

TRAVELIN'

Community Education Travel Newsletter



January - April 2018

Next Travel Talks! scheduled for February 16

Finalize your 2018 travel plans at Community Education Travel's (CET) Travel Talks! scheduled on Friday, February 16 from 1:00 to 4 p.m. at Forest View Educational Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights. Attendees should enter through 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 below).

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.

February 16 Breakout Sessions:

- 1:15-1:45 p.m. Croatia and Slovenia
Peru with Machu Picchu
- 2:00-2:30 p.m. Niagara Falls & Stratford | Yosemite & Lake Tahoe | National Parks | Oklahoma
- 2:45-3:15 p.m. Sicily & Malta | Alaska Iditarod with Northern Lights
- 3:30-4:00 p.m. Cubs vs. Pittsburgh | Mississippi River Fall Foliage, MN

Visit Sicily and Malta in October

Join CET on October 23 to November 4 on a trip to beautiful Sicily and Malta. Perfectly placed in the heart of the Mediterranean, Sicily has been luring passersby since the time of legends. The land of the Cyclops has been praised by poets from Homer to Virgil and prized by the many ancient cultures – Phoenicians, Carthaginians, Elysians, Romans and Greeks – whose bones lie buried here.

Sicily's varied landscape makes a dramatic first impression. In Catania the smoking hulk of Etna greets you; in Palermo it's the sparkling Golfo di Castellammare. Sea, volcano and mountain scenery make a stunning backdrop for all activities. Sicily is also bursting at the seams with artistic and architectural gems. In a short walk around Palermo you'll see Arab domes and arches, Byzantine mosaics and Norman palace walls.

Throughout the island you'll find yourself stumbling upon the remains of Arab and Norman castles. In the Valley of the Temples be awed by the gigantic yet graceful Greek structures that miraculously survived 24 centuries of tormented history.

Malta is positively mythic with its megaliths, medieval dungeons and Calypso's Cave. The narrow meandering streets of the towns and villages lead to the main square, which is invariably dominated by the huge baroque church. As the countryside is dotted with medieval towers, wayside chapels and the oldest known human structures in the world, the Malta has rightly been described as an open-air museum.

Destination: Danube River Cruise



All aboard!

CET's Danube River Cruise Group aboard Avalon Cruise Line's **Panorama** (Left to right, starting at far left and working way around staircase) Andrea Worth, Marlene Rosenberg, Jean Threadgill, Barb Sitko, Mary Lou Becker, Lillian Gerlach, Sharon Meyer, Marilyn Daleburn, Elaine and Bob Schuler, Greg Meyer, Rod Ely, Aimee Saflover, Mary Schramer, Debbie Weinstock, Donna and Bob Alexander, Arlene Goers, Sue Donati, Barbara Klett, Marilyn Streit, Linda Kerr (CET tour director), Nelia Bernabe, Jim and Marge Warp.



Message from Linda

The Twelve Months of Travel in 2018

*The snow may be falling and travel is calling.
To help you through, here are some ideas for you!*

In the cold month of **January**,
CET gave to me
Australia and the Caribbean Sea.

In the loving month of **February**,
"Love Never Dies",
Chinese welcome a New Year,
And the Panama Canal passes us by.

March comes in like a lion,
Our Cubbies in Phoenix we will see.
And we will Flyaway to somewhere
That's a total mystery.

Easter is in **April**,
That is, the Island in Chile,
Plus Asheville's grand Biltmore
And Noah's Ark in Kentucky.

Take your Mother to New York City
In the merry month of **May**.
Or cruise the Duoro River
On the Portugal itinerary.

June is Dad's turn,
Alaska or the Mississippi?
We'll also explore Greece
And the Islands in the sea.

How about fireworks
Over those famous Niagara Falls?
Or a park called Yosemite,
Summery **July** brings it all.

August brings more park stays--
Yellowstone, Glacier and Teton.
And we'll travel to Pittsburgh
To cheer our Cubbies on.

September is jam-packed
Switzerland, Scotland, I say!
Cruise the Rhine and Moselle
Or explore Oklahoma—OK!

See ruins and beauty
In Malta and Sicily.
Or cruise the Columbia River
For **October** autumn colors to see.

