

Redstone Goes Trips & Tours 2022 – 2023



**Stay
Adventurous!**



Redstone still has a few trips left in 2022 and we are planning ahead to 2023! 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 3378 or visit our website at www.redstone.org/giving/redstonegoes

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. Price for motor coach and hotel is as follows:

- \$615 Per person in a single with one King Bed
- \$425 Per person in a double room with either two twin beds or one king bed
- \$375 Per person in a triple room with two full size beds
- \$325 Per person in a quad room with two full size beds

Optional Activities:

- \$50 Friday night walking tour of Chinatown and Little Italy with family style Italian dinner
- \$26 Saturday morning ticket for 9/11 Museum
- \$150 Dinner and a Show Saturday evening with dinner in an Irish Pub followed by rear mezzanine tickets for the brand new "Beautiful Noise" musical about the life and work of Neal Diamond
- \$50 Sunday morning walking tour of Central Park and lunch at Ellen's Stardust Diner with the singing wait staff

Optional activities are reserved in limited numbers so act fast if you wish to participate. If minimum numbers aren't reached, optional group activities will not be available.

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. \$150 per person.

The Granddaddy of all Trips – Branson! Wednesday, March 22 – Tuesday, 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 four 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 are trying to keep our prices as low as possible, but are dealing with many price increases.

Coming later in 2023....

West Virginia Getaway including a tour and lunch at the Greenbrier Resort! May 9 – 11, 2023

By Popular Request –Mackinac Island! Saturday, September 30 – Thursday, October 5th

Sight & Sound Theater & Lancaster for our Christmas trip in December

Have suggestions for day trips? Please let us know where you'd like to go and we will try to put it together!

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. 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.

- **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.

- **What are your payment and cancellation policies?**

Deposits for each trip are fully refundable if the request for a refund is made more than **60 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 are registering for more than one trip, ask us about consolidating your reservations with one deposit and then setting up a payment plan to easily pay for your trips over time.

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, based on our ability to cancel hotels, meals, etc. 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**. 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 motor coach 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! #StayAdventurous