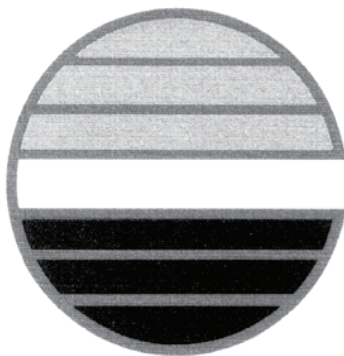


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**One Shining Moment**

Yes, March Madness has come and gone – and quite frankly, I have been too busy working on these new tours to watch any of the basketball games. Another part of me says I have watched way too many games over the years to enjoy it any more.

But there I sat in my easy chair last evening (April 7) watching the University of Houston taking on the University of Florida "Gators" for the Men's Championship. It was quite a game. Florida is going to win by 2 points – 65 to 63. Here is the horror story for Houston – Houston LEADS MOST OF THE WHOLE GAME except for 1 minute and 6 seconds. THEN THEY LOST.

Most of these basketball players will never make it into the NBA – National Basketball Association – The PROS. So, for most of the Houston players, this will be the highlight of their life. If only – I hadn't turned over the ball, missed a couple of free throws, etc. etc.

Then they will hit "real life." How to make a living? How to raise a child? Once, again it's ETC. ETC. But they did have ONE SHINING MOMENT. The 2025 National Men's Basketball Championship Game!

My hope and prayer for my clients of Way To Go Tours is this: I hope your SHINING MOMENTS give you joy, happiness, and peace of mind for a life well lived. May the spring of 2025 find you in great spirits and wonderful health. Jerry Waldkoetter

**Tours Available from the December, 2024 Brochure:**

- June 24 – Shake, Baby, Shake—Walter's Family, Ontario
- July 10 – Rochester Amtrak & Canandaigua Boat – Call
- July 22 – Grand River Luncheon Cruise w/Blazing Fiddles 1/2 full – one of the most relaxing days imaginable
- Aug.11 – MegaStars of Country – Brookes & Dunn, George Strait, and Alan Jackson at the Walter's Family, Ontario – Call
- April & June, 2025 NOAH at Sight & Sound Theater, Sold Out
- Sept. 17-25 – Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Call

Oct. 20-26 – Southern Charm, Charleston, Savannah, Jekyll Island – Call

April 10-22, 2026 – Southern Italy & Sicily

May 15-23 – 2026 – Norway Highlights – Oslo, Bergen, Flam, Loen.

The last 4 tours – they are by Collette – 4 color brochures are available.

**Tours Available in this April-May, 2025 Brochure:**

- Aug. 6 – 32nd Annual Best of Buffalo Day-Trip
- Aug. 21 – Conneaut Lake – Barbara J Boat Excursion
- Sept. 4 – Conewango Valley Amish – Receive Gifts
- Sept.8-12 – Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Boston
- Oct. 7-9 – Albany, NY & Western Massachusetts Fall Foliage
- Oct. 18 – Christmas in the Woods, Columbiana, OH
- Oct. 21 – Amish Fall Foliage, New Wilmington, PA and the Grove City Outlet Mall
- Nov. 4-5 – NOAH – Sight & Sound Theater, Lancaster, PA
- Sept. 17-Oct. 1, 2026 Heart of Europe Tour with Oktoberfest In Munich, Germany. Look for Discount.

**Tours Coming Up in the Next Brochure**

- December – Buffalo Christmas Pops Kleinhans
- December – Choral Arts Society at St. Joseph's Cathedral
- July 22-Aug. 2, 2026 Iceland & Norway – Norwegian Star Cruise.

*Jerry - Co.*



NOAH

## 32nd Annual Best of Buffalo Day-Trip

Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025 Price Per Person: \$149

Buffalo Murals, Buffalo Religious Arts Center, Briar Brewery inside a Silo & More! WGRZ Channel 2 has been presenting quite a lot of info regarding both – the Michigan Ave. Baptist and the Colored Musician Club. In fact both have just recently reopened – the Musician Club doing \$3 million dollars worth of expansion and remodeling. The area has been renamed the Historical Michigan Ave. Corridor – complete with a new arch over Michigan Ave. We are doing a lot in Buffalo – read on you will want to see and participate.

### Itinerary:

7:45am – Bus Report time: McDonald's, 315 Meadow Dr., in North Tonawanda

8am – Leave for Tops, 5274 Main Street in Williamsville by Union Road

8:30am – Pickup at Tops, Williamsville

9am – Arrive in the Buffalo's African American Heritage Corridor. Lilly Wiley-Upshaw, President of the Buffalo Niagara Freedom Station Coalition will present the vital history of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, a beacon of hope since 1845. Buffalo became a hub for abolitionists, civil rights leaders and social activists –



**MOSTLY FROM THIS CHURCH.** It played a prominent role in those revolutionary movements. (Niagara Movement-early NAACP)

10:15am or so – Walk across the street to the last remaining Colored Musician Club. Just completing this May a \$3 million dollar expansion & up-date of the original facility.

11:30-Noon – Lunch at Chef's – Spaghetti Parm or Spaghetti with one huge meatball. It's a tradition with the Best of Buffalo day-trips.

1:30pm – Tour of the major murals now located around



the downtown section of Buffalo with a local artist. From the Internet: "Buffalo might just have the most murals per capita of any U.S city."

