

Travelin'

September 2021-January 2022

New Day Tours Announced for 2021-22

Please Read!

Important Instructions for Day Trip Reservations

1. Reservations will be accepted beginning October 1, 2021 at 9 am.
2. No in-person reservations will be accepted. Please do not come to the CET office. Beginning October 1 at 9 am (and not before!), you can email your selections to cetravel@d214.org (emails are preferred) or phone 847-718-7709. If you reach voicemail, leave a message to include your name, phone number and the trips you want us to book you on. You can make up to four reservations with your call/email but we must have complete names, phone numbers and emails for each person and they must be aware you are calling for them.
3. CET now accepts credit/debit cards only for payment (exceptions made for those who do not have a credit/debit card). Your credit card will be required at time of booking, but will not, however, be charged at that time. We will automatically charge your card 60 days prior to the trip. If you email or leave a message with your Day Trip selections, do not include your credit/debit card number in your email or phone message, we will contact you for the necessary information. If you've taken a CET Day Trip within the past few months we already have your credit card securely on file. *Continued on page 3.*



2021-22 CET DAY TRIPS

Rates are per person and include free parking at the CET lot on day of tour; transportation on restroom-equipped, deluxe motorcoach; sightseeing and admissions, event/theatre tickets, meal as described, city guide on Chicago tours; gratuities for guides and driver; CET Tour Director and CET Rewards.

Oktoberfest Celebration!

Travel to Starved Rock State Park Lodge for a celebration of Germany's Oktoberfest. Sample German wine and beer. Enjoy a buffet of German foods and listen to authentic German music by The Dusseldorfers German Band. Come join the fun!

Tue. October 19 | \$104

Hardy's Reindeer Ranch

This Christmas Tree Farm and Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul, IL features 16 reindeer, over 5000 Christmas trees, a barn gift shop and a western-style banquet hall. Learn how the Hardys started with a small Christmas Tree Farm and two reindeer and meet Klondike, Flurry and the rest of the gang. The Texas BBQ chuckwagon lunch is complete with tin plates, mugs and bandana napkins. Following lunch, enjoy some music, comedy and a whole lot of fun!

Tue. November 9 | \$117

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Registration opens October 1

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It's A Wonderful Life at the Jacob Henry Mansion

Before Christmas luncheon, take a tour of this former railroad magnate's 1873 mansion in Joliet, IL and visit the Old Central Church on the grounds. Then attend a special program entitled "It's A Wonderful Life, the Making of a Holiday Classic." Facts such as how Cary Grant was supposed to star in the movie, that the famous gym-floor-turned-swimming-pool was real and how the movie bombed at the box office will be revealed!

Tue. November 30 | \$117

Illumination & White Fence Farm

Begin with dinner at the landmark White Fence Farm Restaurant for its proclaimed "World's Greatest Chicken", served with relishes, corn fritters, mashed potatoes & gravy. A special holiday treat awaits at Morton Arboretum. Walk a mile-long, paved path to see "*Illumination: Tree Lights at the Arboretum*", dazzling LED lights adorning the trees. You interact with them as well—hug a tree to make it glow brighter, sing to a tree and watch it change color and swipe your hand to make it do both!

Wed. December 1 | \$102



Chicago Christmas and the Grand Lux Cafe

Our first stop is for the Museum of Science & Industry's "Christmas Around the World" for a festive display of holiday trees with decorations from countries around the world. Then enjoy lunch at the Grand Lux Cafe on Michigan Avenue. Afterward, stroll the Christkindlmarket and shop for holiday crafts. After dark, experience the sparkling Chicago Christmas Lights as we drive along the Magnificent Mile, the Chicago Loop and to see Chicago's official Christmas Tree.

