

## 2024 ESCORTED MOTORCOACH TOURS



**Louisville, Nashville & Memphis**  
MAY 7 - 14



**Lancaster, PA**  
JUNE 3 - 5



**Newfoundland Highlights**  
JULY 4 - 12



**Portugal**  
SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 1



**Utah & Arizona**  
OCTOBER 16 - 24

# MARLIN TRAVEL

*Invites you to join us on our*  
**2024 ESCORTED TOURS**

**INTRODUCTION:** Despite the many challenges faced by the travel industry in recent years, the last two have been extremely busy and we look forward to the coming tour season. In early May, we invite you to join us on a memorable trip to **Louisville, Nashville & Memphis** featuring a wide variety of experiences, with great music and live entertainment throughout. During the **Lancaster** trip in June, we will visit scenic Letchworth State Park and attend a performance of Sight & Sound's new production, "Daniel". Early July marks our 24<sup>th</sup> tour to **Newfoundland** which continues to be popular because of its beautiful scenery, interesting history and hospitable people. Our **Portugal** trip in September includes eight UNESCO World Heritage Sites, picturesque scenery and mouth-watering cuisine. In October, a **Utah & Arizona** tour will feature many highlights including the Valley of Fire, Zion and Bryce National Parks, The Grand Canyon, Sedona and the Petrified Forest. Please note that all prices are in Canadian dollars and include HST on Canadian trips, while tours to the USA are tax exempt. Every effort has been made to ensure interesting itineraries and affordability, even with inflationary pressures and the continued weakness of our dollar. Interestingly, the per day ground costs are virtually the same for trips within Canada or the USA. 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, as these are mandated by our suppliers. *In an effort to cut down on the number of registrations and cheques being mailed, we have added an easy to use on-line registration option, which allows payment by e-transfer (please contact us for more details).* Using this option immediately secures your spot, while also streamlining the process for our office staff. Of course you can also print the registration form and mail it with your cheque, if you prefer. As always, each trip is carefully planned for your enjoyment and we hope to have the pleasure of travelling with you at some point in 2024! **Earl Clint: Tour Coordinator**

## **LOUISVILLE, NASHVILLE & MEMPHIS: May 7-14, 2024**

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

**May 7** Departing Kitchener with other pick-ups (TBA), including Niagara. After crossing into the USA, we drive along the shore of Lake Erie and then southward. **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express, Dayton East, OH.

**May 8** 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 who lived in Dayton), military aircraft through both World Wars (including Spitfires and B52 bombers) and the development of rockets and the space program (including Neil Armstrong's capsule and Saturn V rockets). We then drive to downtown Louisville to visit the Muhammad Ali Centre which commemorates the remarkable achievements (both inside and outside the ring) of this great boxer, activist, humanitarian and native son. This evening at the Derby Dinner Playhouse, we will attend a performance of "Footloose", celebrating the excitement of youth, the wisdom of actively listening to one another and the power of forgiveness. **(B/-/D)** **Accommodation:** Fairfield Inn Louisville North, Clarksville, IN.

**May 9** 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. We then 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. During an informative tour at the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience, we will learn the history of Kentucky's native spirit and of course have a chance to sample it. We then drive to downtown Nashville for some free time on Lower Broadway to enjoy great music and dinner, before checking into our hotel by mid-evening. **(B/L/-)** **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express, Nashville West, TN.

**May 10** 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 will check into our hotel. On nearby Beale Street you can experience an evening of live music venues, including B. B. King's original location. **(B/-/D)** **Accommodation:** Hampton Inn & Suites, Beale Street, Memphis, TN.

**May 11** This morning we head to Graceland, home of music icon Elvis Presley. After touring the house and his planes, we will visit a 200,000 square-foot complex, filled with his awards, memorabilia and vehicles. 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 even an

available boat ride. After some free time for dinner, 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).

