

TRAVELIN'...

Community Education Travel Newsletter



Community Education
TOWNLEIGH HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 214

April - June 2014

Spring Travel Talks! scheduled on May 15

Spring has arrived and it's time for another Community Education Travel's (CET) Travel Talks! scheduled Thursday, May 15, 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 throughout the day. For questions or further details call 847-718-7709 or email cetravel@d214.org.

May 15 Travel Talks! Breakout Sessions:

- 1:45-2:15 Panama & The Canal***Costa Rica
- 2:30-3:00 CET Day Trips
- 3:15-3:45 Palm Springs, CA
Cubs Spring Training, Mesa
Charleston & Savannah
Washington, DC
- 4:00-4:30 Ecuador & Galapagos Island
China & Tibet
- 4:45-5:15 Death Valley & Zion
Dallas, Houston & San Antonio

2014 Holiday Tours

Even though spring has hopefully sprung by the time you receive this newsletter, it's not too early to think about CET's Holiday Tours.

NOV. 13-17 BRANSON HOLIDAY by motorcoach: Branson is America's music showplace and is especially fun and festive during the holiday season. Highlights include five Christmas shows including Johnny Mathis, Shoji Tabuchi, Showboat Branson Belle, Daniel O'Donnell at Moon River and Jonah at Sight and Sound! Stay two nights at the luxurious Hilton located at the area's newest attraction: Branson Landing Promenade – a festival marketplace complete with shops, eateries and a dazzling water, sound and light fountain show along scenic Lake Taneycomo.

DEC. 1-5 WASHINGTON & WILLIAMSBURG CHRISTMAS: Fly to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the joyous season of Christmas as our forefathers did 300 years ago. This holiday tour brings to life the spirit, sights and sounds of Christmases past. Christmas in Williamsburg is festive especially with its colonial holiday decorations using real fruit, bayberry and magnolia leaves, evergreens, holly and ivy. Delight in colonial entertainment and dinner at a historic tavern. Also visit Washington D.C. to see our great national monuments, memorials and museums. Special seasonal treats will be to see our national Christmas tree and a performance at Historic Ford's Theater. Also two other tours are:

DEC. 2-7 NEW ENGLAND CHRISTMAS

DEC 30 - JAN 4 NEW YEAR'S ROSE PARADE

Turkey



CET travelers to Turkey this March enjoy the Fairy Chimneys found in Cappadocia.

MESSAGE FROM LINDA



It's official—my 100th country visited will be Ecuador and its Galapagos Islands! The dates are February 19-28, 2015. Not only will it be an amazing trip but we'll have some extra surprises in honor of this momentous occasion so I hope you can come along.

We'll start in Quito, Ecuador's capital and the highest capital city in the world. On a city tour we'll see the historic stone murals of the Legislative Palace, the stunning gold altars of the La Compania Church, the impressive paintings of Oswaldo Guayasamin at his workshop and have our picture taken at the Equatorial Monument, proving we were at the Center of the World! We'll also travel to Otavalo, home to the indigenous people of Imbabura Province to visit both their ancient Indian Market and one of their homes to observe their ancient weaving techniques and the art of local handicrafts.

We then fly to Baltra, where we visit the Reserve where the giant Galapagos tortoises live in their natural habitat. Native to these islands, they can live over 100 years, and weigh up to 880 lbs! A visit to the Charles Darwin Research Station, established to help conserve the Galapagos' natural habitat, is scheduled before we board our luxury yacht, the *Isabela II*, for four nights. The Galapagos consist of thirteen large and hundreds of small islands in the Pacific Ocean off the western coast of South America and are home to

some of the world's most fascinating wild life. Each day a team of expert Naturalists will hold lectures onboard and then take us ashore to see the likes of penguins, sea lions, iguanas and a host of diverse bird species (I can't wait to see my first blue-footed Booby!), along with the magnificent volcanic landscape formed by eruptions and lava flows. We can also snorkel, cruise on a glass-bottomed boat and swim off a beach with the playful sea lions.