Mid-afternoon: Buffalo Religious Arts Center – Have you been wondering where some of the glorious statuary /stain glass windows etc. from the closed Catholic churches have been going? See it here! It is being repurposed!

4pm – Briar Brothers Brewery located in 50 Elk Street Silos. Leah Muller from Visit Niagara Buffalo suggested visiting this Brewery just for the "uniqueness." It is located inside a silo. Refreshments may be purchased at your expense.

5:30pm – Return to Tops, Main Street, Williamsville

6pm – McDonalds, Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

**PLEASE BRING your own water bottle.**

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# Conneaut Lake & Northwest Corner of Pennsylvania

Thursday, August 21, 2025 Price Per Person: \$152

## Dear Way To Go Traveler,

This was a "big" hit the summer of 2024 with over 40 clients enjoying themselves on a perfect summer day. We hope to repeat the experience this coming summer of 2025. Especially entertaining was Davenport's Cidery with its restored 100 year old barn and the boat tour aboard the Barbara J. Come and enjoy the sunshine!

Thursday, August 21, 2025

7am – Bus report Time

7:15am – Depart from McDonalds, 315 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

7:45am – Pickup at Tops, Main Street & Union Road, Williamsville

9:30am – Break – McDonalds, Peach Street, Erie, PA (Bring drink and food items on motor coach – we have to keep moving.)

10:30am – Enjoy the relaxing quietness of this area with a local guide. Covered Bridges, Bird Platform overlooking scenic waters, Rippling Streams – are you beginning to relax just from this write-up??!?

11:30am: – Silver Shores Restaurant on the Conneaut Lake (Our seating looked out the windows on beautiful Conneaut Lake.). So enjoyable!

2pm – Excursion Boat Ride on the Sternwheeler Barbara J on Conneaut Lake – this 1 and 1/2 hour ride takes us completely around the Lake. (There are no snacks or drinks available aboard the vessel.) The Barbara J was completely restored by new owners. The flat-bottomed, all-steel hull resembles a typical river barge. She is a TRUE sternwheeler. No hidden props or controls.

3:30pm – Disembark the Barbara J and head for the Davenport Fruit Farm

3:45pm – Arrive at the Davenport Cidery and Winery which has been the home to apple trees since 1910. They presently have 9 varieties of apples & also the Red Barlett pear. The new owners have modernized the 100 year old barn, (it looks stunning, with a beautiful view of the 14 acres of orchards.) One review: "Hands down one of the best places in town."

4:30-4:45pm – Depart for Western New York.

7pm – Tops, Main Street, Williamsville

7:30pm – McDonalds, Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

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## Conneaut Lake & NW Pa Excursion

Please Return This Form With Your Check.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Pick Up Location:

\_\_\_\_ McDonalds, Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

\_\_\_\_ Tops Supermarket, Main Street & Union Rd., Williamsville

### Entree Choices:

Use initials if more than 1 person

Silver Shores Restaurant, Conneaut, PA

\_\_\_\_ Pulled Pork Sandwich

\_\_\_\_ Tuscan Chicken

\_\_\_\_ The Whaler

Luncheon includes a cup of Clam Chowder, piece of Peanut Butter pie, coffee or ice tea.

**Office:** Conneaut Lake & NW Pa – August, 2025



Barbara J - Sternwheeler 14



# Conewango Valley Amish

Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025 Cost Per Person: \$135

## Dear Way To Go Traveler,

Our group guide for this day-trip is Jim Berry from Jamestown. He has done a great job the past five years – guiding us thru the Amish area to our different stops. You will receive “goodies” at our Amish stops – a fresh loaf of Amish bread, a small bag of cheese, some goat-milk fudge and at least one other gift. Our restaurant is the South Dayton Hotel and it has been a big hit over the years! Read on for a wonderful day on the Southern Tier!

## Our Itinerary:

7:15am – Bus report time

7:30am – Leave from McDonalds, 315 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

8am – Pickup at Tops, 5274 Main Street by Union Rd., Williamsville

9:20am – Rest Room Break – McDonalds in Gowanda, NY

10am – Valley View Cheese Factory – Choice of 30 plus cheeses, plus a whole lot of other Amish items – jams, jellies, Amish clothing items, wooden carvings – ETC. While the shopping is happening – the driver and I will pick up some Goat Milk Fudge for you (candy gift) at Malinda’s Candy.

11am – Arrive at the home of Mattie Hostetler and daughters’ quilt & gift shop. Dozens of beautiful handmade quilts are on display for sale as well as maple syrup. Over the years, our clients have purchased five different quilts from this gift shop. We appreciate the Old Order Amish!

Noon – Depart for the South Dayton Hotel for lunch.

12:15pm – Lunch at Zollinger’s South Dayton Hotel, 203 Pine St., S. Dayton. See Entree Choices Below.

1:45pm – Depart South Dayton for Uri & Barb Miller’s baked goods shop In Conewango Valley, which sells a variety of breads, pies, & other baked goods and candies.

2:45pm – Travel into the heart of Amish country through the scenic rolling hills of the valley. Stops may include a roadside Amish cemetery, an Amish school, a roadside garden stand & and much, much more!

3:45pm – Arrive at Valley View Cheese Shop to drop off our tour guide .