**May 12** Our day begins with a visit to the Johnny Cash Museum where we will view interesting displays, pictures and memorabilia from the life of this music legend. Next is the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, one of the world's largest repositories of country music artifacts. After lunch, 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. We will then return to the hotel for a free evening in which to explore all that is available in this massive complex, including a variety of great restaurants. **(B/L/-)**

**May 13** After a short drive to Bowling Green Kentucky, 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 route. **(B/-/D)** **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express, Delaware/Columbus, OH

**May 14** After a short 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

**\$3195.00 p.p. Cdn. (no tax), double occupancy**

**NOTE: A \$500.00 p.p. deposit is due by March 4/24**

**Final payment and cut-off date is April 3/24**

**Single supplement - add \$835.00 Three sharing - deduct \$220.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$275.00 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

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### LANCASTER, PA: June 3-5, 2024 Escorts: Earl Clint and/or John Swatridge

**June 3** Departing from the Kitchener area, with pick-ups in Niagara. Enjoy a scenic drive through rural New York State on route to Letchworth State Park, known as the "Grand Canyon of the East". Upon arrival, a guide will join us to provide an overview of the park with stops at several scenic lookouts. In Lancaster we will have dinner and then arrive at our hotel by early evening. **(-/-/D)** **Accommodation:** Holiday Inn Express Lancaster East, Strasburg, PA (2 nights).

**June 4** This morning we drive to the town of Lititz and visit Wilbur Chocolate, with roots dating back to 1865. Next is a tour of Julius Sturgis Pretzel Bakery, America's first commercial pretzel bakery, opened in 1861. As part of the tour, you will get a hands-on lesson in pretzel twisting, using a mixture of flour and water. Afterwards, enjoy some free time for lunch and browsing through the town's shops. We will then attend an afternoon performance of "Daniel" at Sight and Sound's Millennium Theatre, followed by a smorgasbord dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant. **(B/-/D)**

**June 5** Today 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. We then continue on our homeward journey, arriving by early evening. **(B/-/)**

#### INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE

**\$925.00 p.p. Cdn. double occupancy (no tax)**

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$300.00 p.p. deposit is due by April 2/24**

**Final payment and cut-off date is May 1/24**

**Single supplement - add \$185.00 Three sharing - deduct \$50.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$80.00 p.p.**

#### PRICE INCLUDES

~ Washroom equipped motorcoach. Pretzel factory tour  
~ 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners (1 plated, 1 smorgasbord)  
~ Hotel accommodation. Fully escorted throughout  
~ Theatre ticket for "Daniel" and Elva Hurst "Chalk Talk"

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### NEWFOUNDLAND HIGHLIGHTS: July 4-12, 2024 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge

**July 4** We depart Toronto on a morning Air Canada flight, bound for Deer Lake. Upon arrival, we will visit the nearby Newfoundland Insectarium, which also has a butterfly garden and a unique ant colony display. 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 hotel. **(-/-/D)** **Accommodation:** The Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook.

**July 5** 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 6** 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 favorable (inclement weather and/or a lack of icebergs), another boat tour may be arranged in Twillingate. **(B/L/-) Accommodation:** Haven Inn, St. Anthony.

**July 7** 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 8** 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 outports. 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 9** 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 will then drive to the Ryan Premises in Bonavista to visit an historic fish merchant operation and then to the famous lighthouse, close to the place 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.

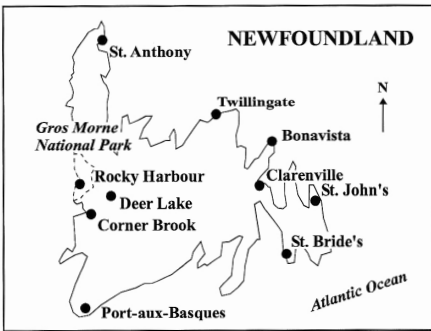
**July 10** Our main focus today is Cape St. Mary's Ecological Reserve at the southern tip of the Avalon Peninsula, one of the continent's largest bird colonies. Watch in amazement as thousands of seabirds take flight all around us, including gannets, kittiwakes and murres. This evening you can relax at the hotel or head downtown to enjoy some traditional music at one of the numerous establishments on George Street. **(B/L/-) Accommodation:** Double Tree by Hilton, St. John's (2 nights).

