

Redstone Goes Trips & Tours 2022 - 2023



**Stay
Adventurous!**



Redstone will be sponsoring a number of trips over the next year, some one-day outings and others multi-day adventures. Modest proceeds from the trips help to support Benevolent Care programs for residents at Redstone. Please read the information inside, and sign up early in order to reserve your spot. Please make note of our payment and cancellation policies inside. While we strive to keep our prices as low as possible, we have seen significant increases in charter bus prices, hotel, and food over the past two years. In fact, as much as we like to plan ahead, we are unable to pin down exact pricing for some of our trips, and have provided the best approximate cost estimate that we can at this time. We continue to provide our travelers with great value, great fun, and great safety as we travel together. At this time we are still requiring that all trip participants show proof of full vaccination for Covid-19. All ages are welcome to join the fun, but most of our travelers are 55 or better. The majority of our participants are women, but men are very welcome to join the fun! All trips depart from our Villa Community Clubhouse on our North Huntingdon campus at 12921 Redstone Dr # 1, Irwin, PA 15642. We look forward to sharing great adventures with you!

For more information or to reserve your spots, call 724-832-8401 X 3370 or visit our website at

www.redstone.org/giving/redstonegoes

Sight & Sound presents DAVID, Tuesday, April 26, 2022



We'll kick off the new season with a small but mighty adventure. Our one day Sight & Sound trips have been very popular in the past and we have planned this trip in response to your requests! We will depart Redstone at 7 am bound for Kitchen Kettle Village. You'll have a couple of hours to shop and enjoy lunch on your own before we head to Sight & Sound. In this new production, the story of David will be brought to life on stage, and the audience will realize that "David's biggest battle is the one within himself." After the show we will enjoy an Amish smorgasbord dinner at Redstone favorite, Yoder's. We'll then depart for a fairly late arrival back at Redstone. Price for motorcoach, show, and dinner is \$210 per person.

Let's Start Summer in Cape May, New Jersey! Monday, May 23, 2022 – Wednesday, May 25, 2022



We will depart Redstone at 6:30 am on Monday and travel to lovely Victorian Cape May. Our hotel will be the Grand Hotel, right on the beach. On Monday evening we will enjoy a group dinner. On Tuesday your day includes a trolley tour of Cape May, a tour of the restored Emlen Physick Estate, and a delicious lunch. Tuesday evening you can enjoy shopping and dinner on your own. We will be on board at 9:30 on Wednesday morning but before heading home a step-on guide will give us a tour of the shoreline and lighthouse area. Approximate arrival back to Redstone is 10 pm. What a great way to begin summer with toes in the sand on a lovely beach! Prices include motorcoach, hotel, gratuities, activities, 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner. Price is \$600 in a single, \$450 per person in a double, \$400 in a triple, and \$375 in a quad.

That'll Be the Day! Tuesday, July 26, 2022



This is sure to be a fun day! We'll depart Redstone at 7 am bound for the Seneca Niagara Casino. Upon arrival you will receive \$20 in slot play and \$10 to use toward food and beverage. Enjoy lunch on your own in one of the Casino's dining options. At 2 pm we will head to the ballroom for a musical tribute to Buddy Holly, made up of cast members from the national tour of the hit musical, BUDDY – THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY. After the show we'll have a little more time in the Casino before heading for home, making a dinner stop en route for dinner on your own. Price for motorcoach, show, slot play and food voucher is \$150 per person.

Back to the Mountains, Wednesday, August 17th

We're excited to offer a leisurely trip to the Laurel Highlands once again! We

Sorry.

This trip was cancelled due to Playhouse schedule changes.

the Mountain Playhouse. We are still waiting to hear what the show will be this year, and we are still waiting to hear what the show will be this year. We will make our traditional stop at the Pie Shoppe in Laughlintown, then be back to Redstone for a delicious dinner on \$140

Rock and Blues Road Trip, Wednesday, September 14 to Monday, September 19



We've put together some of our most-asked-for attractions in the south for this Rockabilly Road Trip! We will depart Redstone early in the morning of September 14th bound for Louisville, KY. Upon arrival we'll enjoy a tour of Churchill Downs and a visit to the Kentucky Derby Museum, before our group dinner. Thursday morning we'll make our way to Memphis. A step-on guide will join us to give us an overview of the city. We'll enjoy a group dinner with live music that evening. We'll be staying right in downtown Memphis for three nights. Friday morning, we're going to