4-4:15pm – Depart for home.

6pm – Arrive Tops, Williamsville

6:30pm – McDonalds, North Tonawanda

Itinerary is flexible depending upon weather & other factors.

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## South Dayton Hotel (Zollinger’s)

Please Return This Form With Your Check.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Pick Up Location:

McDonalds, Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

Tops Supermarket, Main Street & Union Rd., Williamsville

### Entree Choices:

Please put each person’s first name or use initials if more than one person in front of his/her luncheon choice. Thank You

Chicken Salad “Cold Platter” with fresh fruit, roll

Open Faced Roast Beef sandwich with homemade gravy and mashed potatoes

Shrimp Basket: Five battered & fried shrimp with fries

**Office:** Conewango Valley, 2025



# Fabulous Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard & Boston

Sept. 8-12, 2025 Price: \$1627 based on dbl occup.

## Dear Way To Go Traveler,

This is it – the fabulous tour to Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. I am going back to see restaurant & attraction owners that I have been working with since 1984 – my first Cape Cod tour. It was with Lewiston Porter H.S. and a blast. Art from Art's Dune Tour was a real Yankee then who never finished a sentence but oh did he know the dunes and now his son Rob runs the business. Ted, owner of Tugboats, whose boys I met at age 4-5 years old are now a lawyer & a doctor. The list goes on and on!

1. 4 Dinners: 1 Dinner at the Dan'l Webster Inn, Sandwich, MA; 1 dinner at Alberto's Ristorante; 1 Lobster/Steak Tips Dinner at Tugboats, Hyannis, MA; 1 Dinner at the Mayflower Restaurant in Provincetown  
Four Breakfasts at our Resort
2. Hotel: 4 nights at The Bayside Resort, Hyannis, MA
3. Professional Tour Escort: Jerry Waldkoetter and Local Guide
4. Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation.

\$1627 per person based on double occupancy. See discount below. Send \$150 when making a reservation. Balance of \$1477 is due Friday, August 8th. Or send a check for \$1577 by June 10th and receive a \$50 discount. Single supplement is \$260. Travel insurance is \$130 per person double and \$150 single occupancy. Due with initial deposit.

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## Our Itinerary: Monday, Sept. 8, 2025

6am – Bus Report time

6:15am – Leave from McDonalds, 315 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

6:45am – Pickup at Tops, 5274 Main St., by Union Rd., Williamsville

Noon – Lunch on own at the Crossgates Mall, Albany

3:15-3:30pm – Arrive in Plymouth, MA – Plymouth Rock, Mayflower II & Plymouth Bay, Restrooms are available immediately upon arrival. Late afternoon – Pilgrim's Forefather's Monument – National Register of Historic Places – believed to be the largest granite monument in the world.

6:15pm – Dinner at Dan'l Webster Inn – we have used this Restaurant located in the Inn the first night of each of

our former Cape Cod Tours. Excellent!

8pm – Check-in at the Bayside Resort in Hyannis, MA

## Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025

7am – Extended Continental Breakfast at Resort

8:30am – Local Guide will meet us at our resort and you will travel the "south side" Rt.28 of the Cape to the seaside village of Chatham

10am – Get ready for an unforgettable outdoor adventure- A SEAL WATCHING CRUISE. Get an up close and personal view of seals in their natural habitat as you cruise out of Ryder's Cove and see Grey Seals swimming, sunning, and entertaining you.

Noon – Lunch and shopping on your own on Main Street, Chatham

Early Afternoon: Admission to Marconi-RCA Wireless Museum. You will explore radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi's life and legacy. Ship to shore radio. Learn



Maconi-RCA Wireless Museum

how Marconi's telegraph was used in World War I & saved the lives of the many Titanic passengers. Big hit last time here!

Late afternoon: View the CHATHAM LIGHTHOUSE and the dramatic changes to the shoreline that have occurred, Thanks to Mother Nature.

6pm – Dinner at Alberto's Ristorante, Hyannis

8pm – Return to our Resort

## Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025

7am – Extended Continental Breakfast at resort



8:15am – Our local guide will meet us at the resort and we will travel to “Land’s End” Provincetown. Sand dunes and the ocean surround you at the extreme tip of Cape Cod. Formerly known as the “Province Lands” the Pilgrims landed here first before they decided to settle across the Bay in Plymouth.

9:45am – One-hour DUNE TOUR excursion. Ride through the protected lands of the Cape Cod National Seashore, the largest protected coastline in the country. Your driver/guide will point out the “dune shacks” where famous artists and writers became inspired to create their art/writings.

Noon – Lunch on your own in Provincetown. Enjoy the wonderful variety of restaurants, shops, and galleries that make this artists/fishermen village so unique.

2pm – Board an excursion vessel for an amazing experience of WHALE WATCHING. (3 hours). You will travel into the natural habitat of a diverse marine environment including birds that migrate from all over the Atlantic. An onboard naturalist will introduce you to everything you see and will answer any of your questions about whales, birds, fish and lighthouses.

5:45pm – Dinner at the Mayflower Cafe in Provincetown.

