

Cenla Travel

P O Box 13241
Alexandria LA 71315
318/443-9038

Nancy Chambers Richards
nancy@cenlatravel.com
www.cenlatravel.com

January 2010

SAVANNAH via CALLAWAY GARDENS Tuesday, April 20 - Monday, April 26

Many on our wonderful trip to Charleston/Callaway Gardens during the holidays said "let's go back to Callaway in the Spring & combine it with another historic city, Savannah." Even if you've been before, this trip offers so many things that you haven't done before.

After a night at Callaway Gardens, we'll take a guided tour of the Memorial Chapel, Butterfly Center, Azalea Bowl, Overlook Garden & Horticultural Center.

We'll spend 4 nights in the middle of charming Savannah, home to the large Historic District, cobblestone streets, Factors Walk, manicured squares, museums & historic homes & gardens. A narrated trolley tour will give us an overview of the Historic District before we begin our explorations on foot. The Savannah Garden Club's Tour of Hidden Gardens includes 8 private walled gardens plus a southern tea & entertainment at the Harper Fowkes House. Savannah College of Art & Design's Sidewalk Arts Festival is an incredible display of talent with music & food. We'll go to the Southern Nights Music Variety show with high energy music, dance & comedy, perfect for a southern evening. A little bit country, a little bit rock & roll, plus some Broadway, jazz & pop! On Sunday morning, you'll have time to attend service at one of the many beautiful historic churches.

One day will be devoted to St. Simons & Jekyll Islands, including the Sea Turtle Center, devoted to nurturing 400+ lb. injured loggerheads. See grand homes of families such as the Rockefellers & Vanderbilts; tour 2 homes.

Motorcoach, 6 night's hotel, 6 breakfasts, 2 dinners, musical theatre, tours, all gratuities

\$1150 per person, double occupancy

\$1520 per person, single occupancy

\$350 deposit

Researched, planned, coordinated & accompanied by Nancy. We need to know very soon if we have enough travelers to "make" this trip.

Get personalized attention when reserving your cruise.

Internet booking may be tempting, but wouldn't you rather be talking to someone local who you know? It costs you nothing. Consider getting a group together . . . there can be some good savings & you might get your trip free.

It's a great time to be booking Alaska - many cruise lines are offering sales. Carnival now has itineraries out of New Orleans going to the Eastern Caribbean.

AZALEAS, DOGWOOD, DAFFODILS & RIDING THE RAILS

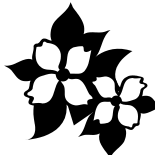
**Friday - Sunday, March 26 - 28
Tyler & Palestine**

Travel with us to Tyler via Tex Ritter's Texas Country Music Hall of Fame where we'll have lunch with entertainment. Two nights in Tyler will allow us to enjoy the Azalea Spring Flower Trail, Municipal Rose Garden & Museum, LeGrand Gardens, Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden, arts & crafts and many private gardens (some featured in April 2009 Southern Living). Have lots of fun at Sacred Spur Ranch for dinner & music. We'll spend Sunday in Palestine where we'll travel in Davey Dogwood Park for the Texas Dogwood Trail & see Elmwood Gardens. Ride the Texas State Railroad as antique steam engines & cars travel through dense East Texas woodlands (with lunch).

Motor coach, 2 night's hotel, 2 breakfasts, 2 luncheons (one with entertainment), 1 dinner (with entertainment), train ride, gratuity

\$385 per person, double

\$485 per person, single



Researched, planned, coordinated & accompanied by Nancy. We need to know right away if we have enough travelers to "make" this trip.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

1:30 p.m.

**Kingsley Place Dining Room
351 Windermere Boulevard**

Come join us for a very casual social so you can ask questions about any of our trips, give suggestions for future trips and just enjoy visiting with one another. Bring your pictures from some of our most recent trips, and meet up again with some of your fellow travelers. Bring a friend.

We'll be talking about a trip to the Canadian Rockies in October!