**July 11** 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 12** This morning we visit the Johnson Geo Centre, which is built into Signal Hill. Here you can see displays explaining 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/-/-)**

**NEWFOUNDLAND TOUR PRICE**

**\$4595.00 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
- ~ 2 dinner theatres, live music and a "Screech-in"
- ~ Tour of St. John's with local guide
- ~ 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners

**Single supplement is \$750.00 (inc. HST) Three sharing - deduct \$220.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$290.00 p.p.**

**NOTE: A \$750.00 p.p. DEPOSIT IS DUE BY APRIL 16/24. FINAL PAYMENT/CUT-OFF DATE IS MAY 22/24**

**Early booking bonus: Reserve by March 18/24 and receive \$100.00 p.p. off or free airbus from Niagara (only), to Toronto**

**PORTUGAL HIGHLIGHTS: Sept. 19 - Oct. 1, 2024 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**September 19** This evening we will depart Toronto on an overnight flight to Lisbon, with on-board meal service included.

**September 20** Upon arrival in Lisbon, our local tour guide will lead us on an overview of the scenic and colourful Portuguese capital, built on seven hills. **(-/-/D) Accommodation: Hotel Holiday Inn Lisbon Continental, Lisbon (4\* for 2 nights).**

**September 21** Today will feature the country's maritime heritage, by acknowledging those who set off from here to discover the "New World". We will also see the iconic (\*UNESCO listed), \*Belem Tower, and the \*Jeronimos Monastery, an example of 15th-century Manueline architecture. This evening, explore the area near our centrally located hotel. **(B/-/-)**

**September 22** Today we drive south towards the Serra da Arrabida Mountains, through the golden pastures of the Alentejo region with its medieval cities and Roman ruins. We will stop at the Setubal market for a mid-morning break and then continue southward through the Sagres Peninsula with scenic coastal views. Next are the barren headlands of Cape St. Vincent, Europe's most southwesterly point. After a stop at the Fortress and Museum in Sagres, we continue to the Algarve region which has over 300 days of sunshine per year. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Hotel Vila Gale Ampalius (4\* for 2 nights).

**September 23** Panoramic views of the beautiful coastline will be seen aboard large zodiacs, including the unique perspective of entering several of the Benagil sea caves. We then visit the ancient city of Silves with its Moorish castle and XII century cathedral. After some free time for lunch, we will stop in the seaside town of Lagos, once the home of Henry the Navigator, before returning to our hotel. In the evening, enjoy the nearby marina complex with a large variety of restaurants. **(B/-/-)**

**September 24** Today we travel across the Serra do Caldeirao Mountains to the historic city of \*Evora. On the way, we will visit a cork factory and an olive oil producer. After lunch we will tour the medieval cathedral, Roman temple ruins and the famous Chapel of Bones. Free time will then be given to explore and/or relax in the Praça do Giraldo, the main public square. This evening we will have dinner together. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Hotel Hilton Garden Inn (4\*).

**September 25** Our first stop is the hilltop town of Castelo de Vide, with its dazzling white houses and flower lined alleyways. Later, we will visit an Estrela cheese creamery, with samples of course! The city of Viseu offers panoramic views of the Dao region, famous for its red wines. The 13th-century cathedral is a dominant landmark and there are many public gardens, squares and fountains to enjoy. **(B/-/-) Accommodation:** Montebelo Principe Perfeito Viseu Garden Hotel (4\*).

**September 26** Dramatic vistas highlight our journey today throughout the \*Douro Valley, where fine wines are produced from grapes grown on sloping vineyards. We will stop at Quinta da Pacheca winery (or similar), for a tour and tasting, then visit the beautiful gardens and Baroque-style Palacio de Mateus, depicted on the label of Mateus wine bottles. After lunch, we continue on to Porto, the country's second largest city. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Hotel Chic & Basic, Porto (4\* for 2 nights).

