

# UPCOMING TRIPS

## ITALIAN VISTAS

## TWO SHOWS IN THE TWIN CITIES

## MICHIGAN'S MAGESTY: MACKINAC ISLAND & SLEEPING BEAR DUNES

## BALLOON FIESTA IN NEW MEXICO

## CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON

## CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK CITY

## WASHINGTON DC & VIRGINIA BEACH

## ALASKA: LAND & SEA

## ROUTE 66

## NASHVILLE - MUSIC CITY

## SOUTHERN CHARMS HOLIDAY



### Italian Vistas - April 5-17, 2025

Nancy and Tammy are excited travel with 32 of our Emerald Club members!

### Two Shows in the Twin Cities - May 6-8, 2025

This trip includes the Chanhassen Dinner Theater for the musical "Grease!" We will also see Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap" at the Guthrie Theater. Also included is a visit to Skyrock Farm for lunch, a display of carousels and a horse demonstration. **THIS TRIP IS CURRENTLY SOLD OUT BUT WE HAVE STARTED A WAITING LIST**

### Michigan's Majesty: Mackinac Island & Sleeping Bear Dunes !

June 14-22, 2025

This 9-day motor coach adventure will take us on a ferry ride across Lake Michigan. From there we venture to Empire, Michigan for one night. The next day brings us to Sleeping Bear Dunes and a quick stop in Traverse City.

We will be visiting Fairview Organic Maple Sugar Farm and enjoying a horse-drawn carriage ride around Thunder Bay Resort, our home for the night. Following our carriage ride, we will enjoy a gourmet dinner together.

We will have a guided ride over The Mighty Mac with author Mike Fornes! This is the longest suspension bridge in the world. Mike will also give us a behind-the-scenes tour of the historic Grand Hotel. We will then experience the Grand Luncheon Buffet in the main dining room. And if that was not enough....we will enjoy a tour around the island in a carriage before arriving at the Lake View Hotel, where we are staying for the night.

The next day explore the island on your own until our ferry ride back. We will then visit the National Shrine of the Cross in the Woods. We will have a guided tour of the Petoskey downtown area before an included dinner.

Our next day's adventure includes the "Mushroom Houses" designed by local architect, Earl Young. A walking tour of Castle Farms that showcases the grandeur of the French Chateaux styled buildings.

Next, we will have a guided tour of the Traverse City area. You will enjoy breathtaking views of the bay and vineyards that define the region. We will make a stop at the Old Mission Lighthouse, with panoramic views of Lake Michigan. You will then have a chance to visit the Cherry Republic, where they celebrate all things cherry....a nod to the region's status as one of the world's top cherry producers. We will enjoy a Saugatuck Dune Ride this morning for 30 minutes of entertainment & fun! From here we will head to Moline where we will check into our final hotel and enjoy dinner and a cruise on the Celebration Belle.

**Cost of this trip is \$2999 for double occupancy or \$3799 for double occupancy. \$750 due at sign up. Time is running out, so sign up today!**





### **Magical Mystery Tour - September 9-10, 2025**

Do you love surprises?! Embark on a fun journey of discovery with our 2-day mystery trip. We will drop hints as we get closer, but the destination & itinerary will be kept a secret until we leave!

Let's see how much you trust your Emerald Club Directors to create an incredible experience for you!?!?

Cost is \$325 for double occupancy or \$375 for single occupancy



### **Balloon Fiesta - October 3-8, 2025**

Discover the vibrant spirit and landscapes of New Mexico on this unforgettable 6-day journey to Albuquerque!. From the artisan village of Chimayo' and historic Taos Pueblo to the dazzling international Balloon Fiesta, where hundreds of colorful balloons fill the sky, each stop offers a captivating blend of culture and adventure! Other features of this trip include **The Sandia Peak Tramway, The Turquoise Museum & Taos Pueblo** - a UNESCO World Heritage site. We will be flying from Des Moines for this trip!

**Cost of this trip is \$3935 per person for double occupancy or \$4965 for single occupancy** and includes round-trip air, private motor coach transportation, 5 nights' accommodations, 12 meals, admission to attractions as stated, porter service of 1 bag per person, taxes & gratuities and a professional tour manager! **\$500 deposit due at registration.**

### **Christmas in Branson - November 18-23, 2025**

Join us for 6 days and 5 nights in Branson to kick off the Holiday season! We have included 13 meals, 8 shows & 3 special tours. We will also visit Union Station Holiday Reflections for a display that will leave you speechless!