You will also have an opportunity to add a three-night optional extension that will take you into the Amazon jungle, staying at the Napo Wildlife Center. There will be guided Amazon cruises, nature walks with naturalists, visit to a parrot clay lick site, a canopy tower walk, nighttime dugout canoe excursion and a visit to a local school and village.

So please come along and help me celebrate this momentous event. I'm counting...100 countries down, only 95 more to go (or 145 more if you count dependent countries)!



Galapagos

Sea lions, iguanas and tortoises are just a few of the animals you'll see on CET's trip to the Galapagos.

SPOTLIGHT: Montreal & Quebec

Are you looking for the feel of Old Europe but don't want the 7-9 hour flight? CET's tour to Montreal & Quebec, October 13-18, is the answer. Fly to Montreal and travel to Quebec City where you will step into a culture reminiscent of 15th-century France.

Quebec is antique, medieval and the only walled city in North America. Tour the wall's ancient Ramparts that surround the old city and walk along the Grand Allee, where 19th century fur traders gathered to sell their pelts. Relive the French-English battle of 1759 at the Plains of Abraham, now a public park dedicated to the Battle. On a city tour see the Citadelle, a National Historic Site of Canada built in the 17th-century and home to the current Monarch of Canada; the Parliament Building and the famous Chateau Frontenac Hotel. Get a 360-degree view at the Observatoire de la Capitale, offering a spectacular panorama of the city.

You'll also travel outside Quebec to Ste Anne-de-Beau Pre Basilica, the breathtaking masterpiece highlighted by 240 stained glass windows, and stop at Montmorency Falls, an impressive natural wonder that is one and a half times the height of Niagara Falls. In Trois Rivieres visit a sugar shack and learn about the maple industry, complete with a full lunch of Canadian specialties, such as maple ham, syrup and taffy.

In Montreal, visit Old Montreal with its narrow streets and 16th-century architecture as well as modern Montreal with its skyscrapers and museums. You'll be guided through the Notre Dame Basilica to experience the Gothic Revival architecture and the stained glass windows that depict the religious history of Montreal, rather than Biblical scenes. You'll also cruise the St Lawrence River and enjoy an historic interactive comedy dinner at Le Festin Du Gouverneur. Valid passport required.



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2014 CALENDAR

Day Trips (include lunch)

May 28 Hidden Treasures Milwaukee—Grohmann Museum

Jun 16 U.S. Mailboat & Lake Geneva's Red Geranium Restaurant

Jul 1 Quilt Gardens of Elkhart County

Jul 15 Chicago's Mansions & Millionaires--Dreihaus

Jul 30 Chicago River & Lake Michigan Fireworks Cruise

Aug 18 Wrigley Field Tour & Harry Caray's

Aug 27 Opening the Vaults—World's Fair at Field Museum

Sep 9 The South Shore Electric Train

Sep 18 Rosemont Hofbrauhaus & Factory Outlet

Oct 9 American Icons & Dixon, IL

Oct 21 Fun With Food—A Culinary Adventure

Nov 4 Little Italy & Eatery

Nov 18 "Tribute to the Silver Screen" at Starved Rock

Nov 21 Morton Arboretum's "Illumination" & MSI's Holiday Trees

Dec 5 Chicago Christmas Light's & Lawry's

New!! Theatre/Opera Trips (now include lunch)

Jul 9 The Last Ship by Sting at the Bank of America Theatre

Aug 20 Million Dollar Quartet at the Apollo Theatre

Oct 8 Don Giovanni at the Lyric Opera

Nov 5 Il Trovatore at the Lyric Opera

Nov 26 Porgy and Bess at the Lyric Opera

Dec 10 Newsies at the Oriental Theatre

Jan 30 Tosca at the Lyric Opera

Apr 16 Carousel at the Lyric Opera

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

Also Coming in 2015: May: New York City Theatre Virginia & Chesapeake Bay East Coast Islands, Hamptons & New York Danube River Cruise June: Pacific Northwest Colorado Trains September: Upper Rhine River Cruise Southern England Grand Canyon, Bryce & Zion October: France Hawaiian Islands Cruise Autumn in the Adirondacks Maine & Acadia National Park November: Disney for Adults

