Memory Maker Vacations 2020-2021

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TO ALL THE FRIENDS WHO HAVE REQUESTED TO BE ON OUR MAILING LIST FOR OUR SPECIAL GROUP TOURS TO BETHEL AND OTHER DESTINATIONS FOR JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES.

ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL was established in 1967 as a full-service travel agency providing travel for corporations and individuals. Many of the Friends requested we arrange a Tour to Bethel in New York and to other destinations around the world on our **Memory Maker Vacations.**

In 1974 we began organizing Tours to visit Bethel from any city in the USA or Canada. Since then, thousands of Friends have enjoyed our Group Tours without the worry over where to stay or what to see. One of the highlights we try to arrange are meeting with the local Brothers wherever possible. Our Tours are not sponsored by the Society, and are privately arranged by Brothers and limited to Jehovah's Witnesses and their relatives.

In order to participate in one of our Tours, fill out the reservation form in the center of this brochure or on our website and enclose a check or money order for a deposit of $250.00 per person. All reservations are accepted on a first-come basis. We apologize that we were unable to accommodate everyone on all our Tour dates to Bethel and other Tours in 2019 as they sold out. To avoid disappointment, we suggest making reservations as soon as possible. If you are not interested in one of our Tours, please feel free to share this brochure with another Friend.

If you would like to plan an individual Tour or Cruise to any destination for the dates of your choice, you may contact our Leisure Department at 815-226-9900.

NOTE: The prices quoted for all Bethel Tours on Page 9 are for sample departure cities and the cost from your hometown may be the same or less. Let us know which city you prefer to depart from, then we will calculate the total cost for you. Your reservation must be received as soon as possible, as our allotment of rooms and seats sell out quickly. All balances are due three to five months prior to departure depending on the Tour you choose. Final balances will be explained in your confirmation letter. If you need to cancel, full refunds are made by the final payment date before the Tour departs less a handling fee of $50.00 per person. Included with your confirmation letter will be information on optional travel insurance so you can obtain a refund until departure day in case of illness. Prices are in effect as of October 1, 2019; however, all prices are subject to change due to any airfare increases. Additional information will be mailed to you with a written confirmation as soon as your reservation is received. If the Tour is full, you will be placed on a waiting list. You can also purchase a land-only package and make your own airline reservations to join any Tour. Be sure to inform our office of any change of address to ensure you will receive your Tour documents and our next brochure in December 2020. Thank you for your interest. We look forward to seeing you on one of our **Memory Maker Vacations.**

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World Headquarters at Warwick

BETHEL Tours

For the past **46** years, we have arranged Bethel Tour Vacations for thousands of Jehovah's Witnesses. All our Tours include a visit to the new World Headquarters in Warwick, the Educational Center at Patterson and the Printing Factory in Wallkill. Each Tour includes a sightseeing Tour of New York City plus the admission fee for a Biblical Tour at the Metropolitan Museum of Art given by Brothers from Oasis Tours. Traveling to New York is not easy, especially if you have never been there. For your comfort and safety, all Tours are escorted by pioneers who help you see the maximum of everything in the minimum amount of time. When touring, we use private motorcoaches with restrooms, as it is a two-hour drive to Wallkill and Patterson and there is no public transportation. Your Tour to Bethel will be most exciting and educational. For a video on Warwick, go to www.betheltourvacations.com and click on "Bethel Tours."

SELECT ONE OF THESE DATES FOR 2020:

NOW AVAILABLE (UNTIL SOLD OUT)
Please return the Reservation Form (in the middle of this booklet or from our website) as soon as possible.

(See Page 9 for prices and departure cities)

May 16 - 21
June 20 - 25
★ **July 17 - 26**
❖ **September 19 - 27**
October 10 - 15
October 17 - 22

★ **Our July 17 - 26 Tour** includes visiting Niagara Falls and the Watchtower Branch Office in Canada as described on page 10 of this brochure.

❖ **Our September 19 - 27 Tour** includes three additional days in Washington, D.C. On September 24, our private motorcoach will travel through the states of Delaware and Maryland to the Nation's Capital. Upon arrival in Washington, D.C., there will be a sightseeing Tour. On the following day you will visit the Holocaust Museum as described on page 8 of this brochure.

All Tours include airfare from any airport. If your city is not listed on page 9, please indicate your city on the reservation form. We will then calculate the cost from your home city. All groups fly into Newark Airport and stay at the Courtyard by Marriott Newark Elizabeth Hotel where our Tour Escort stays with you for the entire Tour. All New York Tours include breakfast daily plus two lunches except in Washington, D.C.

To make a reservation, fill out the form in the middle of this brochure or print one out from our website and include a deposit of $250.00 per person. Upon receipt of your deposit, a confirmation letter will be mailed to you informing you when your balance is due. The balance may be paid by charge card, check or money order and is due 95 days before departure. **NOTE:** Traveling to New York requires a lot of walking including stairs, and makes getting around difficult for the handicapped as wheelchairs are NOT always available. If you are handicapped, please indicate this on the reservation form. For a preview of Bethel, go to www.jw.org and watch the video "Caleb and Sophia visit Bethel."

New York City

BETHEL Tours

ITINERARY

SATURDAY

Illinois International Travel will arrange a round-trip flight from your hometown city to New York's Newark Airport. Upon arrival, you will be transferred by hotel shuttle service to the Courtyard by Marriott Newark Elizabeth Hotel. Here you will be able to meet Friends from many other parts of the country, including your Tour Escort who will review our Bethel Tour Vacation itinerary with you. Balance of the day will be free to do as you please.

Courtyard by Marriott Newark Elizabeth

SUNDAY

After enjoying a complimentary buffet breakfast at the hotel, you will depart on our private motorcoach, driving through the Lincoln Tunnel to Manhattan for a sightseeing Tour of New York City. Your Tour Escort will point out such sights as the Empire State Building, Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, 5th Avenue, the Garment District, Chinatown, Wall Street, Ground Zero, and much more. You will see how people who live in different cultures make this city one of the most unique in the world.

In the afternoon, there will be a Bible Tour arranged by Brothers from Oasis Tours in New York at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Before the Tour begins, there is time for an optional light lunch followed by a Tour highlighting many Biblical points. At 5:00 p.m., you will return to the hotel. One of New Jersey's largest indoor outlet malls with department stores, restaurants and a food court is located down the street from your hotel.

Metropolitan Museum of Art

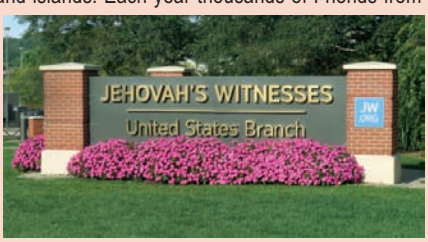
Wallkill Bethel

MONDAY

After breakfast, travel to Wallkill to visit the United States Branch Office of Jehovah's Witnesses to see the Printing Factory and Bethel Home. On your guided Tour, you will see the bindery line which is able to produce literature of over 50,000 printed pages per minute. In the shipping department, you will see how literature requests for over 13,000 congregations in the United States and Canada are processed each month on conveyors that are 1.5 miles long. See how literature is printed differently for those who are in prisons and for those who can only read Braille.

