A Note From Lois

Central Bank Classic is such a fun way to meet new friends. Traveling with a group gives you amazing adventures; which you can share with each other during the trip and for many years to come.

Many ask me which trip is my favorite and I always say - they are all great - each time I meet a new group of people and each traveler brings so much to the table.

I just got back from South America and loved the warm weather they have during our winter time in Missouri. I loved it so much that I am offering a new tour - exploring more of Argentina and Chile including Patagonia which is so beautiful.

We have also added another trip to Kenya - the small group adventures always fill fast. Riding in a land cruiser and seeing the beautiful wild animals up close is an adventure you cannot miss.

American Queen just added a new river boat and so we have added the American Countess to our calendar in 2020. The best part of that trip is that the tour is all inclusive with hotels, tours, busing, tips, and 99% of the meals. We have chosen the Memphis to Chattanooga for the Civil War talks but also for the beautiful scenery on the river.

New Years Eve California Getaway is on the bucket list for so many - just to see the floats being made for the Tournament of Roses Parade is amazing. Of course the warmer weather in California is not all bad!!!

Below is a list of the emails of the staff in the Classic office so please send an email of your requests for complete itineraries or suggestions for new ideas or give us a call and we will be happy to mail the itinerary to you. We all look forward to talking travel with you.

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On the Cover...

Mediterranean Adventure

Featuring Israel, Turkey, Greece and Italy

November 4 - 20, 2020

Step back into ancient times with this adventure of a lifetime!

Starting with an overnight stay in Rome and a tour of the Vatican Museum before you board the ship, this trip is full of bucket list items!

Perhaps the highlight for you will be the two, full-day ports of call in Israel! The ports of Ashdod and Haifa are your gateways to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Galilee and Nazareth!

A stop in Turkey gives you a chance to see the ancient ruins of Ephesus, where St. Paul preached in the Great Theatre to the Ephesians and home to the ruined basilica covering the tomb of Christ’s most beloved disciple, St. John the Apostle.

With stops in Katakolon, Rhodes, Crete & Santorini, you will make your way through idyllic the Greek Isles and make a stop in Athens for a chance to hike up the Acropolis and walk in the footsteps of the ancient Greeks to see the Parthenon.

Your last day onboard is a full day in Naples. That specific port gives you the opportunity to see the bustling city, but you also have the ruins of Pompeii with Mt. Vesuvius in the background, Sorrento sitting on the cliffs above the bay, the picturesque island of Capri, and the iconic villages along the Amalfi Coast all at your fingertips!

This itinerary hits so many great destinations that it will be hard to find time to fit all of the great options in each day! Depending on how you decide to book your excursions, you will find that this itinerary allows for tours of the Vatican, Pompeii, Capri, Sorrento, Ephesus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Athens and the Acropolis. Plus, you get FOUR picturesque Greek Isles and the best part is that it starts well under $6,000 per person.
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**CLASSIC Travel Showcase**

**JUNE 19, 2019**

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CHILE to ARGENTINA
Santiago, Patagonia and Buenos Aires – Feb 7-16, 2020

Discover Patagonia on a journey between two vibrant capitals. Starting in the Chilean hub of Santiago, set out for Buenos Aires by way of South America’s breathtaking Patagonia region. Take it all in as you venture though Torres del Paine and Los Graciares National Park, marveling at glittering mountain lakes, craggy peaks, and icy glaciers along the way. Then, cap off your trek in Argentina’s lively capital.

You will want to try Ceviche, mussels and seafood empanadas or maybe some Patagonia lamb. How about some asado, a series of salt-rubbed meats, ribs and chorizo sausages cooked over a fire pit. Or maybe try dulce de leche, a sweet, honey and milk paste in pastries.

Temperatures on this trip will let you enjoy sunshine and temperatures in the 70’s and 80’s and then also have a few days near the glaciers with temperatures dropping in the 40’s and 50’s. One of the optional tours is a chance to enjoy the Magdalena Penguin Colony as you take a ferry across the Magellan Strait. You will watch for sea lions and flocks of marine birds.

Call for the detailed itinerary.

ALASKA Cruise Tour
August 26-September 6, 2020

Alaska has been a Classic favorite since we traveled there almost 35 years ago. Once you step foot in the 49th State it is easy to see why so many each year travel to Alaska. The National Parks in Alaska encompass millions of acres and you might see moose or bear but the mountains will beckon you.

On this tour, a complete new stop will be Icy Strait Point which is the largest Tingit village and a unique place in Alaska. Hoonah, meaning “village by the cliff” is home to the Huna Tingit who have occupied this area for thousands of years. Local legend tells how they were forced from their ancestral home in Glacier Bay by advancing glacier, resulting in their relocation to and settlement of Hoonah.

