



## 2023 ESCORTED MOTORCOACH TOURS



### **Louisville, Nashville & Memphis**

APRIL 25 - MAY 2



### **Newfoundland Highlights**

JULY 6 - 14



### **Lancaster, PA**

JUNE 6 - 8



### **New York City**

SEPTEMBER 15 - 18

TOUR COORDINATOR: EARL CLINT



# MARLIN TRAVEL

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**INTRODUCTION:** During the past three years, the travel industry has experienced many challenges and adjustments at both the macro and micro levels. *As an example of a small scale change, please note that our name has changed to Marlin Travel to better reflect our strengthened relationship with the Transat group of companies.* At a macro level, last year marked a noticeable rebound for the world-wide travel industry as restrictions were lifted and people's confidence returned. Many Canadians travelled to reconnect with family, thus making domestic destinations popular. Airline travel got off to a rough start however, with far too many flight delays, cancellations, long security lines, lost luggage and frustrated travellers. Labour shortages have also impacted the tourism sector as many workers had long-since departed during the pandemic. Slowly over the last several months, many of these issues have been addressed and the excitement of travel is returning for most. This past year we were able to offer two trips to Newfoundland and one to Portugal, which was first offered in 2020 and of course had to be cancelled. This year, we begin the season with a trip that was also previously offered back then and for which there was great interest. In late April we invite you to join us on a memorable trip to **Louisville, Nashville and Memphis** featuring a wide variety of experiences, great music and live entertainment throughout (*please note the need for a quick response*). In June we return to popular **Lancaster**, featuring a musical dinner theatre performance and the new production "Moses", at the Sight & Sound theatre. Early July features our 23<sup>rd</sup> tour to **Newfoundland** which continues to be popular because of its beautiful scenery, unique history and hospitable people (*please act quickly to secure your \$100.00 early booking bonus!*). In mid-September, a trip to **New York City** will feature all the popular sites, including the Empire State Building, Central Park, plus a Broadway play. Please note that all prices are in Canadian dollars and include HST on Canadian trips (tours to the USA are tax exempt). Every effort has been made to ensure interesting itineraries and affordability, even with inflationary pressures (which have driven up hotel, bus/fuel and food costs) and current exchange rates. Interestingly, the per day costs are virtually the same for trips within Canada or the USA (airfare excluded). All included meals are denoted with the applicable letter(s) at the end of each day's description (B/L/D). General departure locations are listed; specific pick-up points will be provided prior to departure. *Please adhere to the deposit and cut-off dates listed (these are mandated by suppliers), and use a separate registration form for each tour you join. Also, please make cheques payable to the specific name of our company - Marlin Travel.* Each trip is carefully planned; all you need to do is relax and enjoy yourself. I hope to have the pleasure of travelling with you at some point this year! **Earl Clint: Tour Coordinator**

### **LOUISVILLE, NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS: April 25 - May 2, 2023**

#### **Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**April 25** Departing Kitchener with other pick-ups (TBA), including Niagara. After crossing into the USA, enjoy the drive along the south shore of Lake Erie. **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express, Dayton East, OH.

**April 26** This morning we will visit the National Museum of the United States Air Force, the world's oldest and largest military aviation museum. It covers the wonder of early flight (including the Wright brothers), military aircraft through both World Wars (including Spitfires and B52 bombers), the development of rockets and the space program (including Neil Armstrong's capsule and Saturn V rockets). We then drive to downtown Louisville for the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, an informative guided tour which brings to life the history of Kentucky's native spirit. This evening at the Derby Dinner Playhouse, we will attend a performance of "Escape to Margaritaville", a Broadway musical-comedy, integrating both original songs and well known Jimmy Buffett classics into the story. **(B/-/D). Accommodation:** Clarion Hotel Louisville North, Clarksville, IN.