Wallkill Printery

After the Tour, you will have time to enjoy your included box lunch before the one-hour drive to the Watchtower Educational Center in Patterson where over 1,100 Brothers and Sisters live and work. This is also where the Watchtower Bible School of Gilead and other schools are held. Since its beginning, the Gilead School has sent more than 9,500 missionaries to over 200 lands and islands. Each year thousands of Friends from around the world travel to New York and Wallkill to visit the Factory and printing facilities (See WT 12/1/05, p. 8 and 7/7/09, p15).



Patterson

The Patterson auditorium seats 1,700 for the Gilead graduation, the Bethel Family Watchtower Study and other special programs. Branch committee members from around the world also gather here for an eight-week course designed to unify the work of the Branch Offices.

Patterson Courtyard

You will see displays from the art department where artists create paintings for many publications and is the place to have your picture taken with Caleb and Sophia. The audio-video services department, including www.jw.org, produces video programs for conventions and dramas including the translations of literature into American Sign Language. There are also legal and writing correspondence departments. The service department answers letters from congregations and individuals. The translation services department works with over 2,000 translators around the world to help produce Bible literature in over 900 languages.

See the large dining room, kitchen, and laundry facilities. Throughout the Tour, you will be amazed at this beautiful project including the courtyard and how it was completed mostly by volunteer workers. (See WT 11/15/99, p. 9) Following the Tour, you will return to the hotel. Balance of the evening will be free to do as you please.

Patterson Dining Room

TUESDAY

Today you will travel to Warwick to visit the new World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses. The Governing Body is located here, handling materials related to all the preaching activity worldwide. Under the direction of the writing committee, material is prepared here and forwarded to the branches around the world to be translated into different languages. (Go to www.betheltourvacations.com and click on "Bethel Tours - Tour #1" for a video on Warwick.)

World Headquarters at Warwick

There will be three self-guided Tours. One is "The Bible and the Divine Name" where you will see Bibles from the 15th century and learn the history of God's name. Another is called "A People for Jehovah's Name" including many artifacts and a visual history of our organization. The third is called "World Headquarters—Faith in Action" which is an interactive museum explaining the work of the Governing Body committees. (Go to www.jw.org and click on "Jehovah's Witnesses Home Page" and scroll down to "About Us - Offices and Tours" and then continue to "Download a Brochure" for three beautiful eight-page brochures on Warwick, Wallkill and Patterson.) At noon, you can enjoy your included box lunch and then travel into Manhattan where the balance of the day and evening will be at leisure. Your Tour Escort will have some ideas on what to see and do in Manhattan. You may want to take an optional boat cruise to see the Statue of Liberty and view all the Society's former buildings from the boat as you pass under the Brooklyn Bridge. At 5:00 p.m. you have the option of returning to the hotel or remaining in Manhattan to do as you please. Your Tour Escort will explain how easy it is to return to the hotel.

WEDNESDAY

Today, enjoy breakfast at your leisure as the entire day is free to enjoy New York City. You can go to the top of the Empire State Building, visit Chinatown, Times Square or Macy's Department Store. In addition, there is a wide variety of restaurants and museums. You can take in an afternoon matinee or evening musical at a Broadway theater. Be sure to try some New York cheesecake and pizza.

Empire State Building

Each of our Memory Maker Bethel Tours includes round-trip airfare with all transportation and reservations to visit Warwick, Patterson and Wallkill to see how Bethelites of all ages enjoy working, eating, and studying together. All New York Tours include your hotel, breakfast daily, two box lunches, sightseeing, and admission tickets for a Biblical Tour at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. You will also have a Tour Escort from the time you arrive New York, until the day you depart.

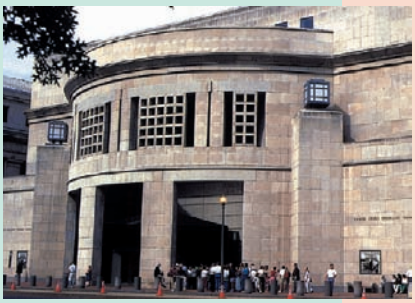
THURSDAY

Following breakfast this morning, depending on which Tour date you prefer, you will either return to your hometown or continue on the motorcoach on September 24 to Washington, D.C. In the afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing Tour to view the United States Capitol Building, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, Washington Monument, Smithsonian, and the White House. Later check in at the beautiful Marriott Georgetown Hotel located in the center of Washington near all the major attractions and shopping. Balance of the day is at leisure.

Marriott Georgetown

FRIDAY

This morning everyone will visit the Holocaust Museum where you can spend as much time as you please. The museum is dedicated to the story of the multitude of people persecuted by the Nazis. In the resource center there are documents and interviews with Jehovah's Witnesses who were victims of Nazi rule. (For more information on the Holocaust Museum see Awake, 3/8/05, p. 16 and 11/8/93, p. 16) Balance of the day is free.



Holocaust Museum

SATURDAY

Entire day free to visit the United States Capitol Building, White House, Bureau of Engraving and Printing of money, Washington Monument, Library of Congress, National Archives, Museum of American History, the Smithsonian, Air and Space Museum, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial and many other points of interest. All attractions are free of charge. Nearby is the historic town of old Alexandria on the Potomac River.

SUNDAY

This morning, everyone will be transferred to the Washington Reagan Airport for your return flight home with many Bethel Tour Vacation memories.

2020 TOUR DATES TO NEW YORK

NOW AVAILABLE (UNTIL SOLD OUT)

May 16 - 21
June 20 - 25
★ July 17 - 26
❖ September 19 - 27
October 10 - 15
October 17 - 22

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❖ Our September 19 - 27 Tour date includes three additional days in Washington D.C. On the morning of September 24 our private motorcoach will travel through the states of Delaware and Maryland to the Nation's Capital. Upon arrival, there will be a sightseeing Tour and on the following day you will visit the Holocaust Museum.

NOTE: You can travel to New York on any of the above dates from any departure city listed on the next page or from any other major airport near your hometown. Please indicate the city and departure date you prefer on the reservation form. (TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT, YOU MUST BOOK EARLY AS THESE TOURS SELL OUT VERY QUICKLY EACH YEAR.)

DEPARTURE CITIES TO NEW YORK FOR 2020

(THE FIRST PRICE IS FOR THE TOUR TO NEW YORK ONLY. THE SECOND PRICE INCLUDES THE ADDITIONAL TOUR TO WASHINGTON, D.C.)