8:30pm – Return to the Resort

### Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025

7am – Extended Continental Breakfast at the Resort

8:15am – Leave for the Hy-Line Docks for ticketing and boarding, on 9am ferry to the island of Martha’s Vineyard. Upon arrival at 10am, you will board a local bus for a SIGHTSEEING Tour. You will learn about the history and lifestyles of the islanders as you pass through Vineyard Haven. There will be free time for lunch and shopping in the historic whaling town of Edgartown. Complete your day on the island at Oak Bluffs. You may choose to stroll thru “Cottage City” with its brightly painted cottages and decorative “gingerbread trim.”

3:35pm – Depart the island, arriving back on the mainland at 4:35pm. Direct to dinner from the docks.

5:15pm – LOBSTER DINNER at Tug Boats on the Marina. Alternate entrees will be available for any “landlubbers” not wishing to eat shellfish.

7:30pm – Return to the Resort

### Friday, Sept. 12, 2025

7am – Breakfast at our Hotel & Check-out

7:45am – Leave for downtown Boston

10am – Arrive at the New England Aquarium – where we will walk one block to the Marriott Hotel for the nice restrooms



Boston Duck Ride

10:30am – Boston Duck Ride – you will have more fun, see more attractions, buildings, etc. & learn Boston history in a fun way! We end up in the Charles River with some of you who wish to drive the “duck.”

Noon – Early lunch and shopping at Quincey Market, No. 1 attraction in all of Boston. For those of you are passionate about history – Faneuil Hall almost attaches itself to the Market. Nice restrooms at Faneuil Hall. It is maintained by the National Park Service and there are scheduled talks.

1:30pm – Depart for western New York. Dinner on own in route.

10pm – Tops, Main Street, Williamsville

10:30pm – McDonalds, Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda, NY



Pymouth Rock

# Albany Fall Foliage with Western Massachusetts

October 7-9, 2025 Cost Per Person dbl. occup. \$825

So often in the past few years, I have been asked to do a tour to Albany – by quite a number of clients. Yes, I guess it is time. Many new updates to the area – and we will also take in Stockbridge, MA and, of course, the famous Red Lion Inn for a luncheon. Join us for the leaves!

## Features:

1. Two nights at the Hampton Inn Airport, Albany
2. 1 dinners at The Standard Restaurant in Albany:  
1 luncheon at The Red Lion Inn, Stockbridge, MA; 2 Extended Continental Breakfast at our Hotel
3. Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
4. Professional Tour Escort: Jerry Waldkoetter

**Pricing:** \$825 per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$210. Please send in a \$200 deposit when deciding to participate on this tour. Balance of \$625 is due Sept. 7th. Or send a check for \$789 by June 20th and receive a \$36 discount. You will receive a letter one month prior to departure with hotel phone number, luggage tag(s) and other pertinent information. Travel insurance is \$71 a person due with initial deposit – that is per person double and \$90 single occupancy.

## Tuesday, October 7, 2025

6:15am – Bus Report time

6:30am – Depart McDonalds, Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

7am – Pickup at Tops, Main Street in Williamsville by Union Road

Noon – Lunch on own at the Cross Gates Mall Food Court in Albany

1:15pm – Hudson River Boat Excursion – rated the No. 2 Attraction in the area by Tripadvisor. The views of downtown Albany from our excursion boat should be fantastic (on the right day).

3:15pm – Guided Tour of the New York State Capital Building and its Million Dollar Staircase. A famous woman's face was carved out of the sandstone. First addition to the side of the staircase since 1898. Care to guess who it is?

5:30pm – Dinner at The Standard Restaurant with its Hollywood Decor.

7:30pm – Check in to our Hotel

## Wednesday, October 8, 2025

6:30am – Extended Continental Breakfast at our Hotel



*Million Dollar Staircase*

8:15am – Depart for Western Massachusetts

9am – Chesterwood – home of Daniel French Chester sculptor of the Lincoln Memorial in D.C. and the Minutemen Monument outside Boston. Wonderful gardens at this wonderful home. Will open at 9am for us. See gardens at that time. Will take guided tour starting at 10am – two groups.

Noon – 12pm – Lunch at The Red Lion Inn in downtown Stockbridge, MA

Early afternoon – 45 minutes to 1 hour shopping the historic Main Street of Stockbridge. Still looks like the 1953 illustration by Norman Rockwell. Mid-afternoon – Depart for Taft Farms, Great Barrington, MA Tripadvisor: "Best apple cider to die for," bakery, plenty of apple varieties, gourmet foods. No. 3 thing to do in Great Barrington, MA.

4pm – Leave for Albany and our hotel

5:15pm – Shopping & Dinner on own at the Crossgates Mall

7pm – Hampton Inn Airport Hotel

## Thursday, October 9, 2025

6:30am – Extended Continental Breakfast at our Hotel & Check-out

9am – Touring a Mansion of National Landmark Status, the home of Philip Schuyler, Revolutionary War Major General. This 1761 home was just restored over this past winter. It is a home that George & Martha Washington, Ben Franklin, just to mention a few entered its doors at

one time. Oh, just found out Alexander Hamilton married Schuyler's daughter here in 1790.

By 10:30am – Leave for Cooperstown, NY – Baseball Hall of Fame

Noon – Baseball Hall of Fame – 25 Main Street – hand stamped – re-enter when you wish. No food service inside Hall of Fame. Lunch on own in Cooperstown (Doubleday Cafe-93 Main Street. Rated #6 out of 40 restaurants by Tripadvisor & closest to the Hall of Fame).