**September 27** Our guided tour of Porto's historic town centre and the \*Ribeira District will feature winding cobblestone lanes and the Sao Francisco Baroque church. After a visit to the Stock Exchange Palace, with its splendid Arabian Hall, we will take a narrated six bridges cruise on the Douro River, a perfect way to admire the colourful buildings with azulejo-clad facades (glazed ceramic tiles). After some free time for lunch along the Cais de Ribeira, a promenade adjacent to the Douro, we will learn about the centuries-old tradition of port production and of course have a sample (or two). Enjoy free time around the hotel this evening, where there are a variety of fine restaurants. **(B/-/-)**

**September 28** At \*Coimbra University, one of Europe's oldest, Baroque architecture is on dazzling display, especially in its famous library (subject to availability). In Tomar, we will visit the \*Convento de Cristo (Convent of Christ), built as a Templar stronghold in the 12th century. In Fatima, we will visit the pilgrimage site where three young shepherds reported seeing an apparition of the Virgin Mary in 1917. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Hotel Santa Maria, Fátima (4\*).

**September 29** This morning we drive to Nazare, famous for its massive surfing waves (among the world's largest), which crash into a scenic cliff-backed beach. Next is Obidos, a medieval walled city with quaint whitewashed houses, cobblestone roads and an imposing castle. Upon arrival at our luxury oceanfront hotel, you can enjoy a walk on the pristine beach and relax by the oversized pool. **(B/-/-) Accommodation:** Hotel Praia del Rey Marriott Golf & Beach Resort, Obidos (5\*).

**September 30** Today we will visit \*Sintra, a fairy-tale town of whimsical palaces and beautiful gardens, including entry to the lavish National Palace of Pena. Tonight, enjoy a farewell Portuguese Fado evening of traditional food, music and dance. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Hotel Holiday Inn Lisbon Continental, Lisbon (4\*).

**October 1** After breakfast we will be transferred to the airport for our return flight (in-flight meals included). **(B/-/-)**

#### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$5595.00 p.p. (taxes included) double occupancy**

*Toronto airport transfers not included*

**PLEASE NOTE: Early booking & deposit is required**

**A DEPOSIT OF \$1000.00 IS DUE BY APRIL 8/24**

**FINAL PAYMENT/CUT-OFF DATE IS MAY 14/24**

**Single supplement - add \$1295.00**

*Triple and Quad. occupancy is subject to availability  
and will be priced upon request*

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- ~ Return airfare from Toronto. Fully escorted with English speaking guide. 11 breakfasts, 6 dinners & in-flight meals
- ~ 11 nights' accommodation (dbl. occ.), inc. some portage
- ~ 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites (designated by \* above)
- ~ Entry fees to the Jeronimos Monastery, Evora Cathedral, Mateus Gardens, Stock Exchange Palace, University of Coimbra Library, Convent of Christ, Sintra Pena Palace, Quinta da Re Regaleira, Silves Castle & Sagres Fortress
- ~ Winery and port factory tours & tasting, Douro boat cruise
- ~ Visit to cork factory, olive oil producer & cheese factory

## **UTAH & ARIZONA: October 16-24, 2024 Escorts: Earl Clint & John Swatridge**

**October 16** We depart Toronto on a morning flight bound for Las Vegas. Upon arrival, we will view the iconic welcome sign, then tour The Venetian, one of the most impressive themed hotels on the strip. It has faithful replications of St. Mark's Square, the Rialto Bridge and the Grand Canal, complete with gondolas! This evening, enjoy the view from the observation deck of the Eiffel Tower replica, at the Paris Las Vegas Hotel. **Accommodation:** Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, NV.

**October 17** Our first point of interest is Valley of Fire State Park, so named because of its red sandstone formations. These were created by the application of intense heat and pressure to sand dunes that were later subjected to faulting and erosion. We then drive to Zion National Park which was once covered by a shallow body of water. Eventually, huge rivers carved their way through the landscape and later it became one of the largest deserts on the planet, whose sand dunes have become today's 2,000-foot cliffs. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Best Western Plus Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon City, UT.

**October 18** Our day begins with a spectacular view of Bryce Canyon, renowned for its variety of colours and for having the earth's greatest collection of other worldly "hoodoos" (odd-shaped pillars of rock). We then drive to Page for a Navajo guided tour of Upper Antelope Slot Canyon, also aptly named "Corkscrew Canyon". When illuminated by the sun, this passageway through sandstone rocks, becomes a colourful masterpiece of nature. We will then view Horseshoe Bend, where the Colorado River takes a dramatic turn, as the name implies. **(B/-/D) Accommodation:** Best Western Lake Powell, Page, AZ.