WICKED, the Musical **Thursday, April 8**

The musical inspired by the beloved story of The Wizard of Oz - their remarkable odyssey & how 2 unlikely friends grew to become the Wicked Witch of the West & Glinda the Good Witch. An incredible musical.

Wicked is the most popular Broadway musical touring the country. The entire run in New Orleans is practically sold out. We have one motorcoach already filled, and will offer a second one if we get enough reservations in time to get tickets. Of course, if you send us your check & we don't get enough, all of your money will be refunded.

Hurry & send your money to join us for this one-day trip to *Wicked* at the Mahalia Jackson Theatre.

Our delightful New Orleans luncheon is at Ralph's on the Park, with wonderful views of City Park. You will have choices for your entrée.

Even if you need to work the next day, we arrive home before 9:30 p.m., with a professional doing the driving!

\$185 per person

Motorcoach, best-available theatre ticket, luncheon, driver's gratuity

LOUISIANA STATE PENITENTIARY AT ANGOLA **Tuesday, March 16**

We have taken 4 sold-out motorcoaches to our state prison for men, Angola, since February 2009. Everyone has come away amazed at how Warden Burl Cain and his team have transformed the nation's bloodiest prison into a facility that offers so much hope & inspiration to thousands of inmates. We'll see their amazing agricultural operation, visit a dormitory, meet a trustee who will tell us about life there, see the Chapels, have time at the museum, see the beautiful Percheron horses & trained dogs. We have lunch in a camp to experience their daily routine.

Participants on previous trips raved about how interesting this tour is & how much they appreciated our choices in life. It is not depressing or scary & there is very little walking except to a few buildings. They only offer this tour for motorcoach groups. Pick-ups in Pineville & Jonesville

Motorcoach, tour, lunch, driver's gratuity

\$55 per person

OHIO AMISH COUNTRY plus SO MUCH MORE!!! **Saturday, September 11 - Saturday, September 18**

When we first did this trip in August 2008, we got other tour companies' itineraries. What set ours apart was spending 3 nights in the beautiful rolling hills of the Ohio Amish country and having so much fun on the way up and back. We took good notes & paid attention to the evaluations to make our next trip even better!

Enjoy the Memphis scene with a visit to Graceland & the vibrant downtown. In Kentucky, visit a horse farm & have dinner at the home of Colonel Sanders. A step-on guide in Cincinnati will show us that gorgeous city next to the Ohio River. Be entertained at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

Three nights in Sugarcreek OH will allow us to experience the Amish life in many ways . . . cheese shop, ice cream, furniture building, Lehman's General Store & Old Fashioned Hardware, broom maker, quilts, canned goods, bakery items, Amish farm, candlelight dinner & tour of Warther Carvings & so much more!

A lot of research & planning went into this trip, as with all of ours. Along the way, we stopped at places for lunch that were out of the ordinary - where the locals eat - not the usual fast food or Cracker Barrel. How about lunch at a real dairy farm where Mom cooks the food and Dad shows us how to milk a cow?

Motorcoach, 7 night's hotel, tours, 7 breakfast, 3 dinners, theatre ticket, gratuities

\$1400 per person, double occupancy

\$1800 per person, single occupancy

\$500 deposit

THE NATIONAL WW II MUSEUM

New Orleans
The Victory Theater
Wednesday, March 24

Beyond All Boundaries, created exclusively for this brand new building at the Museum, is a unique & powerful 4-D cinematic experience available nowhere else in the world. It plunges viewers into the 20th century's most titanic struggle & tells the tale of the Greatest Generation's journey from Pearl Harbor into the fire of epic battles to America's final victory in the words of the veterans themselves. You feel the tanks rumble, smell the gunpowder and feel the snow as winter arrives on the battlefields. No one should miss this experience! We saw it right after the opening in November 2009. You will have time to explore the Museum, or, if you prefer, there are three other museums next door.

LUNCH WITH THE VICTORY BELLES Stage Door Canteen (food by Chef John Besh)

While dining, a charming vocal trio will take you on a nostalgic journey through WW II musical classics. Enjoy a trip down memory lane with their spirited performances of hits such as *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree*, *Chattanooga Choo Choo*, *I'll Be Seeing You*, all sung in rich, 3-part harmony.