Thu. December 2 | \$123

Sanfilippo Mansion Christmas Concert

Begin your day with an elegant holiday meal in this Barrington Hills Estate's Carousel Building that houses the "Eden Palais" carousel, the only complete European Salon carousel in the world. We then visit the Sanfilippo residence for a 90-minute Wurlitzer Theatre Organ Concert highlighting Christmas and seasonal holiday music and have time to explore the mansion where docents will demonstrate some of the world's greatest collections of restored antique music machines.

Tue. December 7 | \$143

Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival

First stop is an early dinner at Polonez, a family owned Polish-American Restaurant. Then a singing guide leads us on a fun Holiday tour to see downtown Milwaukee's Cathedral Square, Pere Marquette Park and Zeidler Union Square, celebrating themes of the holiday season. The festive evening ends at Mader's Restaurant for hot chocolate, coffee, gluhwein, and apple strudel for dessert.

Wed. December 8 | \$135

Disney's Frozen at the Cadillac Palace

A mysterious secret. A family torn apart. As one sister struggles with being an outsider and harnessing her powers within, the other sets out on a thrilling adventure to bring her family together once again. Both are searching for love, but they'll learn that to find it they'll have to look inside themselves first. Lunch included downtown before the matinee.

Wed. January 12 | \$195

Groundhog Day: The Musical! at the Paramount Theatre

Based on the classic Bill Murray comedy, this uproariously funny and surprisingly touching musical tells the tale of cynical weatherman Phil Connors and a never-ending nightmare to be stuck in a small town whose biggest claim to fame is Punxsutawney Phil. Nominated for 7 Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Original Score, the Aurora's Paramount Theatre is proud to present the Midwest regional premiere. Includes a homestyle lunch at Riverview Diner in nearby Montgomery, IL.

Wed. February 2 | \$125

Come From Away at Cadillac Palace

The true story of smalltown Gander, Newfoundland, Canada that welcomed 7,000 stranded passengers on 9/11. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all. Lunch included downtown before the matinee.

Wed. February 23 | \$194

Are You Smarter Than Your 8th Grade Nun? at the Greenhouse Theatre

Get ready for an hilarious afternoon with Vickie Quade and her new comedy. It's an interactive game show, where the audience competes to see who was paying attention and who was daydreaming in their Catholic classroom. Answer too many questions wrong, and you'll end up in Purgatory. Winners get a free pass to heaven, a Get Out of Hell Free card or another prize. Lunch at the iconic Ann Sather's Restaurant is included.

Wed. March 16 | \$123

Moulin Rouge at the Nederlander Theatre

Enter a world of splendor and romance, of eye-popping excess, of glitz, grandeur and glory! Set in 1900, Christian, a young poet and talented writer, has come to Paris to pursue a career and become a member of the Bohemian movement. He ends up falling hopelessly in love with Satine, the star of the famous Moulin Rouge. However, Satine has already been promised to the unscrupulous Duke. A love triangle ensues and Satine is holding a terrible secret of her own. Lunch is included downtown before the matinee.

Wed. March 23, 2022 | \$229

Tosca at the Lyric Opera

This is Puccini's story of the diva Floria Tosca, who has all of Rome at her feet. A woman who takes charge of her life and fights for what she wants. A heroine who is brave and loving, extravagantly emotional, yet utterly irresistible. She's loved by revolutionary Mario Cavaradossi and lusted after by Rome's vicious police chief Baron Scarpia. Sung in Italian with projected English texts. Lunch is included downtown before the matinee.

Thu. April 7 | \$179

The Devil Wears Prada at the Nederlander Theatre

Andy, an ambitious young writer in New York City, lands a job at a prestigious magazine. Trying to survive under her stylish yet terrifying boss, she finds herself caught between the dreams she thought she wanted, and the cost of what that reality brings. A joyous, funny, and ultra glamorous story about navigating life's runway to discover where you're meant to be. Lunch is included downtown before the matinee.

