



# Rockford Charter Coach Tour & Travel 2012

## ***IKEA & Woodfield After Christmas Sales!!***

**Wednesday, January 4th, 2012**



**SALES!! SALES!! SALES!!**

Christmas is over and the house guests are gone!!! Join us as we head into Woodfield Mall & IKEA in Schaumburg, IL for some bargain hunting!! Woodfield has the finest collection of department stores and specialty shops in the Great Lakes region including Nordstrom, Ann Taylor, Lord & Taylor, Coach, White House Black Market, and nearly 300 stores and restaurants. IKEA is known for having over 12,000 quality affordable home products and furnishings. They have something for every room of the house!! No need to worry about traffic, tolls or parking...leave the driving to us! *Only \$39.00 per person! Departs at 9:00 am ~ Returns at approximately 6:00 pm.*

## ***Spirits & Spies Weekend Getaway***

**Saturday, January 14th thru Sunday, January 15th, 2012**

Come along as we travel to Milwaukee to find out what really made them "Famous"! We will tour breweries both large & small and check out the Great Lakes Distillery. It was the first distillery in Wisconsin after the repeal of prohibition and to this day they hand craft small batches of award winning spirits. We will enjoy a "covert" dinner at the Safe House, a spy themed establishment that has been featured on the Travel Channel, the Food Network, Time Magazine, People Magazine, the History Channel, the London Daily Express, Forbes Magazine, Popular Mechanics and many more. We will stay downtown, within walking distance of many great restaurants & pubs. *\$195.00 per person based on double occupancy, includes your round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, one night lodging, hot hotel breakfast, dinner at the Safe House and all fees for brewery & distillery tours. Departs Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am ~ Returns Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.*



## ***Chicago Auto Show***

**Friday, February 10th, 2012**



First staged in 1901, the Chicago Auto Show is the largest auto show in North America and has been held more times than any other auto exposition on the continent. This year marks the 102nd edition of the Chicago Auto Show. Manufacturers from around the world consider this show as North America's most significant consumer exposition. Avoid the hassle of driving into Chicago! No need to worry about traffic, tolls or parking fees. Grab a friend and join us for an extraordinary day! *\$49.00 per person. Includes: round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation & event ticket. Departs at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 6:00pm.*

**Have a group of 10 people or more? Inquire about**

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## ***Gangland Chicago*** **Wednesday, February 15th, 2012**



**EXPERIENCE...**Chicago as it was during the 1920s and 30s! **SEE...**the old gangster hot spots and hit spots! **HEAR...**historically accurate accounts of the exploits of Capone, Moran, Dillinger and the rest a da boys! **FEEL...**the excitement of jazz-age Chicago during the era of Prohibition! **ENJOY...**a journey into the past as we cruise the city in search of the old hoodlum haunts, brothels, gambling dens and sites of gangland shootouts! **THEN** enjoy a *special* interactive St. Valentines Day Massacre Lunch-eon Performance at Tommy Gun's Garage. *\$115.00 per person includes round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, a professional step on tour guide, lunch and all event tickets and fees. Departs 7:45am ~ Returns at approximately 6:30pm.*

## ***"Grease" @ Circa 21*** **Wednesday, February 29th, 2012**

This is the 1950's rock 'n' roll musical. Rydell High's spirited class of '59 captures the look and sound of the 1950's in a rollicking musical. GREASE is one of the longest running shows in Broadway history! It is a lively and funny musical which includes such favorites as "Summer Lovin'", "Beauty School Dropout", "Greased Lightning", "We Go Together" - all of the '50's favorites that made this musical a Broadway and film blockbuster! *\$89.00 per person includes deluxe round trip motorcoach transportation, lunch & event fees. Departs at 9:00am ~ Returns at approximately 6:30pm.*



## ***"Place de la Musique" ~ San Filippo Mansion*** **Thursday, March 8th, 2012**



The Sanfilippo "Place de la Musique" is known worldwide for its magnificent collections of beautifully restored antique music machines, phonographs, arcade and gambling machines, chandeliers, art glass, the world's largest restored theatre pipe organ, the most spectacular European salon carousel in existence, street and tower clocks, steam engines and other functional mechanical antiques, displayed within a breathtaking French Second Empire setting. Join us as we take a docent guided tour of this astonishing multi million dollar mansion. *\$85.00 per person. Includes: round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, event fee, and lunch. Departs at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 5:00pm*