Graceland for a tour and lunch! Then it's back to Memphis for a tour of the legendary Sun Studio, and a stop to see the famous ducks on parade. Dinner that evening will be on your own. On Saturday we will begin the day with a visit to the Civil Rights Museum. Lunch and the afternoon will be on your own, and dinner will be on the Memphis Belle paddle wheeler on the mighty Mississippi. Sunday morning we will bid Memphis farewell and make our way north. En route we will stop for dinner at Claudia Sander's, who yes, was the wife of the Colonel. We will overnight near the legendary Noah's Ark attraction. Monday morning we will have a few hours to tour the Ark, before making our final leg of the journey home. We will arrive back to Redstone in the mid-evening. Trip includes deluxe motorcoach, all gratuities, hotel, all tours and activities as described, 5 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 4 dinners. \$1525 in a Single, \$1125 Per Person in a Double, \$1000 Per Person in a Triple, and \$925 Per Person in a Quad.

The Greatest Day Celebrating the Greatest Generation, Saturday, October 15



Depart Redstone in the early morning bound for Ashtabula, Ohio where we will visit the North Coast WWII Museum. Then it is on to Erie for lunch followed by a fall sightseeing cruise on the Victorian Princess Paddewheeler. Then it's back home to Redstone. \$140 per person

It's Up to You... New York, NY! Friday, November 11 – Sunday, November 13



We're going back! Travel with us to NYC but "it's up to you" what you do. Join us for our charter bus and hotel, but then choose the activities that you want! We will offer the following as optional activities: dinner and night tour Friday evening, visit to the 9/11 Museum on Saturday, group dinner and Broadway show on Saturday, Central Park tour and brunch on Sunday morning. We will depart for home mid-afternoon. Prices are still being

negotiated and will be based on activities chosen by each traveler. We anticipate that the price for the motorcoach and Manhattan hotel will be right around \$300 per person in a double, less in a triple or quad.

Prices for the optional group activities are still being negotiated. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot for the bus and hotel.

Our Annual Christmas Trip! Amish Country Ohio. Tuesday, December 6



After an early morning departure from Redstone, our day will include some shopping time in the Amish market, a delicious lunch, followed by an afternoon Christmas show at the Ohio Star Theater. After a final stop at the Walnut Creek Grocery, we will head for home, making a dinner stop on your own en route. Price is still being determined but we anticipate it will be approximately \$150 per person.

The Granddaddy of all Trips – Branson! Wednesday, March 22 – Monday, March 27, 2023



Prices for this trip are still very much in flux and we are working to pin down the activities. We've had so many requests for this one! What we can tell you is that we will drive halfway the first day and enjoy an evening dinner and activity as a group. We will spend three nights in Branson. Our time in Branson will include at least four shows, (probably oldies, country music, and some gospel thrown in) time for shopping, delicious group dinners, a visit to College of the Ozarks, and

more. For our return trip we will again travel halfway and then have an evening meal and activity before heading home the next day. A \$100 deposit will hold your spot, and then once the final itinerary and price are published you can withdraw your deposit if you are unhappy with the details. We anticipate prices will be similar to the Memphis trip listed above.

Coming later in 2023....

By Popular Request – Let's Return to Mackinac Island!

The Greenbrier Resort with Bunker Tour!

Additional trips will be added during the year. We welcome your suggestions!

Redstone Goes Trips & Tours: Policies and Questions

How are things different in the post-Covid world?

At this time, as per Redstone policies, all participants must provide proof of full vaccination prior to travel. Full vaccination is currently defined as two doses of Pfizer or Moderna, or one dose of J&J. The booster is not required but is strongly recommended. This policy may change to include the requirement of the booster and we will notify participants. Travelers will be screened for wellness the morning of trip departure, and unfortunately if the participant has a fever of over 100.4 degrees, that person will not be able to proceed with the trip. (See information about trip insurance below.) We will follow masking guidelines for public transit and for senior living communities at the time of travel. Current mask requirements for transportation are in effect

until April 18, 2022. After that time, we anticipate dropping the face mask requirement on the bus. With that being said, if at any time during travel you are experiencing a runny nose, scratchy throat, etc., we respectfully request that you wear a mask to help protect those around you from the spread of whatever you might be experiencing. Similarly, if you are more comfortable wearing a face mask on an enclosed space like a bus, you should feel free to decide to do so.