Also on the cruise will be Juneau where you can see Mendenhall Glacier or keep an eye out for whale tails and water spouts as the humpbacks make their annual migration. Skagway is the gateway to the Klondike and the train trip through the White Pass and is always popular or just a walk down the plank board walks in town and reminisce the 1050 gold rush era.

From the tidewater glaciers in Glacier Bay and College Fjord to the historic gold rush boomtowns, the cruise portion will introduce you to Alaska, but the land portion is going to make you want to keep coming back!

The trip will include all onboard gratuities, a meal package at the Princess Lodges and also the exclusive Direct-to-the-wilderness rail service! When you disembark the ship in Whittier, you will board a train and travel north with an early evening arrival to the Denali Princess Lodge. The following day you will have a guided tour in Denali National Park before you travel to the Mt. McKinley Lodge for a chance to see “The Great One” at 20,310 ft. Your final night on land will be in the heart of Anchorage. If you are ready for the journey of a lifetime, join Classic as we head “North to Alaska” in 2020!

Call for the detailed itinerary.
Wondrous wildlife, stunning landscapes – this African nation has it all.

Kenya’s landscapes are teeming with animals of all spots and stripes, from speedy cheetahs to majestic herds of zebras. On this thrilling Kenya tour, you’ll see them all in some of the country’s most spectacular settings. Travel from towering Mount Kenya to the wild expanses of the Masai Mara to witness the drama of the bush unfolding around you.

Highlights will be the Giraffe Manor, Karen Blixen Estate, Aberdare National Park, Great Rift Valley, Lake Nakuru National Park, Masai Mara, Amboseli National Park. On this trip you’ll walk for 45 minutes daily across mostly flat terrain. You will be traveling in a 4 x 4 land cruiser safari vehicle across some paved roads, some unpaved trails and some dirt paths. You will have an expert tour director and a local sight-seeing guide. You will have 10 nights in great hotels handpicked by Go Ahead Tours.

CALL FOR A COMPLETE ITINERARY.
Two of the most popular trips during fall are fall foliage trips up the east coast and into Canada and of course, the Big Apple. This unique trip combines the best of both with 2 nights in Times Square with plenty of time to explore the area before you sail to Halifax and Saint John on a 5-night cruise aboard the opulent Regal Princess.

Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, features a beautifully restored waterfront that pays homage to the city’s centuries-old maritime heritage. Peggy’s Cove, one of the most photographed lighthouses in the world is a must-see!

Saint John, Canada’s oldest settlement is the gateway to the scenic wonders of New Brunswick, where 85% of the province remains unsettled. The main draw in this area is the Bay of Fundy, where the Reversing Rapids are so strong that it actually causes the St. John’s River to reverse direction and its waters to flow upstream. This phenomena results in the Bay of Fundy boasting the highest tides on earth, averaging over 55 feet!
When you think of an Eastern Europe vacation, what comes to mind? Perhaps its visiting old churches and seeing historical sites that have been standing for many centuries. Perhaps it’s visiting cities bombed in World War II and restored to their former splendor. Or maybe you think of learning about the countries' rich histories? If so, this Best of Eastern Europe tour includes all of that and more!

**HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE**

**Berlin**  
Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church, Brandenburg Gate, Holocaust Memorial

**Budapest**  
Mathias Coronation Church, panoramic view from Fishermen’s Bastion

**Vienna**  
Heldenplatz and St. Stephen’s Cathedral

**Warsaw**  
The medieval Old Quarter and the 14th century Cathedral of St. John & private Chopin concert

**Krakow**  
Kazimierz Quarter, Wawel Castle and St. Mary’s Church

**Czestochowa**  
Monastery of Jasna Gora and its Black Madonna

**Auschwitz**  
Site of former concentration camp

**Prague**  
Astronomical Clock, Hradcany Castle grounds

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**CALIFORNIA NEW YEAR’S GETAWAY** December 29-January 2

March in to the New Year in sunny Southern California featuring the world-renowned Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. You will enjoy the excitement of the season and many fun filled activities surrounding the Tournament of Roses. You will view the floats in their final stages of decorating and attend a Bandfest which features selected bands from all over the country that will perform at the parade.