## ***Chicago Flower & Garden Show*** **Wednesday March 14th, 2012**

The Chicago Flower & Garden Show is blooming again. What's new (or soon to be new) in the consumer market will be on display at one of the many exhibits showcasing all-new plant, flower and vegetable varieties. From new impatiens that thrive in full sun and the latest in drought-resistant plants, to new vegetable and fruit hybrids with improved taste and texture, visitors will see it all! This is an enjoyable day at Navy Pier that you won't want to miss! *\$49.00 per person. Includes: round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation & event ticket. Departs at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 6:00pm.*



## ***DIAMOND JO CASINO***

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## “Gypsy” at Drury Lane

Thursday, March 22nd, 2012



Join us as we travel to Oakbrook, IL to see Gypsy at the Drury Lane Theatre. Winner of three Tony Awards, “GYPSY” is considered by many critics to be the greatest American musical ever written. “Gypsy” is based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, a famous burlesque stripper. This show tells the story of Rose, an overbearing stage mother who is determined to break into the big time by pushing a vaudeville career onto her two daughters. *\$89.00 per person includes round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, a wonderful lunch and your ticket to the production. Departs at 9:30am ~ Returns at approximately 6:30pm.*

## “Legacy Girls” at Starved Rock

Monday, April 9th, 2012

Come along with us to Starved Rock Lodge where the Legacy Girls, perform the toe-tapping hits of the famous Andrews Sisters with tight 3-part harmonies, costumes, and synchronized choreography--not to mention that comedic flair! Boogie Woogie back to the 30's and 40's with all your favorites including “Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree,” “Lullaby of Broadway” & “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy”. *\$89.00 per person includes deluxe round trip motorcoach transportation, a trolley ride thru downtown Utica, a hot buffet lunch and your show tickets. Departs at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 5:00pm.*



## Springtime in Nashville

Monday, April 23rd thru Thursday, April 26th, 2012



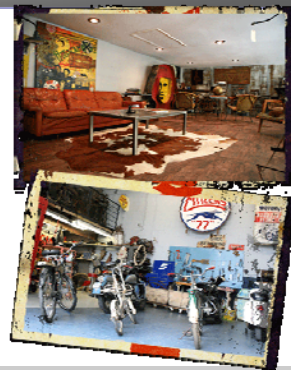
Come experience the best that Nashville has to offer on this 4 day 3 night tour! You will see why the Music City is beloved by so many and is the country music capital of the world. This tour includes a guided tour of the breathtaking 2,800 room Gaylord Opryland Resort Hotel, world class dinner and show on the General Jackson Showboat, Gold Circle seating to the world famous Grand Ole Opry, a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame, and a tour of the Ryman Auditorium, the Opry's original home. Go back in time as you visit President Andrew Jackson's home – the Hermitage and the historical Belle Meade Plantation. You will also take a guided city tour and see such landmarks as the Parthenon while your guide regales you with stories of the history of Music City. Cap off your trip with a tour of Barbara Mandrell's former home the Fontanel Mansion and a delicious home cooked dinner at the Farmhouse Restaurant at Fontanel. Come make some Music City Memories with us! *\$675.00 per person double occupancy. Your trip includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, (3) three nights lodging, (2) two shows, (3) hot hotel breakfasts, (3) dinners, taxes & luggage handling. Departs Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00am ~ Returns Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at approximately 6:30pm.*

## American Pickers~Antique Archeology

### Mississippi River Distillery

Wednesday, May 9th, 2012

Travel back in time to LeClaire, Iowa, a quaint little river community full of shops, restaurants, art galleries and museums. Now, add to this unique community the Mississippi River Distillery, established in 2010 by two brothers chasing their dream to create truly home grown hand made spirits! Another rather famous entrepreneur has found a home in LeClaire also. Mike Wolfe from the History Channel's *American Pickers* has opened a store there called Antique Archeology. We will stop by the store first in the hope of catching Mike and then we will have some time on your own for lunch and shopping. Don't miss the Buffalo Bill Museum! Later we will get back together for a tour of the Distillery and a tasting before heading back home to Rockford. *\$45.00 per person includes your round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation and event fees. Departs at 9:00am ~ Returns at approximately 6:30pm.*