Atlanta, GA	$1359 / $1819	Milwaukee, WI	$1499 / $1899
Austin, TX	$1579 / $1989	Minneapolis, MN	$1389 / $1829
Baton Rouge, LA	$1489 / $1909	Missoula, MT	$1739 / $2089
Billings, MT	$1739 / $2079	Nashville, TN	$1449 / $1869
Birmingham, AL	$1439 / $1939	New Orleans, LA	$1449 / $1879
Boise, ID	$1739 / $2099	Oklahoma City, OK	$1449 / $1909
Bozeman, MT	$1739 / $2089	Omaha, NE	$1499 / $1899
Charlotte, NC	$1339 / $1769	Ontario, CA	$1689 / $2089
Chicago, IL	$1339 / $1789	Orange County, CA	$1689 / $2079
Colorado Springs, CO	$1539 / $2009	Orlando, FL	$1439 / $1829
Columbus, OH	$1529 / $1939	Phoenix, AZ	$1519 / $1929
Dallas, TX	$1569 / $1979	Portland, OR	$1719 / $2059
Denver, CO	$1489 / $1919	Raleigh, NC	$1289 / $1749
Des Moines, IA	$1399 / $1879	Reno, NV	$1719 / $2089
Detroit, MI	$1339 / $1779	Sacramento, CA	$1789 / $2079
El Paso, TX	$1619 / $2019	Salt Lake City, UT	$1689 / $2069
Eugene, OR	$1739 / $2079	San Antonio, TX	$1619 / $2009
Fresno, CA	$1789 / $2039	San Diego, CA	$1739 / $2029
Ft. Myers, FL	$1439 / $1769	San Francisco, CA	$1739 / $2019
Houston, TX	$1579 / $1989	San Jose, CA	$1789 / $2119
Indianapolis, IN	$1439 / $1839	Seattle, WA	$1719 / $2049
Kansas City, MO	$1379 / $1849	Sioux Falls, SD	$1439 / $1929
Las Vegas, NV	$1659 / $1999	South Bend, IN	$1419 / $1859
Little Rock, AR	$1499 / $1919	Spokane, WA	$1789 / $2079
Los Angeles, CA	$1639 / $1999	Springfield, MO	$1469 / $1969
Louisville, KY	$1579 / $1899	St. Louis, MO	$1489 / $1889
Medford, OR	$1739 / $2139	Tampa, FL	$1439 / $1769
Memphis, TN	$1469 / $1899	Tucson, AZ	$1579 / $2019
Miami, FL	$1439 / $1829	Wichita, KS	$1459 / $1969

If your city is not listed, please let us know which city you would like to fly from, and we will determine the total cost from your hometown. NOTE: If you prefer a single room, you can pay a supplement of $389 for the New York Bethel Tour only. The additional cost is $659 for the New York and Washington, D.C. Tour.

All rates are per person based on two persons sharing a room. SPECIAL SAVINGS: you may deduct $200 from the above prices for anyone under 18 years of age rooming with two other persons.

ALL BETHEL TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- ★ Round-trip airfare from any departure city to Newark Airport
- ★ All hotel accommodations
- ★ Sightseeing Tour of New York City
- ★ Admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- ★ Buffet breakfast daily at the Newark Courtyard Hotel
- ★ All transportation to Warwick, Patterson, and Wallkill
- ★ Box lunches provided on Monday and Tuesday
- ★ Services of an experienced Tour Escort in New York

WASHINGTON, D.C. EXTENSION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ Private motorcoach from New York to Washington, D.C.
- ★ Hotel accommodations at the Washington Marriott Georgetown
- ★ Sightseeing Tour of Washington, D.C.
- ★ Tour of the Holocaust Museum
- ★ Services of an experienced Tour Escort in Washington, D.C.

JULY 17 - 26, 2020

BETHEL Tour TO NEW YORK & CANADA Plus NIAGARA FALLS

TOUR #2

This Tour includes visiting the new World Headquarters at Warwick, plus Patterson and Wallkill and spending two nights at Niagara Falls in Canada. In addition, you will also visit the Canadian Branch Office and stay two nights in Toronto, Canada, before flying back to your hometown, instead of spending another full day traveling back to New York.

Fri., Jul. 17 Illinois International Travel will arrange a flight from your city to New York's Newark Airport. Then transfer by hotel shuttle service to the Courtyard by Marriott Newark Elizabeth Hotel where you will meet Friends from many other parts of the country. Balance of the day will be free to do as you please.

Sat., Jul. 18 Buffet breakfast is included at the hotel, followed by a sightseeing Tour of New York City. Your Tour Escort will point out such sights as the Empire State Building, Times Square, 5th Avenue, Central Park, Wall Street, Ground Zero, and more. In the afternoon there will be an interesting Bible Tour given by Brothers from Oasis Tours in New York at the Metropolitan Museum of Art located by Central Park. Before the Tour begins, there is time for you to enjoy an optional light lunch followed by an encouraging Tour highlighting many Biblical points. At 5:00 p.m., you will return to the hotel. One of New Jersey's largest indoor outlet malls with department stores, restaurants, and a food court is located down the street from your hotel.

Sun., Jul. 19 Entire day and evening free to enjoy New York City. Go to the top of the Empire State Building, visit Times Square, Macy's Department Store or take in a live performance at a Broadway theater.

Mon., Jul. 20 This morning visit the new World Headquarters of Jehovah's Witnesses in Warwick where the work for over 100 Branch Offices is coordinated. This is the home of the Governing Body which handles all the materials related to the preaching activity worldwide. There will be three separate (self-guided) Tours. One called, "World Headquarters-Faith in Action." (See page 5 and 6 for more details on visiting Bethel.) After the Tours, enjoy your included box lunch before traveling into Manhattan. The balance of the day and evening will be at leisure. You may want to take an optional boat cruise to see the Statue of Liberty and view all the Society's former buildings from the boat as you pass under the Brooklyn Bridge. At 5:00 p.m. you have the option of returning to the hotel or remaining in Manhattan to do as you please.

Tue., Jul. 21 This morning everyone will check out of the hotel and travel to Patterson to Tour the Educational Center and then to Wallkill for a Tour of the Printing Factory, where we will pause to enjoy a box lunch. Following these two Tours, depart for Binghamton, NY and stay overnight at the Doubletree Hotel.

Wed., Jul. 22 After breakfast travel to Niagara Falls and stay two nights at the Sheraton on the Falls Hotel, Canada, overlooking the thundering Falls. Tonight, you may want to enjoy an optional group dinner at the top of the world famous revolving Skylon Tower for breathtaking views of the Falls and fireworks.

Thu., Jul. 23 Free day to visit the many attractions, as this is one of the top destinations in the world. There are several areas to view the Falls, or you can take an optional one-hour cruise for an exciting encounter at the Falls. You will feel the mist and the sight of water falling from above. This is a magnificent experience and a photographer's dream. Raincoats are provided. (See Awake, 7/8/01, p. 25) Tonight, you may want to attend a meeting at the local **Kingdom Hall.**

Sheraton at Niagara Falls

Fri., Jul. 24 Drive to the **Canadian Branch Office** to Tour the facilities and see the new press now printing five million magazines a week in 30 languages. A box lunch is included in the picnic area. (Go to **www.jw.org** and scroll down to "About us - Offices and Tours" and then continue to "Download a brochure" for a beautiful brochure on the Canadian Branch Office.) Later, check into the downtown Toronto Marriott Courtyard Hotel for two nights. Balance of the day at leisure for sightseeing or a walk to the largest indoor shopping mall in Canada.

Sat., Jul. 25 Free day to enjoy the optional Hop-on-Hop-off Trolley Tour of Toronto. See the museums, CN Tower, Casa Loma Castle, Toronto Zoo, St. Lawrence Marketplace and many other attractions. Your Tour Escort will have several suggestions on what to see and do in this exciting Canadian city.

