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A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE MYSTERY TOUR

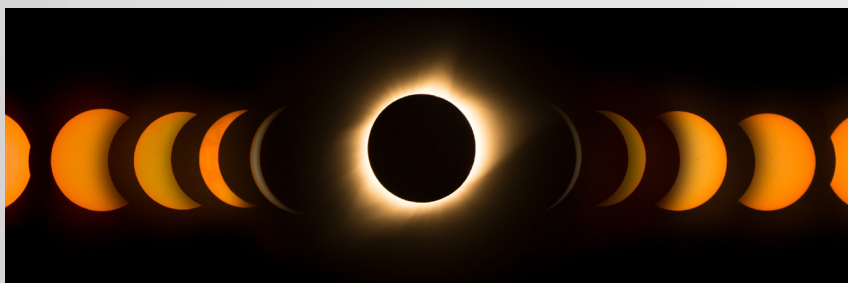
APRIL 5-10, 2024

On April 8, 2024, one of nature's grandest spectacles—a total solar eclipse—will be visible from a slice of North America stretching from Mexico to eastern Canada. If you want to experience this dramatic event you should join the American Spirit Club on our Total Solar Eclipse Mystery Tour!

A total solar eclipse happens when the moon lies exactly between the sun and the Earth, casting its shadow on a small patch of the Earth's surface. Those who make their way to the "path of totality" will see the moon gradually slide in front of the sun, reducing it to a thin crescent and then finally blotting the sun out altogether—for a few brief but spectacular minutes. During totality, the sun's wispy outer atmosphere, known as the corona, becomes visible, while the landscape down below turns nearly as dark as night.

This tour will be so much fun. We're heading somewhere interesting on this five-night mystery tour to an out-of-state locale! We're keeping you in the dark except to say we will be in the dark during a total solar eclipse! As for the rest of the itinerary, "it's that one place with the one thing in that one town!" At departure you'll receive a clue on what direction we are heading and maybe even the state (if we're feeling generous). Clues will be given along the way to keep you guessing. Just expect the unexpected and get ready to open your eyes to amazing experiences and destinations you might otherwise have overlooked! The final paperwork is due very soon, but we would like a few more adventurous people to join us! Contact Loreen to sign up or with questions, she will let you know as many details as she can about this fun mystery tour!

**Cost: \$1,599 Per Person/DBL \$1,955/Single
Deposit per person: \$250**



"The Spirit of Us"

It's February, the month we celebrate Valentine's Day. Many of our Spirit Club members have spent their entire lives sharing and giving love. For that reason, I want to send you all warm wishes for a very Happy Valentine's Day. Indulge yourself in something sweet on February 14.

Travel is about experiences and group travel is a great way to explore the world with others, especially if you are traveling solo. You get to share those precious moments with others, meet new people and see things from perhaps a different perspective. It also can be a cost-effective way to enjoy an adventure. The Spirit Club offers a variety of tours; one day, overnight and extended tours. Let us do the planning and the driving for you. Please look at the tours planned for this year in this publication. You can sign up by sending in the registration form included in this mailing with your deposit. Some tours are full already and others are filling up quickly so don't wait too long to sign up.

Our office will be closed on Monday, February 19, in observance of President's Day. Our ATM machines and online banking services will be available for your convenience.

I'm not a fan of snow but here's a positive way to look at it: We are all like snowflakes. Unique and one of a kind. Have a wonderful month and thank you for your friendship and patronage.

- Loreen Marra, Spirit Club Coordinator
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2024 SPIRIT CLUB TRIPS

A Total Solar Eclipse Mystery Tour | April 5-10, 2024

I'M IN THE DARK! A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE MYSTERY TOUR We're heading somewhere interesting on this five-night mystery tour to an out-of-state locale! We're keeping you in the dark except to say we will be in the dark during a total solar eclipse! As for the rest of the itinerary, "it's that one place with the one thing in that one town!" At departure you'll receive a clue on what direction we are heading and maybe even the state (if we're feeling generous). Clues will be given along the way to keep you guessing. Just expect the unexpected and get ready to open your eyes to amazing experiences and destinations you might otherwise have overlooked! Contact Loreen for a brochure, pick one up at your local branch or find the brochure on our website. Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate

Cost: \$1,599 Per Person/DBL \$1,955/Single | Deposit Per Person: \$250

Chanhassen Dinner Theatre | May 2-3 (Thursday - Friday)

The Spirit Club will be traveling to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre for the Tony Award-winning Broadway smash hit "Beautiful" on May 2 & 3. This Tony Award-winning Broadway smash hit is the true story of Carole King's journey from teen songwriter to Hall of Fame legend. She started writing hits for the biggest acts from The Shirelles to The Righteous Brothers – then recorded her Grammy-winning masterpiece, TAPESTRY. Carole King broke barriers as a woman in the music industry and became one of the most prolific songwriters of our time. A huge cast of singers and dancers bring more than 24 of her greatest hits to life in this joy-filled celebration! We are finalizing activities on the way to Chanhassen and the next day as we make our way home. *This tour is full but call to put your name on the waitlist.*

Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate

Cost: \$390 Per Person/DBL \$450 Per Person/Single | Deposit Per Person: \$100

Mystery Day Trip | Wednesday, May 22 or Thursday, May 23

Are you intrigued by the unknown or do you like surprises? If so, you should join us for our May Mystery Day Trip on Wednesday, May 22 or Thursday, May 22. None of the details are shared except what time to meet the motor coach. We will have a fun day! **Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate**

Cost: \$130 | Deposit: \$25

Lincoln – A Penny for Your Thoughts | June 19-21 (Wednesday – Friday)

Lincoln, Nebraska is well known for the Huskers but there is so much more to explore. Join the Spirit Club for a fun venture in Lincoln. Our three-day adventure will include a tour of Memorial Stadium, time to explore the historic Haymarket which has fun shops & restaurants, a tour of the Nebraska State Capitol, take in the beauty of two gardens with a Master Gardener, a choice of touring the International Quilt Museum or the Larson Tractor Museum, a tour of the Museum of American Speed, and a tour of Robbers Cave. On Thursday evening we will attend the TADA Theatre for the hilarious musical comedy "Forever Plaid". This adventure includes all tours and entertainment mentioned, hotel accommodation at the creatively designed Graduate Lincoln Hotel, 9 meals, motorcoach transportation, gratuities, and special surprises throughout the trip.

Activity Level: Moderate

Cost: \$540 Per Person/DBL or Per Person/Single | \$670 Deposit: \$200

The Best of the Emerald Isle, Ireland | July 4-14, 2024

If you have dreamt about the magical journey to Ireland, this is YOUR time to experience the Best of the Emerald Isle! Every day brings another exciting encounter, whether you are sipping fine whiskey at Old Jameson Distillery, kissing the famous Blarney Stone, standing on the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher, taking a “hawk walk” with an Ashford Castle falconer, or browsing the vast Trinity College Library. We will introduce you to local artisans, cultural cuisine, and rich traditions at every turn. Craftsman will showcase their talents, Irish shepherds will demonstrate their sheep dogs’ herding skills, and history will come to life on a traditional jaunting cart ride through Killarney’s National Park. Stay two amazing nights in a luxurious Irish castle and be our guest at a very special farewell experience that is sure to make this a trip of a lifetime and a journey you will never forget! Experience the Best of the Emerald Isle with round-trip airfare, nine nights’ accommodations, sixteen meals, admissions to attractions listed in itinerary, taxes, and gratuities, as well as a professional tour manager. Contact Loreen for a brochure, pick one up at your local branch or find the brochure on our website. **Activity Level: Moderate. Call for availability.**

Cost: \$6,399 Per Person/DBL \$7,799/Single | Deposit Per Person: \$500

Twins Adventure | Tuesday, August 13 – Wednesday, August 14

Hey baseball fans! Join the Spirit Club for the Twins vs the Kansas City Royals for a night game on Tuesday, August 13. We have seats in the shade near first base. Plans are being made for activities to do on our way to Minneapolis and then we will check into our hotel before heading for Target Field. On Wednesday, another day of fun is being organized. Watch for details in the upcoming newsletters. **Activity Level: Minimal to Moderate**

Cost: \$350 Per Person/DBL \$430/Single | Deposit: \$100.00

The Splendor of Duluth & Bayfield | August 25-30 (Sunday – Friday)

The Splendor of Duluth & Bayfield | September 8-13 (Sunday – Friday)

The Splendor of Duluth, MN and Bayfield tour was so popular we decided to schedule two tours. We are taking our first group August 25 – 30 and the second group September 8-13. The tours begin with a tour of the Duluth area which includes Gooseberry Falls, The Glensheen Mansion, the Split Rock Lighthouse, and Enger Park. On our journey to Bayfield, Wisconsin, we will make our way through some of the most beautiful scenery along Lake Superior and continue with tours of the quaint city of Bayfield, the Apostle Islands and Madeline Island. Our adventure ends in La Crosse, Wisconsin near the Mississippi River. This tour includes three cruises on the majestic Lake Superior and a cruise on the mighty Mississippi River.

Please call for availability. Activity Level: Moderate

Cost: \$1,730 Per Person/DBL \$2,150 Single | Deposit Per Person: \$300

Branson & Kansas City # 1 November 11-15 (Monday – Friday) or

Branson & Kansas City # 2 November 18-22 (Monday – Friday)

The Spirit Club tour to Branson & Kansas City is always very popular, so we have planned two tours this year. Our first tour will be November 11-15 and the second will be November 18-22. The entertainment line-up will include, The Dutton Family, Cassandre’ Voice of an Angel, Top of the Rock Tour, Texas Tenors, Neil Diamond Tribute, Cay Cooper’s Country Express, and The Miracle of Christmas at the Sight and Sound Theatre. On Thursday, we will travel to Kansas City to attend a dinner theatre. This amazing tour includes 8 shows, 10 meals, 4 nights lodging, gratuities, and motor coach transportation. This tour fills up very quickly so if you are interested, please send in your deposit ASAP! **Activity Level: Moderate**

Cost: \$1,130 Per Person/DBL \$1,300/Single | Deposit: \$200

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