4pm – Leave Cooperstown for Western New York (about 4 hours total travel time to Buffalo) We will take 1/2 hour break along the Thruway for restroom and to get a sandwich. Jerry will give you \$20 a person for the food service today!

9pm – Arrive Tops, Main Street, Williamsville

9:30pm – Arrive at McDonalds, in North Tonawanda

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## The Standard Restaurant, Albany, NY

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell No. \_\_\_\_\_

### Pick Up Location:

\_\_\_\_\_ McDonalds, 315 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

\_\_\_\_\_ Tops Parking Lot, 5274 Main Street & Union Road

*Jerry Note: Dinner at The Standard Restaurant & Lunch at Lion Inn with a set menu is over a \$100 value. Find a hotel in the Albany area under \$200 a night was difficult. We have used this Hampton Inn Airport in the past and it has excellent reviews. Menu changes seasonally at the Red Lion.*

**Entree Selection:** Put initials on selection if more than one person.

\_\_\_\_\_ Meatloaf Stack – Layered with cheese and marmelized onions, served with mashed potatoes and mushroom gravy

\_\_\_\_\_ Lemon Chicken – Sautéed Chicken Breast with lemon, shallots, white wine, fresh buttered herb

\_\_\_\_\_ Simple Salmon – Char-grilled Fresh Salmon, served with wild rice & grilled asparagus

*Note: Lunch at The Red Lion Inn is a set menu*

**Office:** Albany, NY Oct., 2025

# CHRISTMAS IN THE WOODS – COLUMBIANA, OH

Saturday, October 18, 2025 Cost per Person: \$99

## VOTED NO. 1 CRAFT SHOW IN THE COUNTRY by SUNSHINE ARTISTS

**Dear Way To Go Traveler,**

It has become a tradition – early Christmas Holiday Shopping at Christmas in the Woods. From their PR piece:

—What helps make the show is the beautiful wooded setting. The atmosphere conveys quality and uniqueness, each crafter sets up their own rustic booth, dresses in costume, and demonstrates their crafts.

— We have new crafters each year – hosting 210 crafters and 20 food booths. Crafters begin working on their booths one week prior to the event.

— We jury each applicant (crafter), limiting the number of crafters in each medium. We start in December after our show with applications available to new and existing crafters.

— A convenient tour motor coach drop-off for quick and easy access by your clients.

6:30am – Bus Report Time

6:45am – Depart from McDonalds, 315 Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

7:15am – Pickup at the Tops Market, Main Street & Union Rd., Williamsville

10:45am – Christmas in the Woods Festival—Lunch on own at Festival – wide variety of food options located throughout the grounds.

4:15pm – Depart from the Festival

6:15pm – Dinner on own at Cracker Barrel in Erie, PA

9pm – Drop-off at Tops in Williamsville

9:30pm – Arrive McDonalds, Meadow Dr., in North Tonawanda

We need approximately 37 paying participants just to cover the cost of the motor coach—please enlist your family and friends to come for a fun-filled day. Almost forgot, there is live different entertainment throughout the day at a permanent location with seating. (Hint: Get there early for your seating.)

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#1 of the 100 Best Classic & Contemporary Craft Shows



# Amish Fall Foliage Trip – New Wilmington, PA with a Short Visit to the Grove City Premium Outlet

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 Cost Per Person: \$167

## Dear Way To Go Traveler,

It's time to get back to see the Old Order Amish in and around New Wilmington, PA and especially to visit our friend and local guide, Susan Hougelman – an amazing woman who has written an amazing Old Order Amish book about the locals. We will also be visiting the Grove City Outlet Mall for a short period of time. It's going to be great seeing Susan!

## Our itinerary:

### Tuesday, October 21, 2025

6:45am – Bus Report time

7am – Leave McDonalds 315 Meadow Dr., in North Tonawanda

7:30am – Pickup at Tops, Main Street & Union Road in Williamsville Mid-morning break in route

10:15am – Arrive at the Grove City Outlet Mall. Yes, instead of going to an attraction near the Amish area as in past years – we will give you some shopping time at the Mall. I'm a little selfish here. There are outlet stores that I need to visit. Please visit their web site if you have a computer, I know we do not have enough time here. You will receive a map listing the stores upon arrival.

11:45am – Sharp!~Leave for Ryder's Restaurant



12:15pm – Ryder's Restaurant – just one of the best luncheons you can imagine. (Amish Sit-down!)

1:45pm or so – Amish Countryside Tour with Susan: Tour includes The Cheese Shop, Apple Castle, and at least one more Amish business. Each participant will receive a small gift from each participating business. Like Apple Castle – small bag of apples! Cheese House small bag of cheese.

4-4:15pm – Leave New Wilmington Area. Stop in Angola, NY at the Service Area (the one with the footbridge that goes across I-90 Thruway.) Some purchase a food item, most do not!

7-7:30pm – Arrive at Tops, Main Street Williamsville

8pm – Arrive at McDonalds on Meadow Dr., North Tonawanda

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# NOAH

## Sight & Sound Theater

Nov. 4-5, 2025 Price Per Person: \$471 dbl. occup.