**April 27** Our day begins with a visit to Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. Here we will learn about various aspects of horse racing, enjoy a surround-screen movie experience and tour the world's most famous track during morning workouts to better appreciate the power and speed of thoroughbreds. Next, we tour the Louisville Slugger factory which has been making baseball bats since 1884. Major league players including Babe Ruth, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Robinson and Derek Jeter have all used Louisville Slugger bats. After lunch here, we will walk to the Muhammad Ali Centre, commemorating the remarkable achievements (both inside and outside the ring) of this great boxer, activist, humanitarian and native son of Louisville. We then drive to downtown Nashville for some free time on Lower Broadway to enjoy great music and dining options before checking into our hotel in mid-evening. **(B/L/-). Accommodation:** Comfort Inn, Nashville West, TN.

**April 28** We depart for Memphis, located on the banks of the Mississippi River and famous for the influential strains of blues, soul, and rock 'n' roll that originated there. Upon arrival, we will visit SUN Studio, known worldwide as the birthplace of Rock 'n' Roll. It is the discovery location of musical legends such as B.B. King, Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and Jerry Lee Lewis and it promoted Blues, Gospel, Country and Rock 'n' Roll. Next, we visit the powerful National Civil Rights Museum

which tells the story from slavery to the Civil Rights Movement. The museum encompasses the former Lorraine Motel, where Rev. Martin Luther King was assassinated on April 4, 1968. After enjoying a classic southern meal at Memphis' top-ranked Central BBQ, we head to our hotel. This evening, on nearby Beale Street, experience an evening of live music venues including B.B. King's original location. **(B/-/D). Accommodation:** Hampton Inn & Suites, Beale Street, Memphis, TN.

**April 29** This morning we head to Graceland, home of music icon Elvis Presley. After touring the house, we will visit a 200,000 square-foot complex, filled with his awards, memorabilia, vehicles and even his planes. After lunch, we drive east to Nashville and check into the massive Opryland Resort with 2882 rooms, a glass conservatory, tropical foliage, a waterfall and a boat ride through canals! This evening we will attend a live music performance at the Grand Ole Opry, founded in 1925 as a one-hour radio program, and today showcasing famous singers performing country, bluegrass, folk and gospel music. **(B/-/-). Accommodation:** Gaylord Opryland Resort and Conference Center, Nashville, TN (2 nights).

**April 30** This morning we will tour the historic RCA Studio B, once the recording home of popular music titans such as Elvis Presley, Willie Nelson, Dolly Parton and the Everly Brothers. At the Johnny Cash Museum, we will view interesting displays, pictures and memorabilia from the life of this music legend. Directly across the street, we will visit a well-known chocolatier and maker of the "Goo Goo Cluster", originating back in 1912. At lunch, an optional line dancing class will be offered at the well-known Wild Horse Saloon. We will then visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, one of the world's largest repositories of country music artifacts. Afterwards, enjoy some free time to explore the numerous live music venues and great eateries on historic Lower Broadway. Although the bus will head back to the hotel by mid-evening, some may choose to remain downtown and return by taxi later on. **(B/L/-).**

**May 1** After a short drive, we will visit The National Corvette Museum featuring over 80 cars, including mint classics, one-of-a-kind prototypes and modern-day wonders of engineering and design. We then continue on our scenic northward drive. **(B/-/D). Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express, Delaware/Columbus, OH

**May 2** After a brief drive and keeping with our music theme, we will visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, in Cleveland. The museum documents the history of rock music and the artists, producers and other notable figures who have influenced its development. From here we continue on our homeward journey. **(B/-/-).**

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$2845.00 p.p. Cdn. (no tax), double occupancy**

**NOTE: A \$500.00 p.p. deposit is due by February 15/23**

**Final payment and cut-off date is March 17/23**

**Single supplement - add \$725.00 Three sharing - deduct \$200.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$250.00 p.p.**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Washroom equipped motorcoach. Fully escorted  
~ 7 nights hotel accommodation and entry fees to all museums, attractions and entertainment as described  
~ 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners and some portage

### **LANCASTER, PA: June 6-8, 2023 Escorts: Earl Clint and/or John Swatridge**

**June 6** Departing from the Kitchener area, with pick-ups in Niagara. Upon arrival in Lancaster, at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, we will enjoy a buffet dinner and attend a performance of "Elvis: The Musical", which tells his life story and features over 40 of his hits. **(-/-/D). Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express Lancaster East, Strasburg, PA (2 nights).

