

CHRISTMAS IN NEWPORT

Including a Tour of Doris Duke's Rough Point Estate

DECEMBER 2 – 3, 2011

2 DAYS/ 1 NIGHT

Spectacular, glamorous mansions decorated for the holidays, cozy pubs and restaurants lining the harbor, and holiday shopping along famous Bellevue Avenue and Thames Street are some of the things that make the Christmas season a special time of year in Newport. The festive spirit of Yuletide celebrations of the past comes alive at the lavishly decorated mansions. These great Newport "cottages", adorned with sparkling white lights and elaborate Christmas decorations, reflect the rich European influence of the Gilded Age during the turn of the century.

New this year will be a special holiday tour of Doris Duke's Rough Point mansion showcasing a Newport mansion as it truly looked at Christmastime. Heiress Doris Duke spent Christmas in sunny Hawaii far away from Rough Point, her Newport estate. Experience the quiet house, see the decorated staff wing, and learn how Rough Point's winter caretaking traditions have remained the same for the past half century.

We'll visit William Vanderbilt's Marble House, one of the most opulent houses in America. Decorated for the holidays, Marble House will feature a 20-foot high poinsettia tree comprising of more than 400 plants in the brilliant Gold Ballroom.

Also decorated in its holiday finery, we'll visit the Breakers, the grandest of Newport's summer "cottages" and a symbol of the Vanderbilt family's social and financial preeminence in turn-of-the-century America. This grand 70 room Italian Renaissance-style villa was built by Cornelius Vanderbilt II, President and Chairman of the New York Central Railroad.

You'll enjoy a guided tour of Newport's historic buildings and restored homes plus you'll see the rugged beauty of Ten-Mile Ocean Drive and the fabulous mansions along tree-lined Bellevue Avenue.

Our host in Newport will be the luxurious Marriott Hotel overlooking Newport Harbor.

Includes: Bus transportation, 1 night hotel accommodations, 1 dinner, admissions to three mansions, all sightseeing, plus taxes, gratuities and baggage handling.

Trip No. 11-16
Cost: (per person)
Double: \$299
Triple: \$279
Single: \$359

NEW ORLEANS & ALL THAT JAZZ

Food, Fun, Music, and the Sights in "The Big Easy"

APRIL 11 – 20, 2012

10 DAYS/ 9 NIGHTS

Let the good times roll and join us as we experience the southern hospitality of New Orleans. Its unique mixture of French, Creole, African and Caribbean cultures is what makes New Orleans such an interesting city. You'll spend three days in New Orleans where you'll see all the sights including fabled Bourbon Street, the St. Louis Cathedral, legendary Jackson Square, the historic French Quarter, and the charming architecture unique to New Orleans. We'll take a walking tour of the French Quarter which has deservedly acquired its reputation as one of the world's most famous and fascinating places to visit. A stop for Café au Lait & Beignets at Café du Monde is a must. A treat is in store for you when you enjoy a Jazz Brunch at the world famous Court of Two Sisters Restaurant. Your host for three nights will be the award winning luxurious 4-diamond Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, in the heart of the French Quarter.

Just outside of New Orleans, we'll get a vivid reminder of the Old South as we visit a magnificent plantation on the banks of the Mississippi River. Oak Alley will enchant you with its corridor of 28 evenly spaced Live Oak trees, leading up to the antebellum mansion.

We'll also visit the wild side of Louisiana as we travel just outside of New Orleans to the Bayou. You will journey by boat, Cajun style, through the heart of the swamplands. From the safety and comfort of your boat, you will glide down meandering bayous lined with moss draped cypress trees. Your guide will be a native of the area who will share tales of local legends and lore.

Stops en route include Roanoke VA, Nashville TN, Memphis, TN, Jackson MS, Atlanta GA, and Durham NC, including visits to Graceland and Beale Street in Memphis, plus other attractions along the way.

Includes: Bus transportation, 9 nights hotel accommodations (including 3 nights at the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel), 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 8 dinners, all sightseeing, taxes, gratuities and baggage handling.