Sun., Jul. 26 Depart to the Toronto Airport for the return flight to your hometown with many memories. Reserve NOW as this Tour sells out VERY QUICKLY each year. **(Please remember that everyone MUST have a PASSPORT for this Tour.)**

DEPARTURE CITIES TO NEW YORK & RETURN FROM CANADA

Atlanta, GA	$2099	Kansas City, MO	$2179	Orlando, FL	$2099
Austin, TX	$2199	Las Vegas, NV	$2169	Phoenix, AZ	$2249
Billings, MT	$2299	Little Rock, AR	$2199	Portland, OR	$2299
Birmingham, AL	$2199	Los Angeles, CA	$2299	Raleigh, NC	$2049
Boise, ID	$2299	Louisville, KY	$2249	Reno, NV	$2299
Charlotte, NC	$2049	Medford, OR	$2399	Sacramento, CA	$2399
Chicago, IL	$2099	Memphis, TN	$2199	Salt Lake City, UT	$2239
Columbus, OH	$2149	Miami, FL	$2099	San Antonio, TX	$2199
Dallas, TX	$2199	Milwaukee, WI	$2149	San Diego, CA	$2299
Denver, CO	$2199	Minneapolis, MN	$2149	San Francisco, CA	$2299
Des Moines, IA	$2199	Missoula, MT	$2299	Seattle, WA	$2299
Detroit, MI	$2079	Nashville, TN	$2119	Sioux Falls, SD	$2259
El Paso, TX	$2199	New Orleans, LA	$2129	Spokane, WA	$2399
Eugene, OR	$2360	Oklahoma City, OK	$2239	St. Louis, MO	$2199
Ft. Myers, FL	$2099	Omaha, NE	$2149	Tampa, FL	$2099
Houston, TX	$2199	Ontario, CA	$2349	Tucson, AZ	$2299
Indianapolis, IN	$2199	Orange County, CA	$2349	Wichita, KS	$2199

All rates are based on two persons sharing a room. If your city is not listed, please let us know which city you would like to fly from, and we will determine the total cost. NOTE: If you prefer a single room, you can pay a supplement of $699 in addition to the above prices for the entire Tour. SPECIAL SAVINGS: you may deduct $200 from the above prices for anyone under 18 years of age rooming with two other persons.

ALL BETHEL TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- ★ *Round-trip airfare, including all taxes*
- ★ *All hotel accommodations for entire Tour*
- ★ *Sightseeing Tour of New York City*
- ★ *Admission to the Metropolitan Museum of Art*
- ★ *Breakfast daily at the Courtyard by Marriott Newark Hotel*
- ★ *All transportation to Warwick, Patterson, Wallkill, and Canada*
- ★ *Three box lunches are included*
- ★ *Services of an experienced Tour Escort for the entire Tour*

Fall Foliage Cruise

New England / Canada

TOUR #3

This is the 16th year we are offering a Fall Foliage Cruise, featuring the brilliant colors of fall. This NINE-DAY cruise is on Royal Caribbean's "ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS." Experience a northeastern autumn when the trees are bright red and the warmth of the summer is still in the air. Make your own airline reservations to and from Newark, New Jersey or call our office for the cruise line airfare including round-trip transportation to the ship. Each evening separate dining tables are reserved for our group of Jehovah's Witnesses so you can get acquainted with Friends from around the country.

BOSTON…founded in 1630, is one of the country's oldest cities known for its rich history and historical sites. You may take a Boston trolley or harbor cruise; American Revolution Tour; driving Tour and harbor cruise in Cape Cod; stroll the Quincy Market then tour the New England Aquarium.

PORTLAND, MAINE…is a picturesque, historic city known for its spectacular rocky coastline with lighthouses dating back over 200 years. You can see Kennebunkport; or watch lobster men off-load their catches at the waterfront.

BAR HARBOR, MAINE…Enjoy a Lobster Boat experience; drive through the Acadia National Park; take a 27-mile coastal scenic drive to the top of Cadillac Mountain, the highest peak on the Eastern seaboard or try a lobster roll for lunch.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA…founded 250 years ago, noted for its history and charming waterfront. Browse the shops and many Titanic artifacts at the Maritime Museum. You may take a Tour to Peggy's Cove and Lighthouse, one of Canada's most photographed fishing villages.

SAINT JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK…located on the Bay of Fundy where every day it has both the highest and lowest tides in the world. Take a scenic Tour to St. Andrews to marvel at the natural wonders in Fundy National Park. You may even spot some whales and dolphins along the coastline.

DAY		PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sep. 24	Thursday	Cape Liberty, NJ (EWR)		3:00 p.m.
Sep. 25	Friday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Sep. 26	Saturday	Boston, Massachusetts	7:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Sep. 27	Sunday	Portland, Maine	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Sep. 28	Monday	Bar Harbor, Maine	7:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Sep. 29	Tuesday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Sep. 30	Wednesday	Halifax, Nova Scotia	7:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	Thursday	Saint John, NB (Bay of Fundy)	9:45 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
Oct. 2	Friday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Oct. 3	Saturday	Cape Liberty, NJ (EWR)	9:00 a.m.	

CRUISE ONLY INCLUDES: All onboard meals, plenty of activities and live Broadway shows. You can choose either an Interior cabin without a window or an Oceanview cabin with a picture window. All Balcony cabins have a private balcony overlooking the ocean so you can sit outside and enjoy a morning coffee and a beautiful evening sunset.

PRICE	DESCRIPTION OF CABIN
$1149	Interior Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed
$1249	Oceanview Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed
$1449	Balcony Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed

All prices are per person based on two people sharing a cabin including ALL GOVERNMENT FEES AND TAXES. Make your reservation NOW as this cruise sells out every time we offer it. ***(PASSPORT IS REQUIRED)***

Southern Caribbean Cruise

- PUERTO RICO
- ST. THOMAS
- ST. KITTS
- ANTIGUA
- ST. LUCIA
- BARBADOS

TOUR #4

FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 7, 2021

Each year Friends from everywhere enjoy sailing from San Juan, Puerto Rico in warm weather to the heart of the tropics. Fly from your hometown to SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO to board Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines "FREEDOM OF THE SEAS" and visit the popular islands. This ship is longer than three football fields, with three swimming pools, an ice-skating rink, a rock-climbing wall and a large outdoor movie screen where you can watch movies under the stars. Optional Tours will be available on each of the islands. Make your own airline reservations to San Juan or call our office for the cruise line airfare including round-trip transportation to the ship. Just the food and entertainment alone are worth the price of this cruise and is a great time to get away from the cold weather! (Google: www.betheltourvacations.com and click on So. Caribbean Cruise for a video of the cruise.)

Feb. 28 Board the ship anytime as departure from San Juan is 8:00 p.m. There will be separate dining room tables reserved for our group of Jehovah's Witnesses, so you can meet Friends from around the country.

Mar. 1 Today it's CHARLOTTE AMALIE, ST. THOMAS, a beautiful island with great buys on jewelry, perfumes and cameras. Tour the island, go snorkeling or horseback riding.

Mar. 2 This morning arrive in BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS and NEVIS, known for its sandy beaches and gorgeous green hills. Go ziplining or take one of the most beautiful train rides in the world to learn the history of the island while listening to island music.

Mar. 3 Today's highlight is ST. JOHNS, ANTIGUA in the Leeward Islands, with 365 different beaches. Take a historical Tour to visit the ancient ruins and Nelson's Dockyard filled with shops, museums and art galleries. Tonight, there will be a special dinner and Broadway musical performance in the showroom.

Mar. 4 Full day in CASTRIS, ST. LUCIA to tour the island, see banana plantations and the Pitons, the famous twin peaks with their sheer cliffs. Shop for bargains on jewelry.