You will be invited to a New Year’s Eve Gala Dinner Dance with live entertainment and champagne toast to bring in the New Year. The Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena has been a grand tradition since 1890 and you will have reserved seating for prime viewing. **All this and so much more – just call for a complete itinerary.**

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**Tropical COSTA RICA**

FEbruary 10-18, 2020

Discover Costa Rica’s good life on a rendezvous with abundant wildlife, exotic fauna, lush rainforests, and endless coastlines. This is one amazing country and you will travel from the beach to the coffee plantations, from the Cloud Forest to the Arenal Volcano. You will take a guided riverboat trip in a covered canoe known as a panga. These 20,000 acres are home to the largest collection of indigenous wildlife in all of Costa Rica. Search for crocodiles, river otters, sloths, river turtles, exotic birds and rare butterflies. You will join your guide and take a leisure walk on the “Hanging Bridges” to gain a perspective of the cloud forest ecosystem. All this and so much more on a warm weather trip in the middle of Missouri winter.
The latest addition to the fleet of authentic paddlewheelers is the American Countess and the newest on the U.S. rivers. With four decks, including a Sun Deck and 123 comfortable, inviting staterooms in four categories, this lovely paddlewheeler will become a home away from home in this 10 day itinerary that we have combined a land and river tour. Starting with a motorcoach trip to Memphis and overnighting before we board our home for the seven nights. Cabins feature a sleek and modern design that will provide guests with the perfect place to relax after enjoying an included excursion or an evening Broadway-caliber performance presented in The Theater onboard.

The award-winning culinary team takes full advantage of each region’s diverse bounty of fresh, local ingredients to fashion authentic dishes, our gracious staff charms guests with friendly, courteous attention to their needs in the Grand Dining Room. A more casual atmosphere is offered in the River Grill.

The Card Room provides a perfect spot for guests to mingle with fellow travelers and newfound friend. It’s also a joy to browse for souvenirs in the Gift Shop with which to remember your treasured journey.

On this itinerary, you will learn how the rivers of the South were of great strategic value as both a transportation and communication route during the Civil War. Experience authentic Southern culture as you journey through living history and explore the legacy of the Civil War, both onboard and in ports of call. Distinguished guest speakers will be onboard to captivate you with astounding Civil War style as you take a journey that you will never forget.

A great addition for this tour is a night in Nashville after disembarking in Chattanooga plus a night performance at the Grand Ole Opry.
You will board your Avalon Suite Ship in Remich on the beautiful Moselle River. An excursion to historical Luxembourg City offers unique and dramatic views, as the town is set on two levels — high above on straddling hills and dropping into two river valleys. Enjoy a guided walk in the charming wine village of Bernkastel and taste some of the region’s best wines. Continue on the Moselle River to the picturesque town of Cochem where the Riesling grape is cultivated. Visit Reichsburg Castle, nestled among vineyards and offering breathtaking views of the town and river valley below. Sail into the Rhine River to the quintessential Rhine valley town of Rüdesheim. Here visit the amazing Mechanical Musical Instruments Museum, and enjoy a stroll through the town’s famous cobblestone Drosselgasse lined with shops, restaurants, and lively taverns. You’ll sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge—the most beautiful stretch of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Your last stop in Germany is Cologne, a 2,000-year-old city known for its gothic architecture. On a guided walk, see the famous twin-spired cathedral and explore the cobblestone streets of the Old City. Before this fabulous European river cruise concludes, you’ll visit Holland’s popular, modern capital of Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city from a unique perspective—on a canal cruise along the elegant Grachten. Experience spectacular scenery and discover legendary cultures along your Moselle and Rhine River cruise vacation.
Get a glimpse into the world’s largest country and experience the distinctive allure of Russia, a land abundant with intrigue and history. Like an intricate matryoshka doll, Russia is a multi-layered country with discoveries around every corner. Begin your journey in Moscow, Russia’s dynamic capital city. Enjoy a walking tour of Moscow’s historic Kremlin and Red Square where you’ll revere Saint Basil’s Cathedral.

Get acquainted with Russia’s epicurean roots on an immersive food tour. Enter the imposing Winter Palace and tour the Hermitage Museum, the second-largest museum in the world.

Discover the lavish summer residence of Russian Tsars, the Catherine Palace. Cruise the regal streets of St. Petersburg in a vintage Soviet car. Full of energy, surprises, and grandeur – Russia awaits.
PACIFIC COAST ADVENTURE

June 19-27, 2020

From the Pike Place Market to the Golden Gate Bridge, this is a great way to see the Pacific Northwest!

HIGHLIGHTS

Seattle: Boeing – Future of Flight Aviation Center, Pike Place Market, Pioneer Square

Portland: International Rose Test Gardens, Multnomah Falls,

Oregon Coast: Newport Aquarium, Florence Old Town & Heceta Head Lighthouse, Sand Dune buggy ride

Eureka Area: Rogue River jetboat, Redwood National Park, Carson Mansion

San Francisco area:
Avenue of the Giants, Golden Gate Bridge, Twin Peaks, Fisherman’s Wharf & much more!

Plus, Scenic travel along the rugged coastline, Mt. St. Helen’s Visitor Center & a traditional salmon bake.

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