

# TRAVELIN'...

## Community Education Travel Newsletter



Community Education  
TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 214

April - June 2011

### CET Hosts Annual Open House

Friday, April 1, 2011 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights

- Enter through Door 1 and follow the signs -

- 4:30 pm** Presentation on CET's 2011 - 12 World Tours, Motorcoach/ Train Trips and Day Trips
- 5:30 - 6:30 pm** Mingle with fellow travelers, CET Staff and our Travel Partners from Collette Vacations, Globus Family of Brands, Premier World Discovery and Mid America Tours. Ask questions and pick up brochures. Light refreshments.
- 6:30 pm** Repeat of earlier presentation in case you can't come at 4:30 - we wouldn't want you to miss a thing!

Stop in our office any time to visit with CET staff, ask questions and pick up brochures—the Perfect Opportunity to Plan Your 2011 Travel.

Call 847-718-7709 for additional information.



**Jolly Good!** CET travelers welcomed the New Year in London on 12/31/10.

### 2011 Tours on Sale!

Deposit on any 2011 Avalon River Cruise by 4/15/11 and save up to \$500 per person.

Deposit on Hawaiian Islands Cruise by 4/15 and save \$200 per person.

**Last Call!** If you are interested in any of the following tours, please let us know soon so you don't miss out! These trips are either close to being sold out or in danger of having space recalled if we don't send in names and deposits. Don't delay—book today!

Smoky Mountains by Motorcoach 4/27-5/1	Shaw Festival & Niagara Falls 6/6-10
Pella Tulip Festival by Motorcoach 5/4-6	Yosemite & California Coast 6/11-18
Gardens & Mansions of Louisiana 5/15-21	Paris & Normandy River Cruise 9/19-27

### 2011 CALENDAR

#### Day Trips

- Apr 27 Fair Oaks Farm  
May 19 Dancing Horses of Geneva  
Jun 9 Greendale and Taste of Home  
Jul 14 Geneva Lake Mail Boat  
**Coming in 2011 - Dates available 4/1:**  
Aug: Milwaukee Highlights & Maders Indiana Windmills  
Sep: LaSalle Canal Boat Trains & Streetcars, WI  
Oct: St. Charles Scarecrow Festival WI Fish Fry & Boerner Botanical Gardens  
Nov: Sanfilippo Victorian Palace  
Dec: Christmas Holiday Lights & Lawry's A "Christmas Story" Holiday

#### Escorted Motorcoach/Air Tours

- Apr 22-May 4 Spain  
Apr 27- May 1 Smoky Mountains by Motorcoach  
May 4-6 Pella Tulip Festival by Motorcoach  
May 15-21 Gardens & Mansions Louisiana  
**\*Jun 6-10 Shaw Festival & Niagara Falls by Motorcoach**  
Jun 6-17 Alaska Cruise with Denali Park  
Jun 7-9 Train to Twain by Amtrak  
Jun 11-18 Yosemite & California Coast  
Jun 19-21 Mackinac Island by Motorcoach  
Jul 10-16 Cape Cod  
Aug 9-15 Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park  
Sep 2-10 Trains & Canyons of the Southwest  
Sep 7-13 South Dakota Adventure  
Sep 19-27 Paris & Normandy River Cruise  
Sep 20-22 Lincoln Civil War Legacy Trail by Amtrak  
Sep 27-29 Autumn on the Mississippi by Motorcoach  
**\*Sep 29-Oct 8 Hawaiian Islands Cruise**  
Oct 6-15 Tuscany, Italy  
Oct 12-19 Germany & the Rhine by Land  
Oct 11-18 Taste of Danube River Cruise  
Nov 17-21 Branson Holiday  
Dec 13-18 Christmas Markets River Cruise  
Dec 30-Jan 2 Tournament of Roses Parade  
Jan 9-23, 2012 Antarctica  
**\*Feb 9-18, 2012 Israel**  
Feb 27-Mar 4, 2012 Alaska's Iditarod Dog Sled Race  
**\*A CET "limited number" Tour!**

# SPOTLIGHT: Antarctica

What drives people to the end of the earth? Come with CET to Antarctica January 9-23, 2012 and find out! Dedicated to scientific research and with no permanent inhabitants, Antarctica is home to millions of penguins and its seas provide sustenance to thousands of whales and sea birds, not to mention a plethora of distinctively shaped icebergs. Often the seventh continent is hard to describe with mere words like “breathtaking,” “pristine,” and “magical.” These are just some of the few words used in an attempt to describe a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The voyage starts with a sailing through the Drake Passage, a great seaway that connects the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the basis of stories steeped in the history and lore of exploration and discovery. You sail aboard Hurtigruten’s *MS Fram*, built in 2007 with one mission—to bring her 300 guests closer to nature and provide them with incredible landscapes and remarkable wildlife. This is all done in comfort, of course! The ship has spacious public areas, ample observation lounges/decks, quality cuisine, informal atmosphere and a friendly, experienced and helpful crew. Onboard lecturers provide you with knowledge of the history, flora, fauna and ecology of the area.



You will get “up close and personal” with chinstrap, gentoo and macaroni penguins as you transfer by PolarCirkel rubber zodiacs from the *MS Fram* to such ports of call as: Half Moon Island, a glittering gem among the South Shetland chain and nesting grounds for chinstraps, kelp gulls and the Antarctic terns; Deception Island,

a distinctive ring-shaped volcanic collapsed caldera-shaped home to an abandoned whaling station and geothermal vents (can take a quick dip in the waters!); Paradise Harbor, aptly named for its scenery and panoramic vistas and home to the Chilean Scientific Base; Neko Harbor, named after a whaling ship from the 1900s and home to a large colony of gentoo penguins; Port Lockroy, site of Antarctica’s only museum built in an abandoned British base and furnished by the Antarctic Heritage Trust; and Wilhelmina Bay, where mountains and high glaciers ensure dramatic scenery, sculpted ice floats from tiny to huge icebergs and whales use its bay as a feeding ground.