Mar. 5 Arrive in BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS, a British Commonwealth island with colonial architecture. Visit cotton fields and sugar cane plantations when touring the island. Tour the Coconut Rum Distillery or have afternoon tea in true British tradition.

Mar. 6 "Fun Day at Sea" with plenty of shipboard activities, or just relax, swim, read or watch a movie. Dress up for a "Farewell" Banquet as the chefs prepare a surprise dinner.

Mar. 7 Arrive back in SAN JUAN this morning to board your return flight home.

SHIPS ITINERARY		PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Feb. 28	Sunday	San Juan		8:30 p.m.
Mar. 1	Monday	St. Thomas	8:00 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
Mar. 2	Tuesday	St. Kitts & Nevis	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 3	Wednesday	Antigua	8:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
Mar. 4	Thursday	St. Lucia	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 5	Friday	Barbados	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 6	Saturday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Mar. 7	Sunday	San Juan	9:00 a.m.	

All the ship's activities will keep you busy including Broadway musicals and other entertainment. Each morning you'll wake up to sunny Caribbean days gazing at an emerald island and a blue sapphire sea. Don't miss this inexpensive cruise!

CRUISE ONLY INCLUDES: All onboard meals, which means no food to buy for a week and your choice of an Interior cabin without a window or an Oceanview cabin with a picture window. All Balcony cabins have a private balcony overlooking the ocean, so you can sit outside and enjoy a morning coffee and a beautiful sunset.

PRICE	DESCRIPTION OF CABIN
$ 899	Interior Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed
$ 999	Oceanview Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed
$1099	Balcony Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed

Above prices are per person from San Juan based on two people sharing a cabin including ALL TAXES AND GOVERNMENT FEES. Make reservations NOW as space is limited at these reduced rates. ***(PASSPORT IS REQUIRED)***

Mediterranean & Greek Isles CRUISE

TOUR #5

- SANTORINI
- EPHESUS
- MYKONOS
- FLORENCE
- NAPLES
- AMALFI COAST

AUGUST 8 - 16, 2020

This exciting cruise is on Royal Caribbean's "EXPLORER OF THE SEAS." Imagine sailing in warm weather from Rome, Italy to the lovely Greek Island of Santorini and then to Ephesus (Kusadasi), Turkey. Next, you will explore the island of Mykonos, also known as the "Venice of Greece." The beauty of the Amalfi Coast appears as you arrive in Naples, Italy. There will be optional Tours at each port. You will walk in ancient cities on a volcano and in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. Each port had at least 2,000 years to prepare for your visit, so you won't be disappointed. On board the ship you will enjoy the two-level dining room and multiple restaurants featuring Asian, Italian, and a Steak House. Even the glass elevators look out on the sea. On board there is a shopping galleria, mini golf course, rock climbing wall, fitness center plus two swimming pools and hot tubs. Don't forget to take in a movie one evening at the outdoor theater under the stars.

Aug. 8 Fly overnight from your hometown to Rome, Italy. Enjoy dinner, in-flight entertainment and some rest as you cross the Atlantic Ocean.

Aug. 9 Upon arrival in Rome, you will be transferred to the cruise ship in Civitavecchia departing at 5:00 p.m. Tonight, there will be a "Welcome Dinner" with separate dining room tables reserved just for our group of Jehovah's Witnesses so you can meet Friends from various parts of the country.

Aug. 10 A "Fun Day at Sea." Enjoy the warm weather around the swimming pool or Solarium. Browse through the ship's shops and watch a professional ice skating show.

Santorini

Aug. 11 Be on deck as you approach the most unusual island of SANTORINI, GREECE. It's hard to describe the sensation you get when you first see this breathtaking island situated on a high cliff and sitting on the rim of an ancient volcano which erupted in 1600 B.C. The town with its narrow walking streets can be reached only by cable car or on an exciting donkey ride. It is one of the most photographed islands in the world. (Awake 9/8/00 p. 16)

Aug. 12 An exciting day as you visit EPHESUS, TURKEY and the Temple of Artemis that was declared one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. (See WT, 5/1/05, p. 30) You can stroll down the marble streets where chariots left their mark. See the library, the Agora and sit in the outdoor theater that could seat 25,000 spectators. History comes to life as you follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul down the marble streets where chariots left their mark.

Aug. 13 This morning you will arrive at the picturesque island of MYKONOS, GREECE. It is known for its unique landscape with windmills, quaint narrow alleyways, whitewashed houses, and often called the "Venice of Greece." You'll enjoy its famous sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters visited by many artists and celebrities from around the world. Tonight, enjoy a Broadway Musical performance.

Aug. 14 Sleep in and have breakfast in bed or be up at the crack of dawn to enjoy the beautiful blue Mediterranean Sea. The entire day is free to relax and enjoy all the fun activities onboard the ship. Tonight, the chefs have prepared a surprise dinner with entertainment that you will surely enjoy.

Aug. 15 Arrive NAPLES, ITALY. Take an optional Tour along the cliffs of the Amalfi Coast along Italy's most scenic stretch of coastline! You may also visit Pompeii where ancient Romans lived and where 20,000 lives were lost under the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. You will see many buildings where people were buried alive. Or you can take a boat ride to the beautiful Isle of Capri to see the Blue Grotto in an underground cave.

Amalfi Coast

Aug. 16 Arrive back in Civitavecchia where you will then be transferred from the ship to the Rome airport for the return flight back to your hometown city.

SHIPS ITINERARY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Aug. 8 Saturday	Fly to Rome, Italy		
Aug. 9 Sunday	Civitavecchia, Italy		5:00 p.m.
Aug. 10 Monday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Aug. 11 Tuesday	Santorini, Greece	1:00 p.m.	11:00 p.m.
Aug. 12 Wednesday	Ephesus, Turkey	9:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 13 Thursday	Mykonos, Greece	6:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 14 Friday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Aug. 15 Saturday	Naples, Italy	7:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 16 Sunday	Rome, Italy	9:00 a.m.	

CRUISE ONLY INCLUDES: All on board meals and entertainment. All Interior cabins have a Virtual Balcony which is a high-definition screen with a built-in camera providing actual moving views of the ocean and surrounding areas. You may also choose an Oceanview cabin or Balcony cabin which has a private patio overlooking the scenery, where you can sit outside and enjoy a morning coffee or a beautiful sunset. (You can make your own arrangements to Rome, Italy or call our office for the cruise line airfare from any USA or Canadian city including round-trip transportation to the ship. Depending on your departure city, the approximate round-trip airfare to Rome is $1000-$1500.)

PRICE	DESCRIPTION OF CABIN
$1199	Interior Cabin with Virtual Balcony/Two beds or one king size bed
$1299	Oceanview Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed
$1499	Balcony Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed

Prices are per person for the cruise only from Rome based on two people sharing a cabin including ALL GOVERNMENT FEES AND TAXES. ***(PASSPORT IS REQUIRED)***

One of the largest ships sailing from Seattle to Alaska is Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines "OVATION OF THE SEAS" with 18 decks. There is more wildlife than people—bears, eagles, whales and porpoises to name a few. See glaciers, fjords, and snowcapped mountains. Your ship is like a floating hotel with breakfast, lunch, and dinner included. Each day is filled with gourmet dining, Broadway shows and activities including RipCord by iFLY, the only at sea skydiving experience; North Star Observation capsule suspended 300 feet above the sea; a rock-climbing wall; and FlowRider Surf Simulator. A travel talk will be given on the glaciers and at each port including the optional Tours. Make your own airline reservations to Seattle, Washington or call our office for the cruise line airfare including round-trip transportation to the ship. Just the food, activities and entertainment alone are worth the price of this spectacular Alaskan Cruise! (Due to the short sailing season, our allotment of cabins at our special group rates for the Friends are sold out very quickly each year, so make reservations early.)