## ***Million Dollar Quartet at The Apollo Theatre*** ***Lunch at Soprano's Italian Restaurant*** **Wednesday, May 30th, 2012**



*"Musically Dazzling from first beat to last!"~Heidi Weiss, Chicago Sun Times.* On December 4, 1956, rock 'n' roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis & Carl Perkins gathered at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever. Tony Award winning Million Dollar Quartet brings that legendary night to life, featuring a score of rock 'n' roll hits including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "That's All Right," "Sixteen Tons," "Great Balls of Fire," "Walk the Line," "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On," "Who do You Love?," "Folsom Prison Blues," "Hound Dog" and more. This thrilling musical brings you inside the recording studio with four major talents for one unforgettable night. Don't miss out! *\$115.00 per person includes deluxe round trip motorcoach transportation, a fabulous two entrée lunch at Soprano's Restaurant and your show ticket. Departs at 9:30am ~ Returns at approximately 7:00pm.*

## ***Shipshewana Flea Market*** **Tuesday, June 5th thru Wednesday, June 6th, 2012**

Shipshewana, IN is the home of the Midwest's Largest Flea Market! You can find hundreds of vendors selling everything from fresh fruit to handcrafted furniture. The small community comes alive with travelers from all over. Enjoy the Flea Market, or the antique shops and auto museum. Take a buggy ride or tour the Amish countryside on a buckboard. Don't leave without experiencing home-style Amish cooking. Come fall under the spell of one of the most charming Inns in Indiana, enhanced by the beautiful rural landscape and quaint country shops. *\$169.00 per person based on double occupancy. Includes: round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, (1) one night lodging, continental breakfast and baggage handling. Departs Tuesday, June 5th at 6:30am ~ Returns at approximately 7:00pm on Wednesday, June 6th, 2012.*



## ***Celebration Belle~Big Band Cruise*** **Thursday, June 14th, 2012**



Take the ever popular 4-hour Big Band Cruise and let the Celebration Band carry you back in time to those wonderful sounds of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and the Jack Morgan Orchestra. Sit back and relax or put on your dancing shoes, either way you are guaranteed to enjoy the cruise as well as the entertainment. You will get the Celebration Belles famous homemade sticky rolls and fruit when departing the dock, and later enjoy the two entrée lunch buffet, as well as an afternoon snack. *\$99.00 per person. Includes: round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, event fees, and lunch. Departs at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 7:00pm.*

## ***Architectural River Cruise & Bubba Gump Lunch*** **Tuesday, July 10th, 2012**

*"Without question the best architectural tour available in Chicago: witty, informative, engaging."~The Chicago Sun Times.* Join us as we travel both branches of the Chicago River and learn why Chicago is considered to be the birthplace of the skyscraper. Virtually every major architect has a signature building here. Our professional guide will tell us how and why the flow of the Chicago River was reversed, how the Chicago Fire impacted the skyline we see today and teach us about the varying types of architecture that create the unmistakable skyline of Chicago. While on our cruise we will be treated to Starbucks Coffee, soft drinks and fresh baked muffins and cookies. After the cruise we will have lunch at historic Navy Pier at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. and spend a little time on our own before heading back to Rockford. *\$89.00 per person includes deluxe motorcoach transportation, cruise and lunch. Departs at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 6:00pm.*



## ***Branson on the Road at Circa 21***

**Tuesday, July 17th, 2012**

What do you get when you bring together a fiddle, mandolin, banjo, guitar, upright slap bass, rhinestone costumes, hilarious comedy and great classic country, bluegrass, rockabilly and gospel music...Branson On The Road! Branson On The Road has over 20 years of experience performing at the top theatres in Branson on the famous Route 76 Country Music Boulevard (known as "The Strip"), and is the first national touring show named for the famous city. The show delivers the Branson traditions of good, clean, family fun wherever they go...and they go all over the US and beyond! Young and old cheer for more at the end of every performance. You'll leave with a smile on your face while humming a tune under your breath. Once you have seen Branson On The Road® you will come back again and again. *\$89.00 per person includes deluxe round trip motorcoach transportation, lunch & event fees. Departs at 9:00am ~ Returns at approximately 6:00pm.*