November we give thanks
And start the holidays
Nashville Country Christmas
Or Amish Country ways.

Wrap it up in **December**
At the annual Rose Parade
We hope you enjoyed CET Tours
Happy New Year to you for 2019!

For more details on these exciting 2018 tours -- see the calendar
on Page 3 or call 847-718-7709.

SPOTLIGHT: 2018 Fall Tours

The snow may be coming down now,
but the autumn leaves will be falling
before we know it. Escape from
raking those leaves by going on one
of our fall getaways.

Oklahoma Sep 14-19 Pull on your
boots and venture into the Cowboy
Culture of Oklahoma. Visit Prairie
Song Western Town, the National
Stockyards with a live Cattle Auction,
Langston's Western Store & the
National Cowboy & Western Heritage
Museum. Discover a region rich with
oil fields creating boomtowns and
oil barons, such as Frank Phillips of
Phillips Petroleum, and see the first
commercial oil well in Oklahoma - the
Nellie Johnstone. Venture into remote
terrain at Phillips' rustic country
retreat and wildlife preserve called
Woolaroc.

Encounter the Pioneer Spirit of
technology, entrepreneurship & legend
at the Will Rogers Museum, Pioneer
Woman's Mercantile and the NOAA/
National Weather Service Forecast
Office. Explore the Chickasaw Cultural
Center, incorporating nature, history,
heritage and the ongoing story of the
Chickasaw people. Rope up some
fun at the Bricktown Entertainment
District of Oklahoma City and discover
the capitol city's unique history on a
guided tour. Witness a symbol of this

city's strength at the Oklahoma City
National Memorial. So join us as we
discover new horizons in this land of
no boundaries – Oklahoma-OK!

Croatia & Slovenia Sep 29-Oct 10
Croatia is often referred to as the
land of a thousand islands. Located
on the east bank of the Adriatic Sea
across from Italy, some say that a
trip to Croatia is to experience "the
Mediterranean as it once was." It
is a natural and historic setting for
the many activities and cultural
experiences that lie ahead. Medieval
architecture, tranquil lakes, local
villages and Croatian charm will
delight you on this tour featuring
Dubrovnik, Lake Bled, Ljubljana, and
the pearls of the stunning Dalmatian
coast.

Begin your exploration with two nights
in Opatija, the "Riviera of Croatia"
and an Istrian gem. Explore Plitvice
National Park by foot and by boat, a
place where waterfalls cascade down
sheer cliffs connecting sixteen pristine
lakes.

Enjoy a visit and dinner with a local
family outside Dubrovnik. Explore the
white stone buildings, winding alleys,
and massive city walls of the ancient
harbor town, Dubrovnik. Step back
into Roman

times in Diocletian's Palace, which
comprises Split's Old Town. Explore
Ljubljana, Slovenia's quaint capital
city, and float on a "pletna" boat on
serene Lake Bled. An optional tour to
Montenegro is also available.

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Ireland Trip



Beautiful Ireland

CET's Ireland group poses in front of Cabra Castle in Kingscourt. Front row, left to right: Paul Chesler, Nancy Gans, Judy VanBooven, Archie and Carol Piscopo, Lynn Anderson. Back row, left to right: Joe and Judy Beemster, Gary VanBooven, Mary Schulze, Marlene Fasick, Judith Ross and Pat Davidson (CET tour director).

Testimonials

"Beautiful scenery. Our tour guide was excellent—he made Ireland's history come alive." - Mary S, Ireland

"I learned how beautiful Ireland is, how friendly the people are and how delicious the food is." - Judith R, Ireland

"Our tour director showed a passion for each place we visited and her enthusiasm and spirit contributed significantly to the melding and bonding of the group: a great bunch of people." - Kathy K, European Charm

"Our guide at the Monona Terrace coordinated well what we learned about Frank Lloyd Wright architectural design at the Taliesen with his proposed design of Monona Terrace. What a genius!" - Judy O Fireside, Frank Lloyd Wright & New Glarus

"We give this tour 5 stars, starting with Suzette who is an outstanding tour director with passion for travel. Our group was fortunate to have very congenial, most thoughtful and fun travelers with a great sense of humor." - Bill and Donna M, Smoky Mountain Xmas

