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BROADWAY ACROSS AMERICA NEW ORLEANS

Broadway is back in New Orleans at the newly renovated Mahalia Jackson Center for the Performing Arts. These are the same musicals that travel to Dallas, Houston & Austin.

Join us for these day trips that include motorcoach, matinee ticket (orchestra), luncheon & gratuity.

Sunday, November 1 **CATS** **\$185**

The mystical tale of Cats takes place on one special night as the tribe of Jellicle Cats reunites to celebrate who they are with phenomenal songs & show-stopping choreography. From the first song to the haunting strains of "Memory", Cats will find a place in your heart.

Saturday, February 6 **MAMMA MIA!** **\$185**

The story-telling magic of Abba's timeless songs provide an enchanting tale of love, laughter & friendship where everyone is having the time of their lives!

Wednesday, March 31 **WICKED** **\$185**

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.

Send your deposit of \$85 for each musical trip



FRESH FROM THE FARM

Tuesday, July 14

Featured in Southern Living, Ed Lester Farms is a fun, quirky spot in NW Louisiana - a market like no other. Under the sprawling live oak, the open-air market has fresh-picked vegetables & fruits, blues music & wrought iron benches. The day will include visits to Grand Bayou Resort, Bayou Pierre Alligator Park, Red River Drug, an antique store, & country cooking at Fausto's Restaurant. What fun! Yes, it's hot in July, but that's when the veggies are the best!

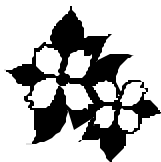
\$75 per person

Not much time to sign up for this trip!

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
\$150 deposit



AUTUMN IN NEW YORK

Wednesday, October 14 - Monday, October 19

If you've never been to New York City or if you've been before, going with our small group is the best way to enjoy this fabulous city. Two 4-hour tours are private & customized for us with a very knowledgeable, experienced guide. Our accommodations are in a smaller, boutique hotel centrally located to everything in Manhattan. We'll do lots of things together & you will have options for Broadway shows, Ellis Island, dinner or harbor cruise, museums, shopping & exploring the neighborhoods. See the new Yankee Stadium.

Roundtrip air from Alexandria, 5 nights hotel,
5 breakfasts, tours, gratuities, portorage, transfers
\$1900/person, double \$2800/ person, single

Airline tickets must be purchased in mid-August

JOYCE MEYER MINISTRIES

Thursday & Friday, November 5 & 6

Having suffered sexual abuse as a child & the pain of an emotionally abusive first marriage, Joyce discovered the freedom to live victoriously by applying God's Word to her life & now desires to help others do the same. From her battle with breast cancer to struggles of everyday life, she speaks openly & practically about her experiences so others can apply what she has learned. Thursday evening session at church.

Visit Rienzi, center for European decorative arts in Houston. A dramatic natural setting with 18th century English Georgian architecture & formal gardens with Worcester porcelain, English & European paintings, English furniture, sculptures & ceramics.

Motorcoach, hotel, breakfast, tour of Rienzi, service, gratuity
\$160/person, double \$60 Deposit \$220/person, single

ISLANDS OF NEW ENGLAND

Friday, October 2 - Friday, October 9

We have a great group of folks going - call for details

JOHN FOLSE'S DONALDSONVILLE

Friday, September 11

Chef John Folse & Company in Donaldsonville is the food manufacturing division created in 1990. From humble beginnings, it has grown to national prominence with a customer base from the Gulf Coast to Canadian borders & from West Coast to the Eastern seaboard. Witness manufacturing of entrées, vegetables, soups, sauces & specialty products for foodservice distribution, retail sales & national restaurant chains.

Enjoy charming downtown restaurants, antiques, gift shops, museums & local artists
Cajun Village, restored Acadian building with unique shops & galleries featuring original Louisiana artists & products.

\$60 per person

NEW ORLEANS

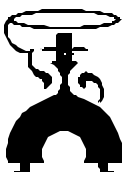
Thursday & Friday, November 19 & 20

Exciting things are happening in the Crescent City. The World War II Museum's expansion includes a world class Victory Theater. *Beyond All Boundaries* is a multi-sensory cinematic 4-D journey that spans the global scope of WW II. The Stage Door Canteen will transport you back in time when dancing, music & having fun were all part of the war effort. NOMA's new once-in-a-lifetime exhibit, *Dreams Come True* showcases original artwork classic fairy tales from the Walt Disney Studio, accompanied by film clips. It celebrates Disney's connections with jazz & the Crescent City.

Stay overnight in a historic hotel, visit both museums, have a fabulous lunch, & tour New Orleans & the new Streetcar Named Inspire miniature sculptures.

See the \$145 million restoration at the Roosevelt Hotel.

Motorcoach, hotel, tour, luncheon, museums, gratuity
\$225 / person, double \$275 / person, single



ANGOLA RODEO

**The Wildest Show in the South
Sunday, October 4**

Bareback riding, Wild horse & barrel races, Bull-dogging, Wild cow milking, Convict poker, Buddy pick-up, Guts & glory. Purchase beautiful handmade crafts, paintings & woodwork. Enjoy a wide variety of food. Hurry - tickets sell out fast.

\$65 per person

SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA

Tuesday, January 19

Our friends in Baton Rouge offer a Mystery Tour every month & fill up every one! Recently they went to Lake Charles where the Convention Bureau planned their exciting day with lots of surprises. Everyone loved it so much that we decided to offer it to you, especially to prepare for the Mardi Gras season.