### Dear Way to Go Traveler,

All aboard the ark– Noah will sail onto our Lancaster stage for a special 30th anniversary season only in 2025. (Courtesy Sight & Sound) This is the presentation that STARTED IT ALL in the early 1990's. To me, Jerry Waldkoetter, the opening of the 2nd ACT of NOAH– is one of the great moments in Sight & Sound Theater history– being INSIDE THE ARK! It is a spectacle YOU will never forget. PLEASE JOIN US.

### Features:

1. Hotel: 1 night at the Best Western Plus Inn & Suites, Paradise, PA
2. Meals: 1 dinner at The Brass Eagle, Gap, PA and 1 dinner at the Hometown Kitchen in Bart, PA.
3. Professional Tour Guide: Jerry Waldkoetter
4. Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation
5. Places we will see and visit: Jerry Choice depending upon weather: Downtown Lititz, PA if weather is good; Kitchen Kettle if weather is "iffy." Amish Countryside tour of Old Order Amish – local guide from Brunswick Tours. Each guide is different – each very good! Stop for shopping at 2 Amish locations. NOAH at Sight & Sound & much more!

**PRICING:** \$471 per person based double occupancy. Single Supplement is \$70. Please send in a \$150 deposit when deciding to participate on this tour. Balance of \$321 is due Oct. 4. Or send a check by June 10th for \$449 and receive a \$22 discount. You will receive a letter one month prior to departure with hotel phone number, luggage tag(s) and other pertinent information. Travel insurance is \$38 per person due with initial deposit. Insurance for a single person is \$59.

### Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2025

- 6:30am – Bus Report time
- 6:45am – Leave from McDonalds on Meadow Dr., in North Tonawanda
- 7:15am – Pickup at Tops, Main Street by Union Rd., Williamsville.
- Lunch: On own in Lewisburg, PA
- 3:15pm – Shopping the streets of Littiz, PA Or shopping the 40 stores at Kitchen Kettle.
- 5:15pm – Dinner at the Brass Eagle, Gap, PA

7:30pm – Arrive at Best Western Plus, Paradise, PA

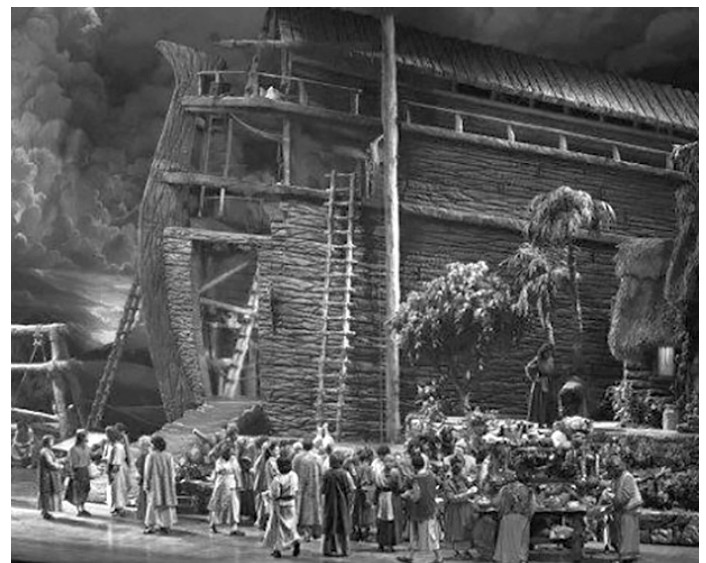
### Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025

- 6:30am – Breakfast and checkout of our Hotel
- 7:40am – Leave to pick up our local guide for Amish country-side tour
- 11 am – Noah at the Sight & Sound Theater
- 2:30pm – Late Lunch/Early Dinner at The Hometown Kitchen Restaurant in Bart, PA – a restaurant owned & operated by the Old Order Amish.
- Later afternoon Break at Wegman's in Williamsport, PA. This is working out well for us – Restroom Break and pick up a slice of pizza an item of fruit, or whatever. One more break on I-390 on route home.
- 10pm – Arrive at Tops, Main Street in Williamsville
- 10:30pm – Arrive at McDonalds in North Tonawanda
- PLEASE BRING your own water bottle.**

**Send check to:** Way To Go Tours, 580 Ward Rd., North Tonawanda, NY 14120.

**Questions:** Call Jerry or Kathy at 716-693-0793. [www.thewaytogotours.com](http://www.thewaytogotours.com) ~ THANK YOU!

**Jerry Note:** In the December, 2024 brochure, I mentioned traveling to the Miracle of Christmas at Sight & Sound. The management of Sight & Sound canceled this program – too outdated



NOAH



# Heart of Europe Tour 2026 with Image Tours

Thursday, Sept. 17 Thursday, Oct. 1, 2026

*Image Tours has specialized in touring Europe since 1939! Join us on this 15 day, 7 Country tour.*

**Countries visited:** Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, & Holland

Air included – Superior Tourist or First Class. Fly to Frankfurt and return from Amsterdam.

Includes 13 Buffet Breakfast, 6 Dinners, European Tour Manager, and Deluxe Motor Coach with AC.

**Highlights** include Oktoberfest Celebration in Munich, Rhine River boat ride gliding past medieval castles and vineyards, waking up to views of the Alps from your Austrian Chalet, kissing your true love under the Romeo & Juliet's balcony in Verona, Cable car excursion to the peak of a Swiss mountain, and marveling at the architectural triumphs of Paris.