Trip No. 12-01
Cost: (per person)
Double: \$1899
Triple: \$1779
Single: \$2499

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Plus Arlington & Old Town Alexandria

APRIL 28 – 30, 2012

3 DAYS/ 2 NIGHTS

As our nation's capital, Washington, DC captures the true spirit of America. Symbols of our patriotism, the fight for our freedom and the diverse history that spans centuries are present on every corner.

A tour of Washington, D.C. is like experiencing history firsthand. We'll spend a full day seeing the sights in Washington with our local tour guide. We'll hit all the highlights including Capitol Hill, home of the United States Capitol, the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court. We'll make a photo stop at the White House and we'll visit Washington National Cathedral, Embassy Row and drive through Georgetown. And of course, we'll have time to visit the Memorials.

We'll be sure to make a stop at the new National World War II Memorial. Located on the National Mall between the Washington Monument and Lincoln Memorial, the World War II Memorial honors the 16 million who served during WWII and those who supported the war effort from home.

We'll also visit Arlington National Cemetery, our nation's most treasured burial ground. Among the thousands of white headstones are the graves of President John F. Kennedy, Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, world champion boxer Joe Louis and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Just down the road from Arlington is quaint Old Town Alexandria. Dating back to 1749, Alexandria's riverfront was an important colonial port during the colonial, revolutionary and Civil War periods. Today it is a revitalized waterfront with cobblestone streets, colonial houses and churches, museums, shops and restaurants.

Of course, no visit to Washington would be complete without spending some free time at the Smithsonian, the world's most visited museum. Be sure to stop by their newest museum, the American Indian Museum. Our host for two nights will be the Arlington Hilton Garden Inn, ideally located across the river from DC.

Includes: Bus transportation, 2 nights hotel accommodations at the Arlington Hilton Garden Inn, 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners, all sightseeing, plus taxes, gratuities and baggage handling.

Trip No. 12-02
Cost: (per person)
Double: \$499
Triple: \$479
Single: \$649

QUEBEC'S GRAND HOTELS

Chateau Frontenac & Queen Elizabeth Hotel

MAY 5 - 9, 2012

5 DAYS/ 4 NIGHTS

It's one thing to visit the beautiful French Canadian cities of Montreal and Quebec City. It's quite another to visit them and stay at two of the most elegant hotels in the world. The Chateau Frontenac in Quebec City and the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal will be your hosts for a most elegant vacation in the charming province of Quebec. You'll spend two nights in each of these two grand hotels filled with Old World charm.

Standing high on a bluff overlooking the St. Lawrence River, providing an unforgettable view of the city and the river below, the majestic and luxurious Chateau Frontenac is located in the heart of Québec City.

Once the capital of the French Empire in Canada, Quebec City reflects the Old World charm and grace of another era. Explore the quaint, winding streets, with intriguing boutiques and fine restaurants of this ancient walled city.

Just outside the city limits we'll visit the world famous Shrine of Ste. Anne de Beaupre and we'll also make a stop at Montmorency Falls (higher than Niagara Falls).

Located in the heart of Montréal's vibrant cultural and shopping districts, The Queen Elizabeth is an internationally renowned deluxe hotel that sets the standard for quality of service and hospitality in this remarkable city. Gracious boulevards mark the hotel's neighborhood where both work and play take on a distinctly European character.

Montreal shares more than language with its sister city, Paris. It shares its world-class style. From the quaint appeal of the cobblestone streets and historic buildings in Old Montréal to the majesty of Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory, to the breathtaking views from Mount Royal Park overlooking the city, Montreal is a city rich in culture.

Includes: Bus transportation, 4 nights hotel accommodations (2 in Montreal and 2 in Quebec City), 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 dinners, plus all sightseeing, taxes, gratuities and baggage handling.

Trip No. 12-03
Cost: (per person)
Double: \$ 899
Triple: \$ 859
Single: \$ 1199

SPRING CRUISE TO BERMUDA

Celebrity Cruise Lines---Sail From New Jersey!!!