The day will include a guided driving tour of downtown with Victorian architecture dating from the 1800's (with a guide who knows all the history & gossip), the Imperial Calcasieu Museum, Mardi Gras Museum, Immaculate Conception Cathedral, & lunch at Bigdaddy's Sports Grill.



\$75 per person

\$30 deposit



Just a couple of seats left . . .

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA

Sunday, July 19

\$150

MAMMA MIA!

Tuesday & Wednesday, August 25 & 26

\$275 / person, double

\$325 / person, single

ANTIQUE ROSE VILLE & RIP VAN WINKLE

Thursday, September 24

Join us in a celebration of family, romance, beauty & nature in New Iberia. Using fresh herbs & produce, Linda Freyrou will cook us a buffet luncheon like she prepares for her family. See her special Roseville china collection & stroll the gardens filled with luxuriant native Louisiana flora. Also visit Rip Van Winkle's semi-tropical gardens on Lake Peigneur.

\$80 per person

Mary Poppins



Thursday & Friday, November 5 & 6

Combining the best of the original stories by P. L. Travers & the beloved Walt Disney film, *Mary Poppins* is everything you'd hope for in a Broadway musical - & more. It includes such wonderful songs as Chim Chim Cher-ee, A Spoonful of Sugar, Let's Go Fly a Kite &, of course, Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious. It's hailed as a roof-raising, toe-tapping, high-flying extravaganza! Don't miss all the magic of Broadway's super hit musical, & let your imagination fly.

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Motorcoach, theatre ticket, hotel, breakfast, tour of Rienzi, gratuity
\$275/person, double \$100 deposit \$335/person, single

Please hurry - tickets are selling fast

SMALL TOWN SURPRISES

Tuesday, December 29

The charming town of Opelousas resounds with a music all its own. Ten-year-old native accordion player Guyland Leday has blown the doors off Carnegie Hall & been featured on HBO, Opray, the Ellen DeGeneres show & in Southern Living. Guyland & his Family & Friends Band performed at New York's Gotham Hall. They will join us at Soileau's Restaurant to entertain just for us at lunch! This day trip must be during a holiday as Guyland is in school at other times.

We'll do some other fun things in Opelousas, including the newly opened Orphan Train Museum. Then a visit to Washington, historic steamboat town.

\$105 per person

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY IN GRAPEVINE

Our friends in Baton Rouge, who coordinate tours just like ours, are offering a trip to the fabulous Gaylord Texan Resort in early December. Highlights include a guided tour of Historic Grapevine, Holiday Opry show, Broadway-style show, Mystery Dinner Theatre & the cattle drive in Ft Worth.



They'll travel through Cenla & can pick you up. If interested, contact us for the details.



MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS

Houston



Wednesday, September 30 & Thursday, October 1

A treasured classic from the golden age of musical comedy with lavish sets, gorgeous turn-of-the-century costumes, a wonderful score & warm humor of nostalgic romance in this brand-new show with old-fashioned appeal.

We'll go to the Houston Museum of Natural Science the following day where you can visit the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibition, Butterfly Center, IMAX theatre or Planetarium.

Motor coach, hotel, breakfast, theatre & gratuity

\$250/person, double \$300/person, single

\$100 deposit

Sign up NOW so we can get good seats

Our show tickets were absolutely wonderful for the Dame Edna trip to Fort Worth. Our very own traveler, Carolyn Barbee was one of 3 she selected to be on stage with the international housewife, therapist, gigastar, guru & celebrity confidant.

A DAY ON RIVER ROAD

Thursday, October 22

St. Joseph Plantation has been in the same family for 130 years. It is the finest example of architecture in transition - from Creole to Greek Revival - in Louisiana. Our visit will be "A Mourning Tour" featuring customs & rituals of 19th century Creole Louisiana.

Laura: A Creole Plantation focuses on the lives of Creole plantation owners, women, children & slaves.

Visit St. Michaels Church, built in 1809, & see the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes where locals & foreigners go to pray for miracles.

Lunch with the locals at B & C Seafood in Vacherie.

\$100 per person

GEORGIA'S MOUNTAIN TOPS CAROLINA LOW COUNTRY

Saturday, December 5 - Thursday, December 10

Be dazzled by 8 million lights of Christmas Fantasy in Calloway Gardens where we stay 1 night in the Inn. Then on to Charleston, lovely, historic first capital of South Carolina all aglow for the holidays. Relive the past on a guided tour along cobblestone streets & past walled gardens to experience the historic district's extraordinary architecture. Visit the Battery, Old City Market, Catfish Row & Upper King Street Design District. Tour Drayton Hall, a 1738 Georgian Palladian mansion in its original condition. At Middleton Place, tour the 1755 mansion, stable yard & the oldest formal garden in the U.S. A carriage tour is included & a dinner cruise with breathtaking views of Charleston harbor. Enjoy the Citadel Cadets Christmas Concert in the grand Gothic Chapel. Two other dinners will prove why Charleston is known as a culinary capital of the Carolina coast!

Coach, 5 nights hotel, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners, dinner cruise, tours, gratuities

\$999/person, double \$1259/person, single

\$300 deposit

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

EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISES FROM NEW ORLEANS

The 2758 passenger Carnival Triumph will sail from New Orleans with 2 new 7-day eastern & western Caribbean itineraries. The eastern stops in Key West, Freeport & Nassau. Departures are 11/14, 11/21, 12/12, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6 & 4/3. Call for pricing & details.

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.

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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.

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