**June 7** After breakfast, a local guide will lead us on a countryside tour featuring several interesting stops along the way. We will then enjoy some free time for lunch and shopping at Kitchen Kettle Village. In mid-afternoon we will attend a performance of the new production "Moses", at Sight and Sound's Millennium Theatre. We will then enjoy a smorgasbord dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant, before returning to our hotel. **(B/-/D).**

**June 8** Today we drive to the town of Lititz for a unique experience. Here, the accomplished artist Elva Hurst, will do an inspirational "chalk talk" for our group, followed by time to browse in her gallery and craft shop. Afterwards, we continue on our homeward journey, arriving by early evening. **(B/-/-).**

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$895.00 p.p. Cdn. double occupancy (no tax)**

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$300.00 p.p. deposit is due by April 4/23**

**Final payment and cut-off date is May 3/23**

**Single supplement - add \$170.00 Three sharing - deduct \$40.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$65.00 p.p.**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

~ Washroom equipped motorcoach. Countryside tour  
~ 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners and entry to Elvis: The Musical  
~ Hotel accommodation. Fully escorted throughout  
~ Theatre ticket for "Moses" and a special "Chalk Talk"



## **NEWFOUNDLAND: July 6-14, 2023   Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**July 6** We depart Toronto on a morning flight, bound for Deer Lake. Upon arrival, we will have a quick lunch and then visit the nearby Newfoundland Insectarium which also has a butterfly garden. In Corner Brook, the province's second largest city, we will take in the scenic view from Captain Cook's Lookout, before checking into our historic hotel. **(-/-/D) Accommodation:** The Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook.

**July 7** At Woody Point we will learn about the geology of the Tablelands, part of Gros Morne National Park. When the continents collided, rocks which were beneath the ocean were pushed upwards to their present position above sea level. A boat tour on Bonne Bay will provide closer views of the steep cliffs and offer possible sightings of eagles and whales. Enjoy dinner and a live show at our hotel tonight. **(B/L/D) Accommodation:** Shallow Bay Motel, Cow Head.

**July 8** After a drive up the Western Peninsula, we will visit L'Anse aux Meadows, a United Nations World Heritage Site, where Vikings settled over one thousand years ago. In St. Anthony we will board a vessel to learn about the region's delicate marine ecology and to perhaps see both whales and icebergs. These imposing blocks of ice which have broken off the continental glaciers, have drifted south from Greenland and Baffin Island, propelled by the Labrador Current. Amazingly, 90% of the ice is below the surface of the water. Note: If conditions are not favourable, another boat tour may be arranged in Twillingate. **(B/L/-) Accommodation:** Haven Inn, St. Anthony.

**July 9** Our day begins with a visit to a museum honouring Sir Wilfred Grenfell, a medical missionary who devoted his life's work to the people of Northern Newfoundland and Labrador. We then begin our southward journey, viewing the rugged coastal scenery with a few stops along the way. Local entertainment will be provided by our hotel after dinner this evening. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Mount Peyton Hotel, Grand Falls-Windsor.

**July 10** Today at Boyd's Cove Beothuk Interpretation Site, we will learn about the Indigenous Peoples who once lived here, then have a picnic lunch on the grounds (weather permitting). At the Prime Berth Fishing Exhibit, we will come to better understand the traditional way of life in the province's rural outposts. In Twillingate, options include a boat tour (see above), or a winery visit. After a drive to the local lighthouse, perched on rugged cliffs, we will enjoy food, music, and humour at the Twillingate Dinner Theatre. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Anchor Inn, Alphabet Fleet Inn and various B&B's in Twillingate.

