

# Travelin'

Fall 2023

Next Edition: Winter 2024

## Registration for new Day Trips begins Wednesday, November 1st



### 2024 DAY TRIPS (February through June)

A brief description of CET Day Trips follows. Visit our website at [ce.d214.org](https://www.ce.d214.org) for additional information on these trips. We look forward to seeing you aboard again!

#### Ukrainian Village

Tour one of Chicago's iconic neighborhoods as we visit the Ukrainian Village. Enjoy a guided tour of this Old World neighborhood, which will fascinate you with its beautiful churches, shops, and restaurants. The Ukrainian National Museum features an amazing collection of folk arts: costumes, musical instruments, artwork and the famous decorated Easter eggs that are a staple of Ukrainian folk art. Afterward, visit one of the neighborhood's majestic European-style churches. For lunch, we will travel a short distance to downtown Chicago for a spectacular meal at the Ukrainian-owned Russian Tea Time Restaurant in an elegant and intimate atmosphere.

**Thursday, February 29, 2024 | \$135**

#### Ocean's Rat Pack Show

Coming off their performance on the Grand Ole Opry stage, see Ocean's Rat Pack at Joliet's Jacob Henry Estate! Don't miss this ultimate tribute group devoted to the music of the Rat Pack: Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.—sung by Tony Ocean, Bill Serritella and Elliot Wimbush. Ocean's Rat Pack brings the audience back to a time when Vegas and Hollywood were king. Delight in their authentic performances that bring to life the vibe of the Rat Pack era and prove that these classics will never go out of style! Enjoy a great luncheon before the show.

**Wednesday, March 20, 2024 | \$125**

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### Please Read!

#### Important Instructions for Day Trip Reservations

- **Day Trip reservations will be accepted beginning Wednesday, November 1—and not before!** For complete information and to book your tours online visit the Community Education website at <https://www.ce.d214.org/>. From the website you can access the online registration system.
- **Online registration begins at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1.** If you are unable to reserve your tours online, you may email your selections to [cetravel@d214.org](mailto:cetravel@d214.org) (emails are preferred) or phone **(847) 718-7709** beginning at 1 p.m. on November 1. When you reach voicemail, leave a message and include your name, phone number and the trips you want us to book for you. You can make up to four reservations with your email or phone call, but we must have complete names, phone numbers and emails for each participant and they must be aware you are calling for them.
- To be fair to all, we have allocated a certain number of seats for each trip for online reservations as well as email/phone reservations.
- **No in-person reservations will be accepted. Please do not come to the Community Education Travel (CET) office.**

## 2024 DAY TRIPS

### The Dancing Horses

Just outside beautiful Lake Geneva, enjoy an enchanting Vegas-style performance of the Dancing Horses! This dazzling spectacle features an array of horse breeds that perform alongside their trainers in this fantastic cavalcade of equestrian artistry. Visually stunning, and performed in a state-of-the-art, indoor 300-seat theater, this live show is truly a must-see for any horse lover. A backstage tour is included after the show. A delicious roast chicken and BBQ ribs lunch will be served at the Dancing Horses Theatre.

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | \$145**

### Spring Swing Concert at the Sanfilippo Mansion

Swing into spring at the Sanfilippo Estate with an afternoon filled with great music and joy! Upon our arrival at this magnificent estate enjoy an elegant luncheon in the Carousel Pavilion. See demonstrations of the estate's incredible organs and the 1890 Eden Palais Carousel before roaming the pavilion collections, including its train cars. Afterward, we head over to the Sanfilippo Mansion and its spectacular theater for an 80-minute theater organ concert on the 7,000-pipe Wurlitzer Organ. Delight in Big Band favorites, swing, and music from the Great American Songbook as you relive the nostalgia of one of the greatest eras in music! Following the concert, guests may roam the Sanfilippo Residence and its collections of automatic music instruments, demonstrated by the Sanfilippo docents.