Motorcoach Tours

May 27-29 Mark Twain's Hannibal
Jun 17-19 Wisconsin River Wanderings & Taliesin

Jul 21-25 Mackinac Island
Oct 6-8 Door County

Oct 21-23 Brown County, IN & Covered Bridges

Nov 13-17 Branson Holiday
Also Coming in 2015: Amish Quit Gardens Mississippi River Lake Michigan Ferry/Blueberry Harvest

Mini Mystery Tour Agawa Canyon Cranberry Autumn Harvest Nashville Holiday at Opryland Smoky Mountain Holiday & Biltmore

Extended Air Tours

Jul 11-18 Northern US National Parks

Jul 13-19 Cape Cod

Aug 13-20 Canadian Rockies & VIA Rail

Aug 17-23 Toronto, Shaw Festival & Stratford

Aug 21-26 Colorado Springs Getaway

Sep 5-14 East Coast Gardens & American History

Sep 10-20 Mississippi River Cruise

Sep 16-26 Yosemite, Lake Tahoe & San Francisco

Sep 17-27 Croatia

Sep 20-27 Nova Scotia

Oct 13-18 Montreal & Quebec

Oct 20-28 Paris/Normandy River Cruise

Dec 1-5 Washington, D.C. & Williamsburg Christmas

Dec 2-7 New England Christmas-Newport, Stockbridge & New York

Dec 30-Jan 4 Rose Parade New Year's

Jan 22-30 Costa Rica

Jan 29-Feb 5 Florida from Orlando to the Keys

Feb 1-7 Palm Springs, CA

Feb 19-28 Ecuador & Galapagos

Mar 7-12 Cubs Spring Training, Mesa

Mar 10-15 Death Valley, Zion, Las Vegas

Mar 12-20 Panama & the Canal

Mar 17-24 Savannah, Charleston, Hilton Head

Apr 6-10 Washington, D.C.

Apr 28-May 5 Berlin & Prague

Apr 30-May 6 Dallas, Houston & San Antonio

May 9-25 China, Yangtze Cruise & Tibet

Aug 23- South Africa



Dec. 30, 2014-Jan. 4, 2015 Rose Parade

See amazing floats at the New Years Rose Parade in Pasadena on CET's trip to California for the holiday. Call 847-718-7709 for details.

Testimonials

"On this trip I learned how important the Cuban people regard education, health care, work and their 50s cars!" - Dianne D, Rediscover Cuba 2/23-3/3/14

"This trip was very well organized and we appreciate the time and planning that went into this amazing getaway. Suzette (Horyza) was an absolute delight! She is high energy, enthusiastic, personable and always positive." - Abe & Mary G, Mr Lincoln's Hometown 3/6-8/14

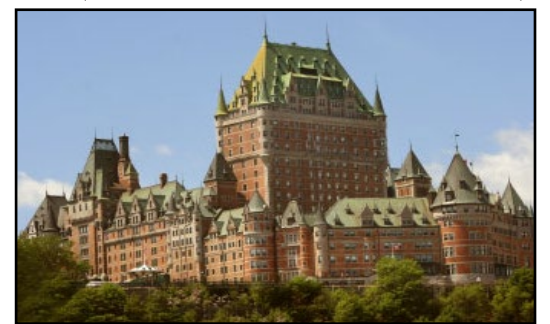
"Compared to others, this is the most inclusive tour of Springfield I've seen. Not the least expensive, but worth the cost." - June W, Mr Lincoln's Hometown 3/6-8/14

"Excellent tour—great guide, great sites, great food, good hotels. I certainly know much more about Turkey and its social customs and history." - Nancy M, Turkish Delight 3/14-28/14

"Although this was my first tour, it was practically perfect. I felt safe and learned a tremendous amount about Turkey." - Ana J, Turkish Delight 3/14-28/14

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Gold Card Club—programs and discounts for those over 62 who live in District 214—free membership. Gold Card members receive \$50 off CET multi-day tours over \$2500, \$25 off multi-day trips \$750-\$2499 and \$10 off multi-day trips under \$750 (not to be combined with CET Rewards).



Oh, Canada!

The Chateau Frontenac is just one of many sights to see on CET's trip to Quebec and Montreal.



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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!