**Pricing:** \$5840 per person based on double occupancy. Book by May 21, 2025 and receive a discount of \$200 per person. Single supplement is \$1495. Image tours reserves the right to increase air fare until your tour is paid in full. Travel Protection Plan is \$349 per person (double occup.), \$459 (single occup.).

Request your Image Tour Travel Guide to get all the details and fine points of this tour.

**Way To Go Tours** - Jerry Waldkoetter & Kathy Burkett - 716-693-0793



Rhine River Boat Ride



Paris



Swiss Cable Car





## Sequoia & Kings Canyon

September 17 – 26, 2025

**HIGHLIGHTS...** San Diego Harbor Cruise, Carlsbad Walking Food Tour, Los Angeles City Tour, Old Mission Santa Barbara, Pismo Beach, Paso Robles Wine Country Lunch, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Choice on Tour: Explore Giant Forest with Local Guide or Brisk Hike with your Tour Manager, Getty Center

Call for availability and pricing – or to get the colored brochure for this tour. 716-693-0793.

Download the brochure: <https://thewaytogotours.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Sequoia-Kings-Canyon.pdf>

OR visit the Collette website: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1247305>

## Southern Charm

October 20-26, 2025

*Experience warm Southern hospitality. Come to know it's rich history and deep traditions on this tour*

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Historic Charleston, Choice on Tour: Walking Tour or Fort Sumter Cruise in Charleston, Boone Hall Plantation & Gardens, Savannah, Choice on Tour: Savannah Trolley Tour or Haunted Savannah Walking Tour, St. Simons Island, Jekyll Island

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Download the brochure: <https://thewaytogotours.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Southern-Charm.pdf>

OR visit the Collette website: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1298854>

## Southern Italy & Sicily

April 10-22, 2026

*Treasures of Italy & Sicily – breath-taking scenery, historic cities, centuries-old villages, and iconic cuisine.*

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Valley of the Temples, Piazza Armerina, Giardini Naxos, Taormina, Strait of Messina, Winery Tour & Tasting, Matera, Sorrento, Positano, Pompeii  
Includes: Round Trip Air from Buffalo, 11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners.

**Optional:** 2 night Palermo Pre Tour Extension – 2 night Rome Post Tour Extension

Book by October 11, 2025 and save \$550. Price per person: Double \$4999 Single \$5699. Insurance \$549

Call to get the colored brochure for this tour. 716-693-0793.

Download the brochure: <https://thewaytogotours.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Southern-Italy-Sicily.pdf>

OR visit the Collette website: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1298798>

## Norway Highlights

May 15-23, 2026

*Norway – the land of mountains, glacial fjords, legends, Vikings, charming people, and refined traditions.*

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Bergen, Fløibanen Funicular, Nordfjord Folk Museum, Geirangerfjord Cruise, Loen Skylift, Flåm Railway, Borgund Stave Church, Oslo

Includes: Round Trip Air from Buffalo, 7 Breakfasts, 5 Dinners.

**Optional:** 3 night Iceland Post Tour Extension

Book by November 16, 2025 and save \$350. Price per person: Double \$4999 Single \$6099 Insurance \$549

Call to get the colored brochure for this tour. 716-693-0793.

Download the brochure: <https://thewaytogotours.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Norway.pdf>

OR visit the Collette website: <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1298847>

# Columbia & Snake Rivers – September, 2026

## American Cruise Lines– 9 Days– 8 Nights

### Dear Way To Go Traveler,

Embrace the pioneering spirit of Lewis and Clark as you immerse yourself in the history of their expedition into the West. As our intimate and well-appointed riverboat makes its way along these legendary rivers, be amazed by the constant shifts in landscapes from lush forest mountains to desert canyons.

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

**CLARKSTON, WA** – Arrive at Clarkston and get settled into your hotel. Will introduce you to the region with an evening presentation. Cruising the Snake River – Board your ship and enjoy a day cruising through the desert canyons of the Snake River.

**Pendleton, OR** – Discover the Pendleton Underground, where cowboys, card sharks, and bootleggers once thrived.

**Richland, WA** – Visit the REACH Museum, which illustrates the history and culture of the region through engaging exhibits, artifacts, and tours.

**Cruising the Columbia River George** – Sit back on the sun deck as we cruise the spectacular river canyon cutting through the Cascade Mountain Range.

**Hood River, OR** – Experience the sights and sounds of Multnomah Falls, the second tallest year-round waterfall in the U.S.

**Mount St. Helens, WA** – Stare into the lava dome of Mount St. Helen's and enjoy a breathtaking narrated ride up the mountain to the Johnston Ridge Observatory.

**Astoria, OR** – Visit Fort Clatsop and explore an exact replica of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Team encampment site.

**Day of River Cruising** – Read a good book in the library, listen to the music of a guest performer, or unwind on the sun deck.

**Portland OR** – Enjoy breakfast with new friends, before departing the ship for your journey home.

**Your Cruise Includes: Daily Enrichment Program, At Least One Shore Excursion Every Day, Evening Entertainment, Cocktail Hours: Wine & Beer, WiFi Internet, All Gourmet Meals, Gratuities, Port Charges, and Other Fees, Hotel Stay.**

**Optional: Hell's Canyon Pre-Cruise Package:** This optional two-night hotel stay includes the exhilarating jet boat ride into America's deepest canyon. Along the way, be treated to refreshments at a private ranch located within the canyon.