## ***Eli's Cheesecake Factory Tour & Skyline Cruise***

**Tuesday, August 7th, 2012**



**Sign up early, this trip sells out every year after year!!** We will start off with a guided tour of Eli's Cheesecake Factory followed by a delicious lunch at Eli's Cheesecake Café. Guess what's for desert?.....**Cheesecake!!** THEN we are off to the Chicago Riverfront where we will board our Mercury Skyline boat and join your guide for a 90 minute voyage on the Chicago River thru the lock and out onto the lakefront. You will see all of Chicago's tallest buildings so don't forget your camera! Marvel at Chicago's skyscrapers and bridges as the boat glides smoothly along the main & south branches of the Chicago River as well as the north & south harbor skylines of Lake Michigan. Our knowledgeable tour guide will provide insightful & fun commentary of more than 82 significant architectural structures and bridges. *\$65.00 per person includes round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, event tickets, cruise & lunch at the Cheesecake Café. Departs at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 6:00pm.*

## ***Niagara Falls, Frankenmuth & Holland***

**Monday, August 20th thru Friday, August 24th, 2012**

**PASSPORT REQUIRED!!** Get ready to enjoy the many memorable attractions on this 4 night/ 5 day tour! Highlights include a visit to Michigan's little Bavarian town, **Frankenmuth**, with a stop at Bronner's Christmas Wonderland, North America's largest Christmas retail store. We will enjoy World Famous Frankenmuth Chicken for dinner & have time to shop! The next day we will cross over into Canada & discover Ontario's jewel attraction: **Niagara Falls**. On our guided city tour we will see the Floral Clock & beautiful gardens along the Niagara Parkway, we will hear the history and learn about the geology of this famous gorge. Then we will get up close and personal with Mother Nature on the Maid of the Mist. We will feel the roar & thunder as it takes you right to the foot of the Horseshoe Falls! That evening we will dine atop the **Skylon Tower** with breathtaking 360 degree views of the Falls. We will also visit **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, voted the "prettiest town in Ontario" & enjoy a wine tasting & tour, then browse unique, one of a kind boutiques. On our way home we will stop in **Holland, Michigan** and enjoy the Captain's Feast on a 65' Victorian style paddle-wheel river boat as it cruises through beautiful Lake Macatawa and Lake Michigan. Your last day includes an adventurous & exciting guided sand dune buggy ride in **Saugatuck - Michigan's Arts Coast!** A 'must do' attraction for people of all ages! Hear about the flora and fauna as you travel the white sandy dunes surrounding gorgeous & sparkling Lake Michigan. *\$995.00 per person based on double occupancy. Includes: round trip deluxe motorcoach transportation, (4) four nights lodging in AAA 3-Diamond rated hotels, 4 (four) hotel breakfasts, 4 (four) dinners all inclusive, all event fees and baggage handling. Departs Monday, August 20th at 8:00am ~ Returns at approximately 9:00pm on Friday, August 24th, 2012.*





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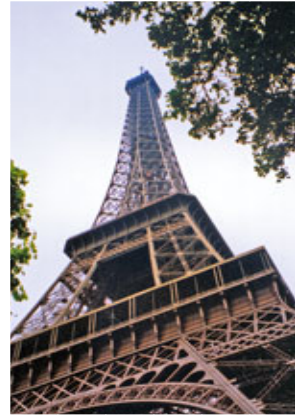
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| 09/10/12 ~ St. Louis/Cahokia Mounds (3 Days)  | 10/25/12 ~ Jewelry Fashion & Accessories Show    |
| 09/29/12 ~ Cranberry Festival, Warrens, WI    | 11/16/12 ~ Festival of Trees/Holiday Cruise      |
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