Transportation, luncheon, musical, theatre, museum, driver's gratuity
\$150 per person



LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Tuesday, May 4

Whether you went to school at LSU in Baton Rouge, or didn't go to school there, just think how much has changed in all the years. Celebrate their 150-year birthday by joining us for an interesting tour of the campus. See the Indian mound, have ice cream at the Dairy Store, meet Mike the Tiger, view the Bell Tower, visit some museums (including new textile museum), stadiums & whatever else they have planned for us that day.
Lunch in the campus dining room.

\$75 per person
Motorcoach, tour, lunch, driver's gratuity

GARRISON KEILLOR A PRAIRIE HOME COMPANION Mahalia Jackson Theatre New Orleans Tuesday, February 9

We'll leave Alexandria early afternoon, will have a terrific dinner in New Orleans, see the show at 7:30 p.m. and arrive back in Alexandria before 2 a.m.

We'll travel in a large comfortable motorcoach.

We will limit the number of travelers so everybody will have 2 seats to snooze on the trip home.

\$225 per person

HURRY ON THIS ONE. IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER & TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!

If you don't travel and/or don't want to receive our mailed newsletter, please call or e-mail. We'll use the postage to send to someone else.

The best way to travel is in a group with a professional tour guide, especially if you haven't been to an area. We can book your trip with any company - Tauck, Globus, Perillo, Collette, etc.

We can help you with individual reservations for cruises & river boat trips. Also packages for Disney, Sandals & Beaches.

Call for reservations, even if you don't see the trip in this newsletter.

If you're planning to travel **anywhere** outside the U.S. via **any** mode of travel, we recommend that you have a valid passport.

Cenla Travel
P O Box 13241
Alexandria LA 71315-3241

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
ALEXANDRIA, LA
PERMIT NO. 934

Return service requested



Send your e-mail address to nancy@cenlatravel.com & receive the most current information about upcoming events. We do not give your e-mail to anyone else.

Please add our e-mail address to your safe senders list

Gratuities are always included on any trip coordinated by Cenla Travel

Do you belong to an organization . . . krewe, garden club, investment club, luncheon group, church, school, civic club . . . or have a bunch of friends or family who want to get away together & have some fun. Join us on a trip & leave the work to us. If you have enough members, let us plan a trip just for your group. We'll be glad to meet with your members to discuss value, safety, enjoyment & ease of group travel.

PICK UP LOCATIONS

When we travel south on I-49, we pick up at Sammy's Truck Stop. When we travel west on Highway 28, we pick up at Holloway Store or Jonesville. Out Highway 28 West, we pick up in Leesville. We pick up in Oakdale when going that direction.

Cenla Travel reserves the right to cancel a tour for any reason, including, but not limited to, insufficient participation, strike, government action & acts of God. In such case, the sole obligation of Cenla Travel will be a full refund of all money paid by the travelers.

Cenla Travel is an independent contractor whose business is to act only as an agent for the traveler in arranging transportation, accommodations & other services related to travel. Cenla Travel shall not be liable for personal injury or property loss or damage resulting from the acts, omission or negligence of any person providing transportation, accommodations, meals or the services related to travel or which occur from, during or as a consequence of the customer's travel. Cenla Travel shall not be liable for any delayed departure, missed carrier connections, substitution of accommodations or of common carrier equipment, lost or damaged baggage. In the absence of negligence, Cenla Travel is not responsible to the traveler for any claims, losses, costs or expenses arising out of personal injury, accident, death, delay, inconvenience, loss of enjoyment or frustration, whether mental or physical resulting from mechanical breakdown, extreme weather conditions or other conditions beyond our control & the control of our suppliers.

INSURANCE is available for ALL trips
Ask for complete brochure

www.cenlatravel.com

Cenla Travel has a web site. This newsletter can be printed from it. Please share this site with friends & family.