The tour also includes some time in Buenos Aires and Argentina’s southernmost town of Ushuaia, formerly a prisoner’s colony and the base of your departure for Antarctica. Are you ready to go to the end of the earth? Call 847 718 7709 for more information.

## MESSAGE FROM LINDA

In this day and age when everything is “Newer and BIGGER,” CET is going small! Beginning in June, CET will designate certain tours as “limited-numbers” tours. These tours will consist of CET-only clients and be 24-28 passengers maximum; we guess you can say they’ll be spaCETrimmed!



Keeping the groups small will result in more room on the motorcoach, more personal attention, greater ease in movement of the group for walking tours/getting in and out of destination stops and shorter restroom lines!

We need your assistance with this endeavor, however, by making sure you make your deposits on these tours at least four to six months prior to departure. There are two reasons for this. First, we hope these will be popular, based on the number of requests we’ve received asking for such tours, so you need to deposit early to ensure there is space available.

Second, these tours are still subject to travel provider (airline, cruiseline, etc)-imposed deadlines that dictate when certain parts of the tour are subject to nonrefundable penalties and/or a recall of space. It will be vital to know as soon as possible that we can guarantee a small group.

We’d also like to come up with a special name for these tours, hopefully incorporating our name. Suggestions? Please call or e-mail.

The first tour that falls under this category is coming up soon. It’s the June 6-10 Shaw Festival & Niagara Falls Tour, so call soon! The next is our September 29-October 8 Hawaiian Islands Cruise/Tour. We’ll be announcing some for 2012 at our April 1 Open House. Get “small” with CET—no dieting required!

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### Snowbound!

CET travelers on the Yellowstone in Winter Tour braved the elements on their Geyser walk at Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

## Community Education News

**Intergenerational Prom** — Saturday, April 9 -- 6 pm -10:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 and CET clients who purchase tickets will receive a \$25 CET Gift Certificate. A great evening of food, fun, music and a chance to interact with District 214 high school students. Call 847-718-7709.

**Travel and Adventure Series** - April 5, Israel and Jordan. Pre-purchased tickets for CET clients are only \$5. 3 pm, Theater.

**Senior Celebration Day** - Wednesday, May 11, Arlington Park Racetrack, 11:15 am - 3:15 pm. Come to the District 214 Community Education table and enter to win a FREE CET Day Trip.

**Heartland International Music & Dance Festival** - May 7 -- 7 pm and May 8 -- 1 pm Bagpipe Bands, Highland Dancers, Musical Acts, Brass Drums, Drill Teams and more. \$25 **Japan Festival** June 11 -- 11 am - 6 pm Entertainment, Japanese food, arts and crafts, tea ceremony, martial arts, flower arranging. FREE admission.

### Q & A

**Q** — What are the New 7 Wonders of the World?

**A**—On 7/7/07 over 100 million voters chose the New 7 Wonders of the World. They are: Chichen Itza, Mexico; Christ Redeemer, Brazil; The Colosseum, Italy; Taj Mahal, India; Great Wall of China; Petra, Jordan and Machu Picchu, Peru. In addition the world is invited to vote on the New 7 Natural Wonders of the World, the results of which are to be announced on 11/11/11. There are 28 nominees from the Grand Canyon to the Cliffs of Moher to the Great Barrier Reef to the Matterhorn. To vote, go to [www.new7wonders.com](http://www.new7wonders.com) to place your vote.

P.S. CET has, is or will be traveling to all these destinations, so stick with CET and you won't have to "wonder" where your next trip will be! Have a question or comment for us? Just call or email us for an answer!

### A Taste of Israel



CET Manager, Linda Kerr, enjoys her first falafel on a recent trip to Israel. Call and ask her about the amazing things she saw and to get information on CET's trip to Israel in February 2012.

## Travel Tips

Make packing less painful by taking time to make a list a few days before you leave. Go back to the list 24 hours later and trim it! For clothing, take pieces that can be used for both day and evening (a sundress or a top that can be dressed up with inexpensive jewelry or a scarf). Take no more than three pairs of shoes (including the pair on your feet!). When packing roll and stack your clothes or place items in gallon-size zip lock bags, squeeze the air out and stack. The bags can be used for dirty/wet laundry for the trip home. Call ahead to hotels and ask what amenities they provide; it will save space if you don't have to pack shampoo, lotion, body wash or a hairdryer.

If you really don't know if you'll need something on the trip and you think you could buy it at your destination if you did need it, leave it home. Even though it may cost to buy that second tube of toothpaste, it's still less expensive than the \$25-\$150 an airline charges for overweight/second bags!

## Testimonials

*"I'm very glad I signed up for the CET Yellowstone in Winter tour. Our group included some lovely people and my memories of that magical place will stay with me for a long time. You and your people are super."* - B. Fryzel-Marquette

*"We have been on other bus tours but this was close to Five Stars!!"*  
-C. Zaehler, Branson Holiday Tour

*"The trip was well-planned with a good mix of people to travel with. Both the tour guide and the bus driver were outstanding. The trip definitely put me in the holiday spirit."*  
- J. Otis, Branson Holiday Tour

*"This was my first tour and I was very impressed with the efficiency, pre-tour meeting which was helpful, and the experience/knowledge of the guides. I would highly recommend!"*  
- M. O'Shea, Yellowstone in Winter Tour



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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!