Aug. 21 Fly or drive from any USA or Canadian city to SEATTLE, Washington. Boarding begins at noon and at 4:00 p.m., your ship begins its journey for views of glaciers, mountains, waterfalls, and wildlife. Tonight, separate dining room tables are reserved for our group of Jehovah's Witnesses, so you can get acquainted with other Friends from various parts of the country.

Aug. 22 Today is a "Fun Day at Sea" to enjoy the various activities onboard the ship. See how nature has outdone itself as you cruise the Inside Passage noted for humpback whales, porpoises, eagles, black bears, and sea lions. Tonight, is a dress-up or more formal evening followed by a Broadway musical show.

Aug. 23 Sailing through the ALASKA INSIDE PASSAGE you'll enjoy 360° views of the Alexander Archipelago from the comfort of the ship. Arrive in the capital city of JUNEAU, known for its historic downtown district and surrounded by water, steep mountainsides, and glaciers. The only way to reach Juneau is by water or air. The famous 13-mile long Mendenhall Glacier is located here. You can walk up to the glacier or take a helicopter ride and land to actually walk on top of the glacier. You can even go dog sledding.

Aug. 24 The entire day is in charming SKAGWAY, Alaska, an old gold rush town where the streets will take you back over 100 years. Today wooden sidewalks, old-fashioned saloons and gift shops are reminders of the Alaskan Gold Rush days. You can take a train ride on one of the most scenic railway rides in the world to the top of the mountain where you will see a variety of wildlife and waterfalls.

Aug. 25 This morning you'll experience a spectacular sight as you drift through the 30-mile journey to the Endicott Arm Fjord with front-row views of Dawes Glacier. You'll see waterfalls and massive glaciers that are more than

Mendenhall Glacier

you even imagined. Huge ice chunks, as big as a city block and as tall as a three-story building, often fall into the sea. This is called calving and is why this thrilling cruise itinerary is rated #1 in Alaska! (Google: www.betheltourvacations.com and click on "Alaskan Cruise" for videos on the glaciers)

Aug. 26 A "Fun Day at Sea" to enjoy all the fun activities including a live Broadway performance in the showroom. Tonight is another dress up evening, as the chefs have prepared a surprise dinner with singing waiters.

Aug. 27 Today, we dock in the beautiful city of VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA in Canada. Visit Craigdarroch Castle and Chinatown or have Afternoon Tea at the world-famous Fairmont Empress Hotel. The entire day is free to walk around the city and its beautiful waterfront. Be sure to visit the world famous Butchart Gardens. At 6:00 p.m. the ship departs to Seattle.

Butchart Gardens

Aug. 28 Arrive SEATTLE, Washington and transfer to the airport for your return flight home. You have now seen some awesome nature at its best!

SHIPS ITINERARY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Aug. 21 Friday	Seattle, Washington	4:00 p.m.	
Aug. 22 Saturday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Aug. 23 Sunday	Alaska Inside Passage (Cruising)		
Aug. 23 Sunday	Juneau, Alaska	12:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
Aug. 24 Monday	Skagway, Alaska	7:00 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
Aug. 25 Tuesday	Endicott Arm Fjord & Dawes Glacier	7:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Aug. 26 Wednesday	"Fun Day at Sea"		
Aug. 27 Thursday	Victoria, BC Canada	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Aug. 28 Friday	Seattle, Washington	9:00 a.m.	

CRUISE ONLY INCLUDES: All on board meals and entertainment. All Interior cabins have a Virtual Balcony which is a high-definition screen with a built-in camera providing actual moving views of the ocean and surrounding areas. You may also choose an Oceanview cabin or a Balcony cabin which has a private patio overlooking the scenery, where you can sit outside and enjoy a morning coffee or a beautiful sunset while watching for wildlife. Round-trip transportation to the cruise ship is $55 per person or you can make your own arrangements to and from the ship.

PRICE	DESCRIPTION OF CABIN
$1349	Interior Cabin with Virtual Balcony/One or two beds
$1549	Oceanview Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed
$1949	Balcony Cabin/Two beds or one king size bed

Above prices are per person for the cruise only from Seattle based on two people sharing a cabin including ALL GOVERNMENT FEES AND TAXES. Since this is a very popular cruise, all cabins are on a space-available basis only. Make reservations NOW to avoid being placed on a waiting list, as our last cruise was sold out months in advance. ***(PASSPORT IS REQUIRED)***

Italy REDISCOVERED

OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 14, 2020

- Rome
- Pompeii
- Sorrento
- Isle of Capri
- Assisi
- Perugia
- Venice
- Milan
- Lake Como
- Pisa
- Florence
- San Gimignano

TOUR #7

This is our 23rd year escorting Friends to Italy. If you are looking for a complete Italian Tour, this 14-DAY itinerary is the best we have ever offered. Imagine traveling all throughout Italy, experiencing 2,000 years of history along with the mountains, lakes and countryside filled with olive groves, vineyards and a Tour of the Rome Bethel Home. There will be plenty of time to taste Italian cuisine, wines and gelato along with shopping in elegant boutiques. You will be amazed how our Tour Escort will give you many details regarding the Biblical history of this ancient country. On this Tour, you will eat and feel like an Italian! Our Italian Tours always sell out months in advance, we suggest making your reservations NOW to avoid disappointment.

Sat., Oct. 31 Depending on your departure city, everyone will fly overnight on various flights to ROME. Enjoy dinner and inflight entertainment as you cross the Atlantic Ocean to one of the most exciting countries in Europe.

Sun., Nov. 1 Arrive ROME today and transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day is at your leisure. There will be a Welcome Reception and Dinner along with an evening orientation drive to view some of the sights of Roma. (Go to www.betheltourvacations.com and click on "Italy Rediscovered" for a video.)

Mon., Nov. 2 Today you will visit the VATICAN CITY (smallest country in the world, surrounded by Italy) seeing the Vatican Museum, and Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel with its famous frescoed ceiling. You will then walk through St. Peter's Square and Basilica, the largest church in Christendom, where you will be shown the "Divine Name" (Awake 7/8/01, p. 14). Next, cross the Tiber into Ancient Rome to visit the 2,000-year-old Colosseum and see the Circus Maximus. Rest of your day is free.

Sorrento

Tue., Nov. 3 Depart Rome to journey south to the well-preserved POMPEII ruins. You will walk the ancient paved roads of a city frozen in time after the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Later, arrive in the clifftop village of SORRENTO. Enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Wed., Nov. 4 This morning you will cross the Bay of Naples by ferry to the glamorous ISLE OF CAPRI. Have your camera ready! While in Capri town, you'll be guided past boutiques and pavement cafes. Try a slice of Torta Caprese before you head back to Sorrento.