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024 | \$146**



Chicago Architectural Cruise

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The city of Chicago sparkles with some of the greatest architecture in the world. Board this 90-minute cruise along the Chicago River to see and learn about these masterpieces from an expert narrator from the Chicago Architecture Foundation. The tour has been rated the top tour in Chicago and one of the top tours in the U.S. according to TripAdvisor users. Learn about the history of the masters: Louis Sullivan, Frank Lloyd Wright, and Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. Trace the evolution of Chicago architecture from the Wrigley Building, Tribune Tower and Merchandise Mart to the ultra-modern NBC Towers. Chicago's First Lady Cruises will be our host. A delicious lunch at the renowned Weber Grill precedes our cruise.

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | \$150**

### Chicago Cubs @ Milwaukee Brewers Game

Baseball fans: See the Chicago Cubs battle the rival Milwaukee Brewers in an afternoon baseball game! A deluxe motorcoach will take us to Milwaukee's beautiful American Family Field to see the Cubs in action in this state-of-the-art ballpark! Great loge box seats on the first base side out of the direct sunlight. Each person will receive \$20 in Brewers Bucks to use towards the park's distinctly Wisconsin food items.

**Thursday, May 30, 2024 | \$155**

### "Nunsense!" at the Fireside Dinner Theatre

At the Fireside Theatre, the Midwest's premier dinner theater, enjoy this madcap revue with a hysterical, anything-goes, good natured sense of fun. The Little Sisters of Hoboken are in dire financial straits. It seems they must raise enough money to bury the last four of 52 dearly departed nuns who were accidentally poisoned by the convent cook, Sister Julia. The five remaining sisters perform with quick-paced, comic flair and high-spirited singing. It's an outrageous premise for a long-running hit show that's "sinfully" hilarious and definitely habit-forming! Lunch precedes the show in the theater's lovely restaurant.

**Thursday, June 6, 2024 | \$156**

### Butterfly Supper Club & DC Estate Winery

Experience a fantastic day in the Beloit, Wisconsin area, touring the region's highlights. Step back in time at The Butterfly Club, one of Wisconsin's famous supper clubs, which will be opening specially for our lunch. The restaurant's rich history dates back to 1924; the original Butterfly Tea Room was named for the yellow and white butterflies in a nearby field. Before our supper club experience, we'll tour Historic Auto Attractions just south of Beloit in Roscoe, Illinois. The name of this hidden gem is a misnomer: The museum boasts of one of the Midwest's greatest private collections of all sorts of collectibles. Among the exhibits are one of the most extensive collections of John F. Kennedy & Kennedy Family artifacts & memorabilia in the country. The collection of TV and movie props include items from the 1963 movie "Cleopatra" starring Elizabeth Taylor, a chariot used in the 1959 film "Ben Hur," props from the hit TV shows "Gunsmoke" and "Bonanza" and movie cars from blockbuster hits like "Batman," "Back to the Future" and "Ghostbusters"! Our nostalgic tour wraps up with a visit to the DC Estate Winery. Nestled in the rolling countryside on the Illinois and Wisconsin border, you will feel like you are in Tuscany as you sample their delicious wines!

**Thursday, June 20, 2024 | \$152**

### Old World Wisconsin

At Old World Wisconsin in Eagle, Wisconsin, experience firsthand the rural past of America's heartland in an engaging, authentic, and fun tour! Named as one of America's Top Living History Sites by Group Tour Magazine, Old World Wisconsin offers a day in the life of the Danish, Finnish, and Norwegian immigrants who settled in the state. Each area at Old World Wisconsin showcases different stories from Wisconsin's immigrant past and are reached by a tram running continuously throughout the grounds. You will find more than 60 restored homes, farms, stores, and workshops that you are free to explore. Costumed interpreters relive and share the day-to-day activities of Wisconsin's early settlers. On any given day you may see demonstrations of cooking over a wood fire, spinning wool, a team of oxen being driven in the fields, or a blacksmith plying his trade. In the Museum store, you will be able to shop for favorites like lavender soap and yarn from Old World's sheep, along with handmade textiles, leather goods, gifts, jewelry, and inspirations for your home. On our way to Eagle, we will stop in Lake Geneva for lunch at the Tuscan Restaurant.

**Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | \$132**



## THEATRE IN CHICAGO!

### “Pretty Woman: The Musical” at CIBC Theatre

On its first national tour at the CIBC Theatre, “Pretty Woman: The Musical” is based on one of Hollywood’s most beloved stories of all time! The musical stars Broadway superstar and Tony Award nominee Adam Pascal as Edward, a ruthless and driven business tycoon specializing in taking over businesses and then selling them off. During a trip to LA, and without a partner for a series of schmaltzy functions, he hires an escort: Vivian, a lady of the night who goes about her work with a clinical detachment. As their week together progresses, this usually isolated couple find themselves utterly comfortable in each other’s company and discover that they might just be falling for each other. Can this blossoming romance turn both of their lives around? The show combines a heartwarming love story and a modern twist on a fairy tale, and is highlighted by a toe-tapping score and a pair of outstanding actors! Lunch is included before the show at the fantastic Grand Lux Café on Michigan Avenue.

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024 | \$199**

### “Aida” at the Lyric Opera

Opera at its grandest! While “Aida” delights audiences with its visual splendor, it also captivates them with a score ranging from exquisitely intimate arias to deeply dramatic duets and trios, and the most thrilling choruses Giuseppe Verdi ever composed. “Aida” presents a riveting love triangle, which unfolds in an alluring Egyptian setting. At Lyric Opera of Chicago, each of the five principal artists boasts not only a sumptuously beautiful voice, but also the charismatic presence to bring these characters vividly to life. Conducting Francesca Zambello’s striking production will be Music Director Enrique Mazzola, acknowledged internationally as an exceptionally authoritative Verdian! Enjoy a wonderful lunch before the show at the Ukrainian-owned Russian Tea Time Restaurant.

**Thursday, April 4, 2024 | \$229**

### \*\*“Beautiful—The Carole King Musical” (WAIT LIST)

See “Beautiful – The Carole King Musical” at the historic Paramount Theatre in Aurora. This show was nominated for seven Tony Awards, winning two plus a Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album! “Beautiful” tells the inspiring true story of King’s remarkable rise to stardom and her career as one of the most successful singers, songwriters and musicians in music history. Her song credits include “You’ve Got a Friend,” “It’s Too Late,” “Will You Love Me Tomorrow,” “So Far Away,” and many more. Lunch is included at the Meyer Ballroom adjacent to the Paramount. **\*\* Previously on sale - Waitlist Only!**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | \$119**

### “Mama Mia!” at the Nederlander Theatre

Celebrating 25 years, “Mama Mia!” returns to Chicago at the Nederlander Theatre. This feel-good show is the hilarious story of single mother Donna, struggling to cope with her young daughter’s impending marriage on a sun-filled picturesque Greek island. Throw into the mix three lovers from her past, any of whom could be the father of her daughter! This smash-hit musical includes ABBA’s greatest hits—including “Dancing Queen,” “Super Trouper,” “Take A Chance on Me,” “S.O.S.,” and “The Winner Takes It All”—with an enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship! Enjoy lunch before the musical at the Grand Lux Café.

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024 | \$231**

## CET 2024 INTERNATIONAL TOUR

Reservations for this international tour operated by Globus can be made at any time by calling (847) 718-7709 or emailing [cetravel@d214.org](mailto:cetravel@d214.org). **On sale now!** A complete brochure may be found on our website [ce214.org](http://ce214.org) or by calling CET at (847) 718-7709.