**October 19** Our focus today is Grand Canyon National Park, with many breathtaking picture stops along the south rim. There is no way to describe the sheer size and majesty ... you must experience it yourself. In late afternoon, we will stop in Williams, famous for its link to the iconic "Route 66". Here we will have time to explore many unique shops and eat an early dinner, before driving a short distance to our hotel. **(B/-/-) Accommodation:** Little America Hotel, Flagstaff, AZ (2 nights).

**October 20** Our first stop is Jim Gray's Petrified Wood Company in Holbrook, featuring polished pieces, along with fossils, rocks and minerals found in Arizona. We will then view several unusual landscapes including Petrified Forest National Park where logs now litter the desert, leftover from a time when wet swamp-lands covered the area. After viewing the Painted Desert, we head to the world's best-preserved meteorite impact site, near Winslow. Known simply as "Meteor Crater", it is nearly one mile across, 2.4 miles in circumference and more than 550 feet deep. It is the spectacular result of a collision that rocked the southwest approximately 50,000 years ago with the equivalent energy of more than 20 million tons of TNT. Tonight we will have dinner and be entertained by the talented servers at Black Bart's Steakhouse & Musical Review. **(B/L/D)**

**October 21** After a scenic drive through Oak Creek Canyon, we will arrive in Sedona amidst the backdrop of beautiful red rocks. Here we will enjoy a unique off-road experience aboard a "Pink Jeep Tour", followed by some free time for lunch and browsing in the town's many unique shops. We then visit Montezuma Castle National Monument, where we will view the very well preserved 12<sup>th</sup> century cliff dwellings of the Sinagua people. Our hotel for the next three nights was designed by a student of the famous American architect Frank Lloyd Wright. **(B/-/-) Accommodation:** Double Tree by Hilton, Tempe, AZ.

**October 22** This morning we will visit Taliesin West, the winter home and studio of Frank Lloyd Wright. Here we will learn about Wright's design philosophy known as "Organic Architecture", where he attempted to blend his building designs into the landscape in which they were situated. After a brief drive, we will board the Desert Belle for a scenic cruise on Saguaro Lake, with possible sightings of mountain sheep and bald eagles. We then return to the hotel for a relaxing evening. **(B/-/-)**

**October 23** On a half day excursion to the Desert Botanical Gardens, a guide will introduce us to a wide variety of arid plants found in this part of the world. You will then have the option of shopping at a local factory outlet mall, or returning to the hotel to relax by the pool. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell group dinner together. **(B/-/D)**

**October 24** Our multi-faceted desert experience ends this morning, as we transfer to the airport for our return flight. **(B/-/-)**

### **INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE**

**\$4395.00 p.p. Cdn. double occupancy (no tax)**

### **\*EARLY BOOKING REQUIRED FOR AIRLINE**

**PLEASE NOTE: A \$750.00 deposit is due by June 28/24**

**Final payment and cut-off date is September 4/24**

### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- ~ Return airfare from Toronto. Fully escorted throughout
- ~ Entry fees as described, including State and National Parks, Paris Hotel observatory, Desert Belle, Taliesin West, Desert Botanical Gardens, Antelope Slot Canyon tour, Pink Jeep Tour, Meteor Crater, etc. 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 4 dinners
- ~ 8 nights' accommodation with some luggage handling

**Single supplement - add \$950.00 Three sharing - deduct \$250.00 p.p. Four sharing - deduct \$350.00 p.p.**

***\*Early booking bonus: Reserve by May 22/24 and receive \$100.00 p.p. off or free airbus from Niagara (only), to Toronto***

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**2025 TOURS:** *Caribbean Cruise (March)* - Blue Jays spring training, two days of touring in New Orleans, Mexico beaches, etc. *Best of Italy (May)* - Venice, the Lake District, Tuscany, Florence, Rome, Amalfi, Isle of Capri, Pompeii, etc. *Ireland & Scotland (Sept.)* - Edinburgh, Isle of Skye, Glasgow, Dublin, Belfast, Giant's Causeway, Ring of Kerry etc. **Call for details.**

# MARLIN TRAVEL - 2024 TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

**PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:** This form may be used by one or more persons from the same address. If two singles are sharing, each person should fill out a separate form. A separate registration form is required for each trip booked.