Thu., Nov. 5 After breakfast you head north to the slopes of Mount Subasio and arrive in the mystical town of ASSISI. Visit the 12th-century grand castle fortress of Rocco Maggiore which is perched atop of a walled hilltop overlooking Assisi. Next travel to PERUGIA where you will have a local dinner at the hotel.

Fri., Nov. 6 After breakfast, you will visit a chocolate factory and enjoy a tasting. Journey through the glorious countryside of the Emilia Romagna region. This area is credited for tortellini, mortadella and parmigiano cheese. Arrive later in romantic VENICE, the Jewel of the Adriatic where you will enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Sat., Nov. 7 Wake up in one of the most remarkable cities in the world! This lovely city is filled with canals and gondolas and is the only city without cars, as there are more than 150 canals used as streets built on 114 islands in the sea. Gondolas and motorboats are used as taxis, making everyone simply fall in love with Venice. Cruise your way through Venice by private launch. You will visit a Murano glass-blowing workshop, then travel to St. Mark's Square where you will see the magnificent Doge's Palace with its famous Bridge of Sighs (Awake 507, p.23).

Sun., Nov. 8 Today cross the lush green Lombardy plains to sophisticated MILAN, Italy's capital of design and fashion. You'll enjoy an orientation Tour past the Gothic Duomo, La Scala Opera House and the famous Galleria. As you travel through Italy, sample the regional Italian specialties. Later we will enjoy an Italian dinner at the hotel.

Mon., Nov. 9 Travel to the glistening blue water of LAKE COMO. Explore the charming Como old town. Indulge in the delicious gelato of the area. Free time to enjoy the lake then travel back to Milan for the night.

Tue., Nov. 10 Tuscany lures us across the forested Apennine Mountains, past the Carrara marble quarries to PISA and its Square of Miracles where you will view the Leaning Tower. Travel through the Chianti vineyards and olive groves to FLORENCE, the Cradle of the Renaissance.

Ponte Vecchio Shopping Bridge in Florence

Wed., Nov. 11 After breakfast, enjoy a walking Tour of this medieval town. You'll see many points of Biblical interest, including the architecture and history by Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci. Walk over the famous Ponte Vecchio Shopping Bridge and along the medieval streets to see the multicolored Duomo and Piazza della Signoria. Shop for Italian leather goods, jewelry, decorative plates and textiles. Dinner is included.

Thu., Nov. 12 Heading south, to visit the charming Tuscan hilltop town of SAN GIMIGNANO. The 13th-century city walls surround the thousand-year-old towers and the Piazza del Duomo forming an unforgettable skyline. Return to Rome.

Fri., Nov. 13 Following breakfast, this morning's highlight will be touring the **Rome Bethel Home** and strolling around the gardens seeing the unique model of Jerusalem. Rest of the day to shop, walk up the Spanish Steps or enjoy a slice of pizza. Gather for a Farewell Dinner.

Sat., Nov. 14 *"Arrivederci Roma"* as you are transferred to the airport for your return flight to the USA. As you can see, a lot of extras are included plus some surprises, making this a great trip that you won't want to miss!

YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:

- *Round-trip airfare to Italy*
- *Hotel accommodations*
- *All taxes and entrance fees*
- *All sightseeing per itinerary*
- *Breakfast daily plus seven dinners*
- *Experienced Tour Escort*

SAMPLE DEPARTURE CITIES

Atlanta	$4299	Houston	$4399	Orlando	$4399
Boston	$4199	Las Vegas	$4499	Philadelphia	$4199
Charlotte	$4199	Los Angeles	$4499	Phoenix	$4499
Chicago	$4299	Miami	$4299	Portland	$4499
Cleveland	$4399	Milwaukee	$4299	San Diego	$4499
Dallas	$4399	Minneapolis	$4399	San Francisco	$4499
Denver	$4399	New Orleans	$4399	Seattle	$4499
Detroit	$4299	New York	$4099	Washington, DC	$4199

Besides the above cities, you can depart from any other city in USA or Canada to Italy by indicating your preferred departure city on the reservation form. We will then inform you of the total cost from your hometown. All prices are per person based on two or three people in a room. If you prefer a single room, you can pay a supplement of ***$749****.* ***(PASSPORT IS REQUIRED)***

JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 4, 2021

Imagine arriving in an exotic country full of colorful unique flower markets and the delicious aromas of the street-side restaurants. Bangkok was built on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. During your free time, you may want to take a ride on a three-wheeled tuk-tuk (taxi). While in Bangkok, our group will go to the local Branch Office of Jehovah's Witnesses for a Tour. In Kanchanaburi, you will see Sampan boats full of products and food the locals are selling and then walk on the famous bridge over the River Kwai. Erawan National Park will be your next stop, one of the most famous Thai national parks. Arrive in Pattaya, along the Gulf of Thailand. Our group will take a speedboat to Coral Island and the next day visit an elephant jungle sanctuary. You will bring back many pictures and memories to share with your family and Friends.

Tue., Jan. 26 Everyone will depart from their hometown on connecting flights to Bangkok, Thailand. Enjoy dinner, in-flight entertainment and some rest.

Wed., Jan. 27 During the night, you will cross the International Date Line. Arrive BANGKOK and transfer to your hotel around midnight local time, check into your room to unpack, sleep and acclimate to your new time zone.

Thu., Jan. 28 Following breakfast, our Tour Escort will meet you in the lobby to give you timing for your "City of Angels" afternoon BANGKOK Tour. This is a fascinating city to drive through seeing Chinatown packed with hundreds of market stalls, street-side restaurants, and gold shops. Next, you will visit "Little India" with its bright hanging walls of glistening fabrics and the fragrant wholesale Flower Market. Visit serene Wat Po, home of Thailand's first center for public education and birthplace of Thai massage. Then you will drive along Royal Avenue, seeing most of the government offices along with the King's Palace. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure before our group meets for an orientation meeting followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Fri., Jan. 29 Today's highlight will be touring the **Thailand Branch Office.** The remainder of your day will be free. You may want to take the Grand Palace Tour to see Wat Phra Kaew (Temple of the Emerald Buddha) and the Grand Palace which consists of over a 100 brightly colored buildings with golden spires and glittering mosaics. This evening enjoy a dinner cruise on the Chao Phraya River.

Grand Palace

Sat., Jan. 30 Travel southwest to a Coconut Sugar Farm and then to the vibrant Damnoen Saduak Floating Market; you will observe how the ancient trading of wares is conducted between hundreds of local farmers and villagers while aboard small Sampan boats. From the floating market, continue to the quiet provincial capital of KANCHANABURI, with its stunning natural beauty and rivers. Take a stroll on the bridge over the River Kwai, one of the most famous rivers in the world. Tonight, you will enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Sun., Jan. 31 Today you are on your own to explore Kanchanaburi. You may want to take the Hellfire Pass and Death Railway Tour. The name of this Tour comes from Allied POWs forced to work day and night in the jungle to complete the bridge and railroad line using only simple tools. More than 12,000 soldiers and 80,000 Thais perished during the construction.

Mon., Feb. 1 Depart for the ERAWAN NATIONAL PARK (pictured above) where you will see the magnificent Erawan Falls with emerald green ponds. The top tier of the falls is said to resemble an elephant's head. Enjoy the scenery as you continue to PATTAYA. This resort city is on the East Coast of the Gulf of Thailand, with beautiful beaches and sparkling azure waters. Enjoy the rest of your day exploring Pattaya.