**July 11** Our first stop today will be at the North Atlantic Aviation Museum in Gander. The city has a proud history connected to trans-Atlantic aviation crossings and the airport played a crucial role on Sept. 11, 2001. We then drive to the Ryan Premises in Bonavista to visit a historic fish merchant operation, then to the famous lighthouse near the spot where John Cabot landed in 1497. This evening we will experience a traditional "Screech-In", in which participants are inducted into the ranks of "Honourary Newfoundlanders". **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** The Clarenville Inn, Clarenville.

**July 12** Our main focus today is Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve at the southern tip of the Avalon Peninsula (conditions permitting), one of the continent's largest bird colonies. Watch in amazement as thousands of seabirds take flight all around us, including gannets, kittiwakes and murres. This evening you can relax at the hotel or head downtown to enjoy some traditional music at one of the numerous establishments on George Street. **(B/L/-) Accommodation:** Holiday Inn, St. John's (2 nights).

**July 13** We begin the day with a guided tour of St. John's including Signal Hill, Quidi Vidi Village and many other historic sites. After some free-time downtown, we head to Bay Bulls for a boat tour of Witless Bay Ecological Reserve, home to puffins and other seabirds, as well as humpback whales. Prepare to be amazed if one of these giants swim close to our boat. This evening we will enjoy good food, comedy and song, at a "Spirit of Newfoundland" production. **(B/-/D)**

**July 14** This morning we will visit the Johnson Geo Centre which is built into Signal Hill. Here you can see displays which explain how the offshore Hibernia oil reserves are recovered and view exhibits on the province's unique geology. After some free time for lunch downtown, we will visit Petty Harbour and Cape Spear, the most easterly point in North America, before transferring to the airport for our return flight. **(B/-/-)**

# MARLIN TRAVEL - 2023 TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** This form may be used by one person or by a couple. If two singles are sharing, each person should fill out a separate form. A new form is required for each trip; please copy as necessary.

**Note:** The company name has changed to Marlin Travel. Please detach this form and mail it with your deposit cheque, specifically payable to “**Marlin Travel**”. *This is the only name which the bank will accept on a cheque, as it is the legal name of the company.*

**IMPORTANT:** *At the time of writing (subject to change), travellers within Canada do not need to show proof of vaccination status to board a bus or an airplane. Although still recommended by Public Health, masks are no longer required to board an airplane. However, these conditions can change at any time and it is the responsibility of all passengers to be aware of what is required of them. At present there are no requirements for Canadians to re-enter Canada but non-US citizens travelling to the United States via land ports of entry, whether for essential or non-essential reasons, may be required to verbally attest to their Covid-19 vaccination status and/or present proof of vaccination with a CDC approved Covid-19 vaccine (see the CDC website).*

**ENSURING CORRECT NAME ON AIRLINE TICKET:** For trips involving airfare within Canada (NL), it is acceptable to use government issued photo I.D. (a driver's license or a passport). In an effort to ensure the I.D. you use at the airport matches what is on your boarding pass, you must include a photocopy of the photo I.D. you will use while travelling and also correctly enter it in the space below. *Errors by the customer may result in a \$50.00 change fee, or possible denied entry onto the aircraft.*

Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please be advised that all hotel rooms are non-smoking. A charge for cleaning and deodorizing will result and is payable by the passenger(s) listed above, if he/she smokes in any hotel room.

2. If two names are listed above, the assumption is that you will be sharing accommodation. If one name is listed, please choose one of the following options.

I wish to share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ (name).

\_\_\_\_\_ I prefer travelling alone but may be willing to share (check yes \_\_\_\_\_ or no \_\_\_\_\_), if a suitable roommate is found by Marlin Travel staff. *Note: if you check “yes” we will inform you if someone is willing to share, so you can contact each other.* **Tour prices are based on double occ. A single supplement charge will apply to single occ. requests. Add the single charge, or deduct for triple/quad occ. in the Tour Cost Summary section.**

3. I /we would prefer a room with 1 queen/king bed \_\_\_\_\_ **Please note:** *We cannot guarantee your preference when selecting one bed*  
2 double/twin beds \_\_\_\_\_  
No preference \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Trip cancellation insurance and extended medical coverage (including COVID-19 specific), are highly recommended.** An exact quote is dependent on the age and health of the applicant, and the length and cost of the trip. Please indicate if you wish to receive a quote, and a Marlin Travel representative will contact you.