**NEW OPTION:** You can now register on-line and pay by E-transfer; please call for details or scan the QR Code. You can also detach this form and mail it to our office with your deposit cheque, payable to "Marlin Travel".

**IMPORTANT:** *At the time of writing, domestic or international travellers do not need to show proof of vaccination status to board an airplane or cross a border and masks are no longer required for either airplane or bus travel. However, these conditions can change at any time and it is the responsibility of all passengers to be aware of what is required at the time of travel and to bring the appropriate documentation and/or mask.*

**ENSURING CORRECT NAME ON AIRLINE TICKET:** For trips involving airfare within Canada, a driver's license, passport or government issued photo card are acceptable forms of I.D. Trips involving international airfare or a land crossing into the USA, require a passport that is valid for at least 3 months from the trip return date. To ensure the I.D. you use at the airport matches what is on your boarding pass, you must include a photocopy/scan of the photo I.D. you will use while travelling and correctly enter it in the space below. Errors on your part may result in a \$50.00 (per incident) change fee, or possible denied entry onto the aircraft.

Passenger 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Passenger 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 room-mate is found by Marlin Travel. *Note: if you check "yes" we will inform you if someone indicates a similar interest to share. **Tour prices are based on double occupancy. A single supplement charge will apply to single occ. requests. Please 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**TOUR COST SUMMARY: Indicate (x) your tour. Prices are in Cdn. dollars (p.p./dbl. occ.), inc. all taxes**

1. \_\_\_ **Nashville** - May 7-14: \$3195.00    2. \_\_\_ **Lancaster** - June 3-5: \$925.00    3. \_\_\_ **NL** - July 4-12: \$4595.00  
4. \_\_\_ **Portugal** - Sept. 19 - Oct. 1: \$5595.00    5. \_\_\_ **UT & AZ** - October 16-24: \$4395.00

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

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

**\*You can also register and pay by E-transfer on-line. Please call for details.**

**\*If paying by cheque, make it payable to "Marlin Travel" and mail to the Fonthill office, with reg. form**

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

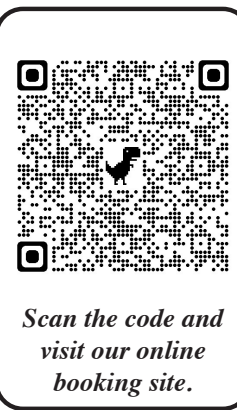
**Please note:** This signed registration form and deposit must be sent to either Earl Clint or the Fonthill office. A Marlin Travel agent will call you regarding optional insurance coverage and mail you a receipt.

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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:** All participants are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated as recommended by Public Health officials, but such is no longer mandatory in order to board a bus or an airplane for travel in Canada or abroad. These requirements can change at any time, along with masking rules; all travellers must be willing to comply with the local rules that are in place during the trip.

**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, snacks, etc. 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. Please note that overhead compartments are smaller on a bus than on a plane, therefore soft-sided, smaller carry-ons are best.

**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 (or Euros) per person/day.

**What to bring:** Weather conditions are unpredictable, especially near water. It is a good idea to bring a sweatshirt, gloves, hat, 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 is completed (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 an 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 also available. 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.

**Exchange Rates/Inflation:** Ontario law permits Marlin Travel to add up to a 7% surcharge on the stated 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 due date so he/she can decide whether to remain on the tour. If a customer wishes to drop out, a full refund of all payments made will be given, less any non-refundable trip related expenses paid by Marlin Travel, 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. E-transfers are preferred; please ask for further details in order to pay by this method. A 3% surcharge will be added for credit card use and must be paid directly with the office staff. If paying by cheque, please make it **payable to "Marlin Travel"**.

**Booking/Cancellation Policy:** On-line registration forms are now available; scan the QR Code above or contact us for further details. A deposit is required to hold space and bookings are made on a first-come basis, so please 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.

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