**Notice:** Since airlines only start to give prices 11 months before a given airport departure and since this tour is quite a time period away, Way To Go Tours has not received a firm price for this tour from The American Cruise Lines. This fabulous tour will be covered in a future brochure when we have complete information.



Columbia River Cruise



Johnston Ridge Observatory

## Signing Up for Tours

Since Post-Covid, some interesting things have happened for Tour Operators and tour professionals:

1. Many restaurants are now closed Mondays and even Tuesdays
2. Attractions (places we visit on tours) are also closed 2 or more days a week. This can make it difficult to reach a given vendor by phone to make arrangements/reservations.
3. A small percentage of clients are waiting to the last minute to sign up for tours. This does not work! I have to make a GO or NOGO decision for a tour about a month before departure – sometimes sooner.
4. A few tours are easier to arrange, such as the Grand River Boat Ride 7/22/25. It took one phone call to arrange. Compare that to the 12-15 calls to hotels, restaurants, attractions, etc for a 3-5 day tour.
5. By comparison, last year's Vermont Northern Kingdom Fall Foliage tour took months to arrange. The Hotel especially needed to know if our group was coming 2 months in advance, as that first week of October was their peak week for leaves. So when early August arrived, they gave us a week extension; but we still did not have the numbers, so the tour was cancelled. Can you imagine my chagrin when 5 days later, 4 people on a day tour said they were going to send in a deposit? Then the next 2 days, additional people called to sign up for the tour!! PULL MY HAIR OUT – IT IS TOO LATE!!
6. We need about a 3 month time period to fill a motor coach. A full bus is 48-50 people – that gives a little access room for special needs – the largest motor coaches hold 56 passengers.
7. PLEASE, PLEASE send in your deposit as soon as you make a decision to attend a given tour. PLEASE, PLEASE read the cancellation policy found in each new brochure.
8. Cancellation Insurance can be purchased for any tour – even day tours! We recently learned that if you are cancelling for medical reasons, you will need a statement from your doctor or medical provider. So something small like a cold, flu, etc – you should call your primary to report it and ask them to document that so you can get a statement from them.

***Thank You for your co-operation.***



## Cancellation Policy for Way To Go Tours

*Way To Go Tours has found it necessary to reinstate a cancellation policy to help us keep our costs competitive. Restaurants, hotels, and attractions are not as flexible as they once used to be for cancellations. Your understanding is appreciated.*

### Cancellation Policy for Day Trips and Multi-Day Trips

**No Shows** - Sorry, we will not be able to give you a refund.

#### **1 - 30 days prior to trip:**

If a replacement person is found - Full refund.

If no replacement person is found - Partial refund less costs (restaurants, hotels and attractions) - payments non-refundable to Way To Go Tours plus \$20 Administrative fee.

#### **30+ days prior to trip:**

If a replacement person is found - Full refund.

If not, then a full refund less \$20 Administrative fee

*NOTE: Due to the higher cost of day tours, travel protection insurance may be purchased for day tours as well as multi-day tours. If interested, inquire by calling Way To Go Tours at 716-693-0793 or by visiting AON at [nta.aontravelprotect.com](http://nta.aontravelprotect.com) for details.*

### **Travel insurance must be purchased with initial deposit.**

For **AON Travel Insurance** (Day or Multi-Day tours) - If the insurance was purchased, and the insurance criteria is met - you will get a full refund from AON. If you did not purchase the insurance or you do not meet the criteria for the insurance to reimburse you, Way To Go Tours will refund according to the above policy.

For **Collette Tours**, their insurance allows for cancellations for any reason up to 24 hours in advance of tour departure. Collette will issue your refund.



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## Tour Reservation Form

(only needed when there is no entrée selection form)

Tour(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pickup Location: \_\_\_ McDonalds, 315 Meadow Dr, N. Ton  
\_\_\_ Tops Parking Lot, Main St & Union Rd.

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Include Address in notes if not printed on check(s).*

**Send form and check to:**  
**Way To Go Tours, 580 Ward Rd, North Tonawanda, NY 14120**

### Way To Go Tours recommends the NTA Travel Protection Plan

To sign up for travel insurance, mail payment with tour deposit to Way To Go Tours and we will sign you up. Must purchase insurance when making deposit on the tour.

OR - sign up and pay Online [nta.aontravelprotect.com](http://nta.aontravelprotect.com)

Use **326275** as the Tour Operator Number which identifies the trip is with Way To Go Tours.

Trip Price	Basic Plan Cost	Enhanced Plan
\$0-250	\$32	\$42
\$251-500	\$38	\$51
\$501-750	\$59	\$79
\$751-1000	\$71	\$92
\$1001-1250	\$90	\$119
\$1251-1500	\$110	\$145

Trip protection for Collette tours **MUST** be purchased from Collette.

### BROKER RESPONSIBILITY

The Way to Go Tours, Inc, the tour broker, and it's agents act as agents, for all passengers, in all matters pertaining to hotels, sightseeing, tours and transportation, via bus, rail, or air. As arrivals or departures, or by any change of schedule or condition, not for the loss of, or damage to any article belonging to the passenger or for the loss of expense occasioned thereby.

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