I am/we are interested in purchasing cancellation insurance and/or extended health coverage and wish to receive an exact quote. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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**Cost Summary:** Please check (x) your tour. Prices are in Cdn. dollars (p.p./dbl. occ.), inc. applicable taxes.

1. \_\_\_\_ **Nashville & Memphis** - Apr. 25 - May 2: \$2845.00      2. \_\_\_\_ **Lancaster** - June 6-8: \$895.00  
3. \_\_\_\_ **Newfoundland Highlights** - July 6-14 : \$4345.00      4. \_\_\_\_ **NYC** - September 15-18: \$1495.00

**Note:** Please make sure to fill out a separate registration form and deposit cheque for each tour you join

1. **Tour price** - based on double occupancy 1a) \_\_\_\_\_  
See brochure for exact price including  
adjustments for single, triple or quad occ. b) \_\_\_\_\_ **Add/deduct for non-double occ.**  
Deduct for early booking (if applicable),  
or indicate choice of \_\_\_\_ free airbus c) \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total**
2. **Deduct deposit (enclose cheque)**  
(see trip description for exact amount) 2 - \_\_\_\_\_ **Less deposit**  
**Balance owing**

**IMPORTANT:** Make cheques payable to "**Marlin Travel**"

*Use of a credit card will result in an extra 3% service charge - please call the office to arrange payment*

**\*Attention:** Reservations are confirmed on a first-come basis, with payment required to hold space.  
Please book early and adhere to all payment due dates, as these are set by suppliers.

**Agreement:** I/we hereby acknowledge that Marlin Travel has recommended both medical and trip cancellation insurance. I/we have also read the tour terms/conditions and reservation requirements listed within the brochure and hereby agree to respect these conditions as a participant of the trip. Furthermore I/we understand that neither Marlin Travel nor the tour coordinator/escort(s) can be held liable for any loss, damage, injury or death that might occur on the trip as a result of acts of God, Government actions, criminal acts, late arrivals, missed connections and other factors beyond their direct control.

**Signature of Passenger(s):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** This signed registration form and deposit must be sent to either Earl Clint or to the Fonthill office. A Marlin Travel agent will call you regarding optional insurance coverage and will mail you a receipt. For specific trip related details, you can contact Earl Clint (tour coordinator), or John Swatridge.

***For further information, contact:***

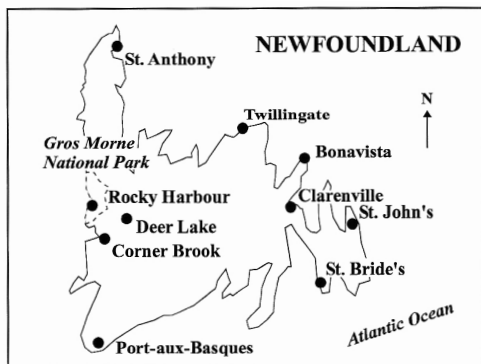
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### NEWFOUNDLAND TOUR PRICE

**\$4345.00 p.p. double occupancy (includes HST)**



### PRICE INCLUDES

- ~ Return airfare from Toronto (includes 1 checked bag)
- ~ Fully escorted throughout the entire tour
- ~ Deluxe washroom equipped motorcoach
- ~ 8 nights' accommodation (double occupancy)
- ~ Baggage handling at hotels (1 piece per person)
- ~ Entry fees to museums & interpretive centres
- ~ A binder with trip-related background information
- ~ Whale watching and puffin boat tour
- ~ Tablelands (Bonne Bay), and iceberg boat tours
- ~ 3 theatre performances plus a "Screech-in"
- ~ Tour of St. John's with local guide
- ~ 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners

Single supplement is \$650.00 (inc. HST) Three sharing - deduct \$200.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$270.00 p.p.