Tue., Feb. 2 After breakfast you will escape on a speedboat to the stunning coral Island of KOH LARN, brimming with an abundance of coral formations, underwater life and white sand beaches. Unwind on the beach or you may try some optional water sports including waterskiing, parasailing, or windsurfing. Our group will enjoy a local lunch, then the afternoon will be at your leisure.

Wed., Feb. 3 This is your last full day in Thailand. Early morning you will visit an elephant jungle sanctuary. Breakfast and lunch included along with the opportunity to interact with the elephants and feed them. Your afternoon is free back in Pattaya for shopping or do as you please before tonight's Farewell Dinner.

Thu., Feb. 4 You will be transferred to the Bangkok airport for your departure flight home. As you cross back over the International Date Line, look back on your photos of your exotic Thai adventure shared with new friends from around the country.

YOUR TOUR WILL INCLUDE:

- ***Round-trip airfare to Thailand and transfers***
- ***All sightseeing per itinerary***
- ***Hotel accommodations***
- ***All taxes and bellmen gratuities***
- ***Breakfast daily plus two lunches and four dinners***
- ***Experienced Tour Escort***

SAMPLE DEPARTURE CITIES

Atlanta	$3259	Houston	$2889	Orlando	$3259
Boston	$2889	Las Vegas	$2939	Philadelphia	$3039
Charlotte	$3259	Los Angeles	$2789	Phoenix	$2939
Chicago	$2969	Miami	$3259	Portland	$2909
Cleveland	$3139	Milwaukee	$3249	San Diego	$2889
Dallas	$2929	Minneapolis	$3249	San Francisco	$2789
Denver	$3099	New Orleans	$3259	Seattle	$2789
Detroit	$3249	New York	$2889	Washington, DC	$2889

Besides the above cities, you can depart from any other USA or Canadian city by indicating your preferred departure city on the reservation form. We will then inform you of the total cost from your hometown. All prices are per person based on two people in a room. If you prefer a single room, you can pay a supplement of only ***$449****.* ***(PASSPORT IS REQUIRED)***

Best of Europe

MARCH 10 - 21, 2021

- ENGLAND
- FRANCE
- SWITZERLAND
- ITALY

TOUR #9

If you have never been to Europe or would like to see more of it, then this is the Tour for you. You will be traveling with other Jehovah's Witnesses through four very different countries that speak various languages while visiting the most exciting cities in all of Europe. The Tour includes a Tour Escort who travels with you for the entire trip. This is the most comprehensive Tour available for the price. It's also the best time of the year to travel due to it being less crowded. Breakfast is included daily, plus four dinners.

Wed., Mar. 10 Everyone will fly overnight from any USA or Canadian city to LONDON, ENGLAND. Dinner will be served followed by an inflight entertainment as you begin one of our most popular Tours. (Due to this Tour selling out quickly each year, reserve now to avoid being placed on the waiting list!)

Thu., Mar. 11 Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel for three exciting nights in LONDON. Balance of the day is free to explore one of the most visited cities in the world. (See Awake, 10/06, p. 15) Tonight there will be a welcome get-together to meet all the Friends from various cities who will be traveling with you on this Tour and then enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Fri., Mar. 12 After breakfast, there will be a sightseeing Tour to see Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, and more. (See Awake 10/10, p. 17) The afternoon is free or visit the British Museum for an optional Biblical Tour that will be given by one of our Brothers from London.

Sat., Mar. 13 Since there is so much to see and do, the entire day is free. Take a ride on a double-decker bus to explore London or visit Harrods famous department store. Be sure to visit an English pub for some fish and chips and perhaps attend a live London play. Your Tour Escort will have suggestions on some of the other famous attractions and museums.

Sun., Mar. 14 Board our motorcoach for a scenic drive to the English Channel. Here you will admire the White Cliffs of Dover as you cross the channel by ferry to CALAIS, FRANCE and then on to PARIS, "The City of Lights," where you will stay for two nights in Europe's most romantic city. Later you will take a breathtaking cruise on the Seine River. Tonight, you will enjoy a "Welcome" drink and dinner.

Mon., Mar. 15 Today you will see the Arc de Triomphe, Champs-Élysées, Opera House, Notre-Dame Cathedral, the River Seine, and many other amazing landmarks. Your afternoon is free to shop, visit the Louvre to see the Mona Lisa, walk in the Latin Quarter or Le Marais neighborhood. Paris has some of the most famous perfumeries in the world.

Tue., Mar. 16 Depart Paris through the French wine-producing vineyards passing the Castle of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. You will then enter SWITZERLAND, known as one of the most beautiful countries in the world with its lakes, Swiss Chalets, and snowcapped Alps. Arrive LUCERENE for a Tour in one of the prettiest cities in Europe. Shop for Swiss watches, cuckoo clocks, and chocolates. Tonight, a Swiss dinner is included.

Wed., Mar. 17 Today, you will see the Swiss Alps and enjoy an optional cable car ride to the top before traveling to ITALY. The soaring mountain peaks and charming towns are simply breathtaking. See Chianti vineyards and olive groves as you begin to enter the romantic city of VENICE, built on 114 islands in the sea. This city of canals and gondolas is the only city in the world without cars with over 150 canals used as streets. Gondolas and motorboats are used as taxis, making everyone simply fall in love with Venice.

Thu., Mar. 18 Today enjoy a boat cruise on the canal followed by a walking Tour to St. Mark's Square and view the Bridge of Sighs and Doge's Palace. Later, you will have time to shop and observe the centuries-old craft of glassblowing. You can also take an optional gondola ride and be serenaded as you pass the palaces on the Grand Canal. (See Awake 5/07, p. 23 and 5/22/04, p.16) Next we will be crossing the Apennine Mountains to your hotel in the beautiful Renaissance city of FLORENCE.

Fri., Mar. 19 Enjoy a walking Tour of FLORENCE with its impressive sculptures. See Giotto's Bell Tower, Piazza della Signoria and the Ponte Vecchio shopping bridge that spans the Arno River. Shop for cameo jewelry, scarves and Italian leather goods such as gloves, shoes, and handbags. You will then travel through the countryside to ROME, the "Eternal City," that dates to the 1st Century A.D., where you will stay your last two nights in Europe.

Sat., Mar. 20 See the highlights of ROME known as the world's greatest outdoor Museum including St. Peter's Square and Basilica, the largest church in all of Christendom where you will see the "Divine Name" and Michelangelo's masterpiece, The Pieta. (Awake, 7/8/01, p. 14) Next, cross the River Tiber to see the Roman Forum and the famous Colosseum, built in 72 A.D. that was the site of ancient gladiatorial fights and Circus Maximus, where "Ben Hur" chariot races were once held. (Awake, 4/8/91, p. 24 and 7/8/01, p.14) Afternoon free for shopping, a cappuccino or pizza slice by the famous Spanish Steps or near the Trevi Fountain. Be sure to try an Italian gelato. (Awake 8/07, p. 15) Tonight there will be a special "Farewell Dinner" included.

Sun., Mar. 21 *"Arrivederci Roma"* as you are transferred to the Rome Airport for the return flight to your hometown city. Touring with Friends from other parts of the country is something you will enjoy as you have now seen the BEST OF EUROPE!

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