**Cost is \$1995 per person for double occupancy or \$2295 for single occupancy. \$500 deposit due at sign-up.** Price includes motor coach transportation, all listed activities & meals, baggage handling of 1 bag per person. We will have pickups in either Cherokee or Storm Lake, Spirit Lake and Des Moines!



**Christmas in New York City - December 14-18, 2025** There is nothing quite like the bright lights of the big city during the holidays! Details will be coming soon. Please call with Travel Show details!

**We will be hosting travel show in May for Christmas in New York City, Alaskan Discovery & Southern Charms - call for details**

**We will also be hosting a travel show for our trip to Washington DC & Virginia Beach - call for details**

## Coming in 2026

Washington DC & Virginia Beach with the International Military Festival - April 14-21, 2026

Alaskan Discovery Land & Cruise - June 17-28

Highlights include: Fairbanks \* Sternwheeler Discovery \* Music of Denali Dinner Theater \* Denali National Park \* Tundra Wilderness Tour \* Luxury Domed Rail \* Anchorage \* Hubbard Glacier \* Glacier Bay \* Skagway \* Juneau \* Ketchikan \* Inside Passage

Route 66 - Details coming soon!

Columbia & Snake River - August 4-12, 2026

Nashville Music Tour - September 1-10, 2026

Southern Charms Holiday - December 7-13, 2026

Highlights include: Historic Charleston \* Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens \* Choice on Tour: Walking Tour or Fort Sumter Cruise in Charleston \* James Island County Park Holiday Display \* Savannah \* Choice on Tour: Savannah Trolley Tour or Haunted Savannah Walking Tour \* St. Simons Island \* Jekyll Island \* Christmas Caroling

## Upcoming Local Events

### Storm Lake

#### Dutch Treat Luncheons at 11:30

Someone will win a free lunch....will it be you?

April 16th at Villager - May 15th at Malakry's  
June 18th at Pizza Hut - July 17th at Lakeshore  
RSVP to Stacy at 712-638-0013

**Become a Fraud Fighter! - April 24 at 2:00 p.m.** Please join us at the NEW Iowa Central Community College building located at 323 W 20th Street in Storm Lake for this informative seminar!  
Free event for Emerald Club members.  
Please RSVP to Stacy at 712-638-0013

### Spirit Lake

#### Coffee at the Well

Please join Tammy and your fellow Emerald Club members at 10 for some coffee and conversation!  
May 14th - June 11th



**Come Plant with Me! April 29th, 2025** Join Tammy at Ferguson's in Spirit Lake at 2:00 for a guided class where you will create the perfect Springtime planter! The cost is \$75 and you will take your creation home with you. You can bring your own pot or Ferguson's will provide a basic pot for you. **RSVP to Tammy by April 22nd to reserve your spot!**

#### Annual Dinner & Concert - Thursday, August 14

Doors open in the Majestic Pavilion, Arnolds Park at 4:30 with dinner at 5:00. The Richie Lee concert will follow in the Roof Garden Ballroom!

**RSVP to Tammy by August 8 to reserve your spot!**

### Sioux City & Dakota Dunes

**Coffee & Conversation at Cup O'Joy - 10:15 a.m.** 319 Dakota Dunes Blvd.  
April 2 - May 14 - June 11  
RSVP to Nancy at 605-540-4335

#### **Become a Fraud Fighter!**

Please join for this informative seminar!  
Free event for Emerald Club members.  
**Please contact Nancy at 605-540-4335 for the date, time and location.**

### Brookings

**Coffee & Conversation** - Join Amy at Kool Beans the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:30.  
April 15 - May 20 - June 17  
RSVP to Amy at 605-696-3416.

### Sioux Falls

**Coffee & Conversation from 9:30-10:30 a.m.**  
April 24th - May 22nd - June 26th  
Please park in the back lot. RSVP to Jessica at 605-782-0819

### Cherokee

**Coffee & Convo - Mud on Main at 2:00**  
**April 22 - May 20 - June 24 - July 22 - August 26**

**Become a Fraud Fighter!** - April 24 at 10:00 a.m. Please join us at the Country Club for this informative seminar! Free event for Emerald Club members. **Please RSVP to Debbie at 712-225-9039**

**Picnic at the Country Club - July 10 at 11:30** Debbie will provide chicken, drinks and place settings. Please bring a salad or dessert to share!  
If you would like to participate in Bingo after lunch, please bring an unwrapped \$5 prize.  
**Please RSVP to Debbie at 712-225-9039**



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