**NOTE: A \$750.00 p.p. DEPOSIT IS DUE BY APRIL 17/23. FINAL PAYMENT/CUT-OFF DATE IS MAY 24/23**

**Early booking bonus: Reserve by March 24/23 and receive \$100.00 p.p. off or free airbus from Niagara (only), to Toronto**

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### NEW YORK CITY: September 15-18, 2023 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge

**Sept. 15** The tour departs from Kitchener, with other pick-ups in Niagara. After driving through the scenic hills of upstate New York and Pennsylvania, we head to the world-famous Metropolitan Museum of Art for the evening. **Accommodation:** Fairfield Inn, East Rutherford, NJ (3 nights).

**Sept. 16** Our day begins with a walk through Battery Park and then to the iconic bronze sculpture referred to as the Charging Bull of Wall Street. A short distance away is Trinity Church and Wall Street, home to the NY Stock Exchange. We will then visit the powerful 9/11 Memorial Gardens and Museum, which incorporate the footprints of the Twin Towers. The adjacent "Freedom Tower" now known as One World Trade Center, is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere. At 1776 feet, it pays homage to the year the Declaration of Independence was signed. After some free time for shopping and lunch in Chinatown and Little Italy, a local guide will lead us on a city tour highlighting various points of interest in Greenwich, Soho and Midtown, including Grand Central Station. This evening we will take a narrated boat cruise around the lower half of Manhattan, to view the Statue of Liberty and spectacular skyline at dusk. **(B/-/D).**

**Sept. 17** Our first stop will be the Empire State Building Observatory for a lofty overview of the city. Next, we will take a brief walk into Central Park, then to Fifth Avenue. Here, some free time will be given for lunch and exploration of such landmarks as St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Rockefeller Center. After seeing a matinee Broadway performance (TBA), we will enjoy the evening in and around Times Square, an area known for its great restaurants and bright lights! **(B/-/-).**

**Sept. 18** After breakfast we depart the city, stopping at the Crossings Premium Outlet in Pennsylvania for shopping and lunch. We will arrive home by early evening. Thank you for taking a bite out of the "Big Apple" with us! **(B/-/-).**

### INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

**\$1495.00 p.p. Cdn. (no tax) double occupancy**

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$400.00 deposit is due by July 5/23**

**Final payment and cut-off date is August 4/23**

### PRICE INCLUDES

- ~ Deluxe washroom equipped bus. Fully escorted
- ~ Hotel, entry to MET & Empire State Observatory
- ~ Ticket to see a Broadway theatre performance
- ~ City tour with local guide and evening boat cruise
- ~ 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner, entry to 9/11 Memorial Museum

Single supplement - add \$445.00 Three sharing - deduct \$245.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$195.00 p.p.

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### 2024 POSSIBILITIES (call if interested in these or other destinations) ...

**Late April to mid-May - Overview of Italy:** Including Florence, Pisa, Siena, Rome, Naples (Pompeii & Capri), Sorrento, the Amalfi coast, Tuscany, Venice, etc. Great food, wine, attractions and scenery.

**Early Sept. - Ireland & Scotland:** Titanic Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Belleek Pottery, the Famine Relief Road, the Burren, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Galway, Ring of Kerry, Dublin, Guinness tour, Edinburgh, Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, Glasgow, etc.

**Mid-Oct. - UT/AZ:** Vegas, Valley of Fire, Bryce, Zion, Grand Canyon, Page, Flagstaff, Petrified Forest, Sedona, Phoenix, etc.



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### IMPORTANT TOUR AND RESERVATION INFORMATION

**Itinerary:** It is our goal to operate the tour as described in this brochure. Marlin Travel reserves the right to alter the itinerary if necessary. We have made arrangements with other independent parties and cannot be held responsible for their acts or omissions.