MAY 13 - 20, 2012

7 DAY CRUISE

Sail on a Celebrity cruise from Port Liberty in Bayonne to the storybook paradise of Bermuda. From the enchanting beaches of St. George, to the exclusive shops and rich colonial heritage of Hamilton, your Bermuda cruise will be a vacation you won't soon forget.

Colors abound on this beautiful island with pastel-painted cottages, turquoise-green waters, and pink-sand beaches captivating your senses. Bermuda's rich history gives the island a unique blend of British tradition and colorful island charm.

During a visit to Bermuda, Mark Twain wrote, "heaven couldn't be more beautiful." An average temperature of 70 degrees, country cottages painted lilac and lime, pink sand beaches and the blue-green water never more than a mile away. Enter another world, whether enjoying a glass bottom boat ride in crystal blue waters, relaxing away the hours on Bermuda's pink sand beaches or taking in the atmosphere of a traditional English tavern. With the mixture of colors and culture, you'll experience the true beauty of this island paradise.

Our cruise on the Celebrity Cruise Lines "Summit" will be an unforgettable experience featuring great food, lovely accommodations, a casino, and shows. The ship will dock in Kings Wharf on Bermuda for three days.

A deposit of \$250 per person will reserve your cabin. It is fully refundable until February 20.

Includes: 7 Day Cruise from New Jersey to Bermuda on Celebrity's Summit, transfers to and from the ship, all meals and entertainment on board, all taxes & port charges.

Trip No. 12-04

Cost: (per person)

Double: Inside Cabin: \$959

Double: Outside Cabin: \$1089

Double: Outside Cabin w/Balcony: \$1299

Single Prices Starting at \$1469

NORTH CAROLINA'S OUTER BANKS

Plus Chincoteague Island, VA

MAY 20 - 24, 2012

5 DAYS/ 4 NIGHTS

North Carolina's Outer Banks have proven irresistible to travelers since 1585, when Sir Walter Raleigh settled on Roanoke Island with England's first permanent New World colony. With its blue-green Atlantic waters, this strand of unblemished sands and windblown oak groves draws tourists from all over the world. There's simply no place quite like this string of barrier islands, with attractions both natural and historical, such as colonial coastal towns, the Wright Brothers' monument and soaring lighthouses. These sandy barrier islands are a special place where time seems to slow. We'll stay for 2 nights at the Hampton Inn & Suites, awarded Hotel of the Year honors by Hilton hotels in 2010.

The Outer Banks' most famous historical event is the one that gives North Carolina its epithet, "First in Flight." In 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright successfully piloted the world's first airplane on the windy Kill Devil Hill, laying the groundwork for modern aviation. The Wright Brothers National Memorial encompasses more than 400 acres and marks the places where brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright made their first four powered flights. Both the hangar and Orville and Wilbur's living quarters have been restored, and the visitor center has replicas of the 1902 glider and the 1903 flying machine.

Roanoke Island Festival Park is an interactive family attraction that celebrates the first English settlement in America twenty-three years before Jamestown. The park has a museum, the settlement site, and a replica of *Elizabeth II*, the 16th century English ship from the Roanoke Voyage of 1585.

Enroute to the Outer Banks, we'll enjoy some time on enchanted Chincoteague Island, world famous for its oyster beds and the Chincoteague ponies. We'll stay at the award winning Comfort Suites Hotel. Each room has a private balcony so you can view the abundant waterfowl and tranquil sunsets on the island. We'll visit the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge with our knowledgeable local guide. This refuge features more than 260 species of birds and the famous wild ponies.

Includes: Bus transportation, 4 nights accommodations (2 nights on Chincoteague and 2 nights on the Outer Banks), 4 breakfasts and 4 dinners, sightseeing and admissions, taxes, gratuities and baggage handling.

Trip No. 12-05

Cost: (per person)

Double: \$799

Triple: \$759

Single: \$999