How do you set your prices for trips?

Redstone does not build a large profit margin into trips. Our goal is to raise funds for Redstone, while any profit that does occur supports benevolent care programs for our residents. Because of our tight margins, if 30 days prior to a scheduled trip there are NOT at least 30 participants registered and with paid deposits, the trip will be cancelled and deposits and payments will be refunded to those who have registered. We don't want to have to do this! If there is a trip that you really want to see happen, it is in your best interest to share the information with friends and family in order to encourage others to go. Residents and employees of Redstone are eligible for a modest trip discount of \$10 on day trips and \$25 on overnight trips.

What are your payment and cancellation policies?

Deposits for each trip are fully refundable if the request for a refund is made more than **90 days** before the trip. After that time, we must retain your deposit, unless you find someone to fill your spot. Day trip deposits are \$50 and overnight trips, \$100. Trips may be paid in installments, but must be paid in full 30 days in advance of travel. If you are not paid in full by that time, you may lose your spot to someone on our waiting list. We will remind you of payments due. You may request EZ-Pay for your trips. By providing us with a valid credit card, we can divide your trip payments into manageable (EZ) pre-scheduled amounts. If you must cancel within the 30 days before the trip after you are paid in full, we will do everything that we can to provide you with as much of a refund as possible. Sometimes we are able to cancel meals, hotel rooms, etc. Because we do these trips mostly for friendship and fun, this limits our ability to guarantee a full refund. We will provide you with as much of a refund as we receive from our vendors. Please note that if you must cancel within the 72 hours immediately prior to the trip, it is very unlikely that we will be able to provide you with any refund. Unfortunately the same would be true if you are unwell the morning of trip departure and unable to travel. If you are concerned about the need to cancel a trip or being unwell and unable to travel, we recommend considering travel insurance. When exploring travel insurance, make sure that you choose a policy that allows you to **CANCEL FOR ANY REASON**. Read the fine print carefully. As an example, it appears that a 65 year old could insure a trip with a value of \$750 for just over \$100, an investment that might be very worth making! WWW.TRAVELGUARD.COM is a source you may want to explore to consider travel insurance. TravelGuard is not a partner of Redstone, and there are other travel insurance policies available with similar prices and processes, including through the AARP. You may wish to ask your insurance agent for advice if travel insurance is of interest. Trips are fully refunded if Redstone must cancel the trip.

What about mobility equipment and ability to walk distances?

We are always happy to accommodate walkers, wheelchairs, and even an occasional scooter on the bus. Oxygen may be permitted depending on the bus company policy. Please contact us with your specific medical concerns and we will work with you. Trip participants need to be able to manage the steps on and off the bus with minimal assistance. Most of our trips are self-paced so that you can decide how much or how little

walking you wish to do. Please contact us if you have any questions about activity levels for our trips. Travelers on overnight trips should be able to pull/carry their own suitcase to their hotel room.

Do you assign seats on the bus?

We do, in order to keep traveling groups together, and to maintain a cleaner environment on the bus. If you have a true physical concern, please let us know and we will try to accommodate your request. Seats are generally assigned by the order in which we receive registrations from traveling parties.

Where is the departure point?

Our trips depart from the Clubhouse in the Villa Community on the Redstone North Huntingdon Campus, 772 Frontier Drive, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Ample parking is available. A Redstone team member will be there to direct you as to where to park.

Do you make a breakfast stop after leaving Redstone?

We usually do not as we are anxious to reach our destinations in the timeliest fashion. We do make a comfort stop approximately every two hours on all of our trips and try to schedule our first stop somewhere where you can quickly purchase coffee and a snack when at all possible. You can bring snacks and beverages on the bus. The bathroom on the bus is available for urgent situations.

Who can participate in Redstone Goes trips?

Anyone! While our trips are designed for those 55 and better, we have had participants ranging in age from 9 to 95! About 80% of our travelers are of the female variety, but we love having gentlemen join us for our adventures!

What tour company do you use?

We contract motorcoach service from several local bus lines. Trip details are arranged by the Redstone team, and a member of the team accompanies each trip.

Please feel free to share these travel opportunities with your family and friends. For questions please contact us, using the contact information on the front page. We hope you will be joining us!

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