Wed. August 10 | \$197



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- Once your reservation is confirmed we will email (or postal mail if you do not have an email) your confirmation that will include the date your credit/debit card will be charged.
- Any CET Discounts you have should be mentioned at time of reservation, or at the very least prior to final payment, as no discounts will be refunded after final payment is charged. The only discounts accepted for Day Trips are CET Day Trip Rewards (three rewards equal three points for \$10 off a trip) and Birthday Cards. Rewards that expired between March 1, 2020 through April 1, 2021 will be honored through December 31, 2021.
- Cancellations after the final payment is charged are nonrefundable unless a replacement is found, in which case we will refund you less a \$10 administrative fee.
- Approximately two weeks prior to the date of your Day Trip you will receive final instructions via email or postal mail if you do not have email. This letter will give you details such as where to board the motorcoach, times, Tour Director, and other details relevant to the trip.
- Proof of COVID-19 vaccination(s) may be required if any of our suppliers (theatre, restaurant, motorcoach company, etc) requires proof of vaccination. You will be notified if this is the case. All travelers will be asked to sign a waiver of liability prior to your trip. Face masks, hand sanitizing and social distancing on CET Tours will be enforced based on the COVID-19 mitigation regulations at the time of your trip.
- A brief description of CET Day Trips is found in this issue. If you'd like more information we can email you a more detailed list, or visit our website at ce.d214.org. We look forward to seeing you aboard again!

**HELP WANTED – CET is looking for an Assistant Manager.
For job description and to submit a resume,
please visit d214.org/employment,
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CET 2022 EXTENDED TOURS

Call 847-718-7709 or email cetravel@d214.org for more information or to make a reservation. Reservations for these tours can be made at any time – **not necessary to wait for October 1 registration date, which is for Day Trips only.** Complete brochures can be found on our website ce214.org.

NEW! Iceland June 14-23, 2022

An island of dramatic contrasts, Iceland is a landscape forged by ice and fire. Its volcanic nature is reflected in evidence of steaming lava fields and the area's hot pools. Massive glaciers continue to sculpt the mountains and valleys, leaving behind thundering waterfalls and plunging fjords. Travel the Golden Circle, an epicenter of natural scenic wonders. Take a walking tour of the capital city, Reykjavik and learn its history, dating back to 1796. Visit a local family who maintains a 400-year-old tradition of catching and preserving Greenland sharks. Learn about geothermal renewable energy on a visit to the island's largest power station. Discover turf-built houses and farming artifacts at outdoor Skogar Museum. And be awed at the wonder of the tallest waterfall in Iceland. Whether it's your soak in the Blue Lagoon, spotting puffins on a scenic cruise or admiring the natural wildlife, you'll discover spectacular landscapes and incredible culture on this fascinating Icelandic journey.

NEW! CET Is Expanding Its Tour Offerings From Our Travel Partner American Classic Tours.

Beginning in 2022, CET can reserve your spot on any of American Classic Tours extended trips. There is no price increase to book these tours through CET. In fact you can pay less with any of your CET Discounts! You also earn CET Rewards on these tours if you book through us, which results in future discounts. And if you want home pick-up, all you have to do is ask! Below is a list of their tours through June 2022. The remainder of their schedule can be found on our website ce214.org or by calling CET at 847-718-7709. Let us help you today!

- **Florida Keys and Miami** February 3-10
- **Southern California** February 7-15
- **Arizona Sun** February 20-25
- **Texas** March 11-17
- **Mississippi River Cruise** March 13-22
- **Savannah and Charleston** March 22-29
- **Washington, D.C.** April 7-12
- **New Orleans** April 18-22
- **California Coast** April 21-29
- **The Biltmore Estate** April 25-29
- **Chesapeake Bay Getaway** April 27-May 4
- **New York City Theatre** May 11-15
- **California National Parks** May 11-18
- **Canadian Rockies** June 4-13
- **Alaska** June 7-20
- **Mackinac Island** June 9-14
- **Mini Mississippi River Cruise** June 15-17
- **Rockies to Red Rocks** June 24-Jul 1

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