that goes back to the Romans and a beautiful lake set on its southern end. A dinner cruise on Lake Zurich is included where the famous cheese fondue will be on the menu.

Sit back and have a chocolate croissant in one of Zermatt's many cafes. Located at the base of the Matterhorn, the town is a great place to soak up the rejuvenating mountain air and take some amazing photos of the Alps.

Board the Golden Pass Panoramic Train in Gstaad for an exhilarating ascent through vineyards and country estates, alongside hundreds of fir trees and past weathered timber chalets with flower-bedecked windows. Disembark in Montreux, known for its annual Jazz Festival, and stroll the shores of Lake Geneva.

A second rail adventure is on the charming Glacier Express. Travel through the heart of the Swiss Alps filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys. A highlight is when the narrow-gauge train traverses bridges and goes through tunnels.

We've also added an Italian flavor to the tour. Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass while traveling along one of the most scenic railway lines in the world en route to Tirano, Italy. Enjoy striking views of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your adventure, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. A ferry ride across the waters to Lake Como follows, where you'll have a free day to people/celebrity-watch, shop or dine on Italian pizza al fresco.

Back in Switzerland, a day in Lucerne will be spent walking the ancient pathways of the Altstadt (Old Town), seeing such treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge, the Water Tower that once served as a prison and the Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate the heroic soldiers who were protecting King Louis XVI in 1792. Come join us—one can never have enough chocolate, fondue or Alpine scenery!



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Linda Kerr, CE Travel manager, beams with pride as she holds up Sunday's Daily Herald that featured District 214 Community Education's travel program for seniors.

**Check it out!**

The November 23, 2014 Senior Transitions insert in the Daily Herald featured an article by DH Correspondent Jean Murphy on CET and Manager Linda Kerr. If you missed it you can check out the great article by typing:

[www.dailyherald.com/article/20141123/unknown/141129994/](http://www.dailyherald.com/article/20141123/unknown/141129994/)

**Photo Op**



**Sights and Sounds of Croatia and Slovenia**

Nick and Violet Rahija, top photo, enjoy homemade stew in Ljubljana, Slovenia on CET's trip to Croatia and and Slovenia last September. Bottom photo shows Dawn Overend, Sara Schmidt, Cheryl Mack and Chris Hess getting ready for their adventurous ride around Lake Bled in Slovenia.

**TRAVEL CALENDAR**

**2015 Day Trips  
(include lunch)**

- Mar 5 "On Golden Pond" at Theatre at the Centre
- Mar 18 Untouchables and Tommy Gun's Garage Dinner Show
- Mar 24 Little Italy & Eataly Marketplace
- Apr 8 San Filippo Estate: "Place de la Musique"
- Apr 28 Inside Chinatown
- May 7 Millenium Park Walking Tour
- May 15 Chicago Architectural Cruise
- May 28 The Gilded Age of Lake Geneva
- Jun 9 Gardens of Rock River Valley
- Jun 25 Chicago's Historic Pullman Neighborhood

*July-December 2015 Day Trips to be announced at Feb 13 Travel Talks!*

**2015 Theatre/Opera Trips  
(include lunch)**

- Jan 30 Tosca at the Lyric Opera
- Apr 16 Carousel at the Lyric Opera
- May 13 Sense and Sensibility at Shakespeare Theatre
- Jun 24 On Your Feet at Oriental Theatre
- Jul 15 Kinky Boots at Cadillac Palace Theatre
- Nov (date TBA) The Queen of Paris
- Dec 16 Beautiful at the Oriental Theatre

*Theatre and/or Opera Buff? Call to be placed on our Theatre List.*

**2015 Extended Air Tours**

- Mar 7-12 Cubs Spring Training and Mesa
- Mar 8-13 Death Valley, Zion, Las Vegas
- Mar 17-24 Savannah, Charleston, Hilton Head
- Mar 19-27 Panama & the Canal
- Apr 13-17 New Orleans
- Apr 28-May 8 Danube River Cruise
- Apr 30-May 6 Dallas, Houston & San Antonio
- May 9-24 China, Yangtze Cruise & Tibet
- May 11-16 East Coast Islands & The Hamptons
- May 11-18 Chesapeake Bay Getaway
- May 14-17 New York City Spring
- June 6-13 Colorado Trains
- Jun 11-16 Pacific Northwest Explorer
- Jul 22-28 California Rail Discovery
- Aug 22-Sep 3 South Africa & Victoria Falls
- Sep 11-20 Switzerland & Italy
- Sep 15-27 Rhine River Cruise
- Sep 20-27 Southern England
- Sep 24-Oct 2 Southwest Canyon Country
- Oct 2-8 Autumn Coast of Maine
- Oct 3-18 France
- Oct 5-13 Ireland
- Oct 8-15 Adirondacks Autumn
- Oct 31-Nov 7 Disney for Adults
- Jan 1-18, 2016 Antarctica

**2015 Motorcoach Tours**

- Jul 8-10 Amish Quilt Gardens, IN
- Jul 22-24 Mississippi River Magic
- Aug 4-6 Lake Michigan Summer Harvest
- Aug 11-13 Mini Mystery Tour to ?
- Sep 29-Oct 3 Agawa Canyon
- Oct 14-16 WI Cranberry Harvest
- Nov 9-14 Smoky Mountain Christmas
- Nov 19-22 Nashville Country Christmas

**Travel Tip**

Many companies tout special wallets or credit card holders that block the "prying eyes" of gadgets trying to obtain your credit card information. Want a simple solution? Just wrap your credit cards in tin foil and be on your way!

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CET Tours are hassle-free! We provide parking in our lot during the tour and take you to/from the airport. We have a meeting before the tour to discuss money, temperature, packing, etc. We help you through airport check-in and explain security procedures. We obtain seat assignments and pay the fees to check your bag. If the place you visit requires a Visa, we obtain the Visa for you. You just have to book early, relax and enjoy the trip!