TRAVEL CALENDAR

2018 Day Trips (Includes Lunch)

- Mar 9 Bible Bingo! at the Royal George Theatre
- Mar 22 Chicago's Historic Theatres & Union League Club
- Apr 6 The Amazing "Blue Man Group"
- Apr 18 Museum of Broadcast Communications/Chicago Movie Tour
- May 1 Under and Over Chicago-Pedways & the 95th
- May 22 Chicago Architectural Cruise
- May 31 Ukrainian Village and Russian Tea Time
- Jun 12 Wabash & Erie Canal and Monon Connection
- Jun 13 Cubs vs Milwaukee
- Jun 28 Pride of Oregon Lunch Cruise

2018 Theatre/Opera Trips (Includes Lunch)

- Feb 21 and Feb 28 Love Never Dies at Cadillac Palace
- Mar 21 Faust at Lyric Opera
- May 2 Jesus Christ Superstar at Lyric Opera
- May 23 Macbeth at the Shakespeare Theatre
- May 24 Memphis at Ruth Page Center
- Jul 11 The Cher Show at the Cadillac Palace
- Jul 18 Waitress at the Cadillac Palace

2018 Motorcoach Tours

- Apr 3-5 Lincoln's Hometown by Amtrak
- Apr 15-21 Asheville and the Biltmore
- Apr 17-21 Kentucky with Noah's Ark
- Jun 27-29 Mississippi River Magic
- July 30-Aug 2 Cubs vs Pittsburgh
- Aug 6-9 Mini Mystery Trip
- Oct 3-5 Door County
- Nov 15-19 Nashville Country Christmas
- Dec 6-8 Amish Country Christmas

2018-19 Extended Air Tours

- Apr 4-12 Santiago and Easter Island
- May 2-13 Portugal
- May 16-20 New York City
- Jun 3-18 Greece and the Islands
- Jun 12-25 Alaska Land and Cruise
- Jul 7-13 Niagara Falls & Stratford
- Jul 25-Aug 2 Yosemite & Lake Tahoe
- Aug 27-Sep 3 Yellowstone, Glacier and Grand Teton Parks
- Sep 1-9 Best of Switzerland
- Sep 14-19 Oklahoma
- Sep 16-29 Rhine and Moselle River Cruise
- Sep 19-26 Scotland
- Sep 29-Oct 10 Croatia and Slovenia
- Oct 4-11 Autumn in the Adirondacks
- Oct 14-22 Columbia River Cruise
- Oct 18-23 San Francisco & Napa Valley
- Oct 23-Nov 4 Sicily & Malta
- Dec 28-Jan 2, 2019 Tournament of Roses Parade & LA
- Feb 22-Mar 4, 2019 Alaska Iditarod with Fairbanks' Northern Lights
- Mar 3-12 Fascinating Israel
- Mar 23-Apr 1 (2019) Peru with Machu Picchu

June 16-24, 2020 Germany featuring the Oberammergau Passion Play—now taking reservations!

Call CET at 847-718-7709 to book your trip, ask questions or for dates not available at press time.

CET GIFT CERTIFICATE

\$50 OFF any April 2018-March 2019 CET Extended Air Tour OR **\$30 OFF** 2018 CET Motorcoach Tour when deposited by 2/25/18.

Not combinable with other discounts except Birthdays and Early Booking Discounts. **NEW BOOKINGS ONLY.** This certificate is good for discount for up to four persons -- so refer some friends, too! NOT REDEEMABLE FOR CASH.

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CET Tours are hassle-free! We provide parking in our lot during the tour and take you to and 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 it for you. You just have to book early, relax and enjoy the trip!



Senior Celebration Day

Save the Date!

Monday, April 23, 2018

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**This FREE EVENT will be held at the
Forest View Educational Center
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL**

Free Health Screenings • Informative Exhibitors
New Entertainment • Interactive Demonstrations and Activities
Free Prize Drawings

Admission ticket is required for entry. Tickets will be available in February at your local senior centers, Elk Grove and Wheeling Township offices, park districts within District 214 boundaries, District 214 Community Education or on the day of the event at the door.