### Portugal and Northern Spain

Visit two of Europe’s most beautiful countries on this fantastic tour traveling from Lisbon to Barcelona on this mostly coastal tour of Portugal and Northern Spain! This sunny vacation makes a splash with visits to the popular pilgrimage site of Santiago de Compostela, the famous seaside resort of San Sebastian, and in Pamplona, the legendary Calle Estafeta where the famous “running of the bulls” takes place. You’ll also want to make a beeline to the delicacies of each country, from the zesty paella of Spain to the sweet port wine of Portugal. Visit many Unesco World Heritage Sites, such as Belem Tower and the Monastery of the Hieronymites in Lisbon; the Historic Centre of Porto; and the Monuments of Oviedo and the Works of Antoni Gaudi: Sagrada Familia in Spain!

**May 31 to June 12, 2024**



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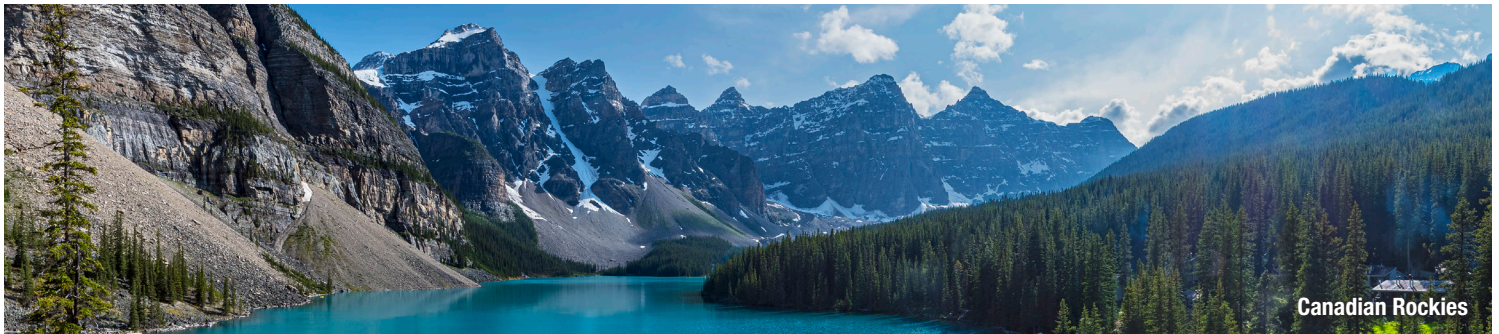
Reservations for these extended tours can be made at any time by calling (847) 718-7709 or emailing [cetravel@d214.org](mailto:cetravel@d214.org). Reservations not available online. **They are on sale now!** Complete brochures can be found on our website: [ce214.org](http://ce214.org)

### CET has expanded its tour offerings from our travel partner American Classic Tours!

CET can reserve your spot on any extended tour offered in 2024 through American Classic Tours. There is no price difference in booking these tours through CET. In fact, you may pay less by using any of your CET discounts! Additionally, you also earn CET Rewards on these tours when you book through us, which provides discounts that can be used on future extended tours. Home pick-up is included for Chicagoland travelers! Below is a sampling of 2024 tours. Additional 2024 tours and the complete brochure may be found on our website [ce214.org](http://ce214.org) or by calling CET at (847) 718-7709. Let us know what 2024 tour we can book for you today!

- **Florida Keys & Miami** February 5-12
- **St. Augustine** February 17-23
- **Savannah & Charleston** March 5-12 \*
- **American Heritage** April 16-24
- **Smoky Mountain Springtime** April 19-25
- **New Orleans** April 22-26 \*
- **American Tradition** April 30-May 7
- **New York City Theatre** May 8-12 \*
- **Holland Tulip Festival** May 9-11
- **California National Parks** May 15-22 \*
- **Black Hills & Badlands** May 28-June 3 \*
- **Mackinac Island** May 30-June 4 \*
- **Canadian Rockies** June 1-10 \*
- **Alaska** June 4-17
- **Nova Scotia** July 6-13
- **Niagara Falls** July 13-18
- **Pacific Northwest** July 13-21 \*

\* Tour has more than one departure date. Refer to the CET website or call our offices.



Canadian Rockies

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