**Vaccination/Mask Requirements (subject to change):** It is strongly encouraged that all participants be vaccinated as recommended by their local Public Health officials, but such is no longer mandatory in order to board a bus or an airplane for travel within Canada. Visitors to the USA should be prepared to present proof of their Covid-19 vaccinations, as outlined on the CDC website. Please be aware of masking requirements when travelling.

**Accommodation:** When completing the registration form, please specify the type of accommodation that you require and ensure the correct price is entered. Room service, in-room movies and snacks as well as telephone charges must be paid for by the user. Any damage done to public or private property while on the tour will be the responsibility of the person who causes the damage. Laundry facilities are available at many of the hotels.

**Airline Baggage Information:** Luggage size and weight must meet airline regulations. Each person is permitted one full-size piece (included in the tour price), and one carry-on piece. For tours which include luggage handling (see inclusions in the trip descriptions), only one piece is paid for.

**Coach Seating:** Luxury washroom equipped motorcoaches will be rented from local companies for each tour. Call for details if you wish to know the specific company for each trip. A rotational seating policy will be in effect to ensure equity for all passengers throughout the trip.

**Tipping:** When meals are provided, the gratuity is included, unless specified. Although tips for your bus driver are customary, they are not included in the tour price and will be left to the discretion of each passenger. The recommended amount is \$3 - \$5 per person/day. Local step on guides \$2 - \$4 p.p.

**What to bring:** Weather conditions are unpredictable, especially near water. It is a good idea to bring comfortable walking shoes, a sweatshirt, a rain repellent jacket and a compact umbrella. A small set of binoculars may also be useful, as well as a bathing suit, since some hotels have pools.

**Passports:** For all international destinations, please ensure your passport is valid for the appropriate length of time after the trip dates (usually 3-6 months, depending on the destination).

**Domestic Air Travel:** A valid passport or driver's license with photo I.D. is acceptable for use by a Canadian citizen travelling by air within Canada. Please note that the I.D. used at the airport must match the information given to Marlin Travel (entered on the registration form).

**Conditions of Travel:** It is expected that all passengers are able to operate independently or be accompanied by a qualified assistant. Smoking and use of alcohol are not permitted on any motorcoach. Marlin Travel reserves the right to terminate the trip of any member whose conduct is detrimental to the well-being of other passengers. In such a case no refund will be given and the return fare will be at the person's expense.

**Insurance:** Marlin Travel highly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation and out-of-province health insurance. Covid specific coverage is available; please ask for details. On the registration form, indicate your interest in purchasing insurance and an agent will call to give you a quote.

**Tour Cancellation/Cut-off Date:** Marlin Travel reserves the right to cancel any tour no later than 31 days before departure, and it will have no other responsibility beyond refunding all fares paid to it by passengers. The cut-off date for joining each tour is stated in the brochure. A deposit is required to hold space and bookings are made on a first-come basis. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

**Exchange Rates/Inflation:** Ontario law permits Marlin Travel to add up to a 7% surcharge to the stated domestic tour price, to cover inflation and/or devaluation of the Canadian dollar (or additional tariffs/taxes/levies), from the time the brochure is written. In such a case the customer will be informed before the final payment date so he/she can decide whether to remain on the tour. If a customer wishes to drop out at that point, a full refund of all payments made will be given, less any non-refundable trip related expenses paid by MarlinTravel up to that point.

**Payment Policy:** A deposit is required at the time of booking, along with a completed registration form. Check the deposit amount/due date and final payment date for your selected tour. **Please make all cheques payable to "Marlin Travel"**. Payment with a credit card will result in an additional 3% service charge being added to the cost of the trip. Please call the office to arrange credit card payments.

**Booking/Cancellation Policy:** Space is booked on a first-come basis, so book early. In the case of cancellation (excluding exchange rate info above), the following conditions will apply: 1. Deposits are fully refundable up to the deposit due date for each trip. From the deposit due date to the final payment date, deposits are non-refundable. 2. Once final payment has been made (no later than the final payment due date), no refunds will be given.

**For more information or to return your completed registration form and deposit, contact:**

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