

### **How about menu choices for the meals?**

Some of our meals will be at buffets where you can choose what you want. All served meals will provide at least 3 or 4 choices. If you have food allergies or restrictions, please let us know about those and we will notify the restaurants.

### **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. Transportation will be provided from other campuses for Redstone residents.

### **Will 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 and for this trip will be using Elite Coach. 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 or to reserve your spot please call Kim at 724-832-8402 X 3378. You may also reserve your spot by visiting our website at [www.redstone.org/giving/redstonegoes](http://www.redstone.org/giving/redstonegoes). We only have 40 tickets available for all of the shows so register soon!

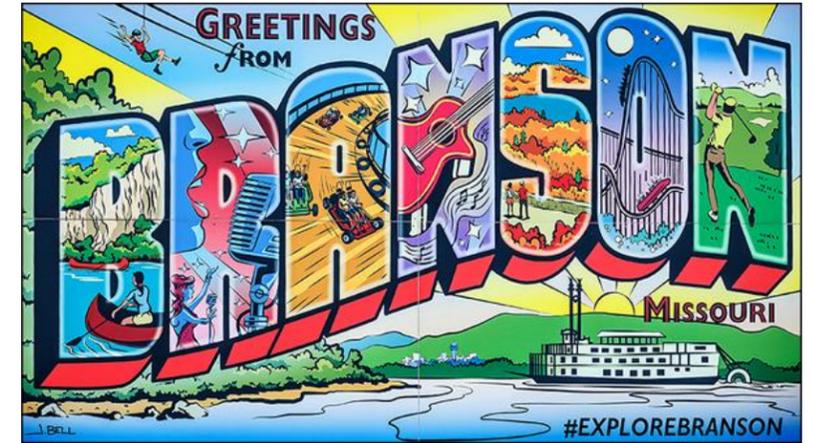
Other upcoming trips – information available on the website:

Redstone Goes to New York City! Friday, November 11 – Sunday, November 13

Our Annual Christmas Adventure: Amish Country Ohio – Tuesday, December 6

Dear Fellow Adventurers,

After several years of delays, it is FINALLY time for us to reveal the plans for the biggest trip Redstone Goes Trips & Tours has ever undertaken: Branson, Missouri! We invite you to join us for shows, attractions, and so much food, friendship and fun. This trip will take place from Wednesday, March 22, 2023 to Tuesday, March 28, 2023. We have been working with a receptive tour



company on the ground in Branson, and we believe that the itinerary outlined below will be our final schedule. It is possible that shows will close, schedules will change, and some modifications will need to be made. If so, ticket prices and themes for replacement shows will be comparable. Here goes....

We will depart the Redstone North Huntingdon campus clubhouse at 7 am on Wednesday morning, bound for Effingham, IL by deluxe motor coach from Elite Coach. We'll make comfort stops and a lunch stop en route. All meals on travel days are on your own. Upon our arrival in Effingham, the group will be transported to a Cracker Barrel for dinner, or you may choose another restaurant near the hotel. We'll be staying at the Quality Inn that night, and breakfast will be available at the hotel. We'll get some games going in the breakfast room that evening if you're not ready to call it a day.

On Thursday morning we will continue making our way to Branson, again making comfort stops and a lunch stop en route. We'll check in to the Americinn Hotel by Wyndham in Branson, located adjacent to the outlets. Breakfast is provided each morning at the hotel. We'll start our time in Branson off with a bang by enjoying dinner at Starvin' Marvin's Seafood Buffet (other options besides seafood are available.) After dinner we're off to our first show, and it is Branson's number one rated show – the Haygood's at the Clay Cooper Theater. This talented family is sure to delight you!

On Friday we want to spend a little time getting to know Branson. After breakfast, a step-on-guide will join us on our bus for a 2 hour tour highlighting the history and natural beauty of the Ozark area. From there we'll go to the Branson Craft Mall where we will enjoy lunch at Porch Pickins, plus a little shopping time. We'll make another stop at Branson Landing to stroll through the shops and enjoy the water fountain show, before heading to our dinner show for the evening: Escape – a magic and illusion show. For those who wish, we'll stop back by the Landings again later to see the fountains at night.

Saturday will be another full day full of many cultural elements! After breakfast we'll start with a visit to the Titanic attraction and museum. Then it's on to lunch at Jackie B. Good's. Next up is the 2 pm performance of the Irish Tenors and Celtic Ladies. We'll switch nationalities to enjoy an Italian dinner at Pasghetti's Restaurant, before attending an evening performance of the Amazing Shanghai Acrobats.

Sunday morning will include some rest time and maybe a light breakfast at the hotel, before heading to brunch at the Grand Country Resort. We'll stay at that location enjoying a perfect Sunday performance

of the Ozark's Gospel show at 2 pm. Dinner on Sunday evening will be at Fall Creek Steak and Catfish, before we end our series of shows with the highly acclaimed Dancing Queen at 8 pm, full of upbeat 70's music and dancing.

On Monday morning we'll begin our trek home, leaving the hotel at 9 am. The fun isn't over! We'll make a stop at the famous Gateway Arch in St. Louis. We'll provide a ticket to ride the elevator to the top, and you will be able to purchase lunch on your own in the café. After our stop at the Arch, we'll continue traveling for a couple of hours to Terre Haute, IN, staying at the Sleep Inn. Dinner will be on our own but the bus will take us to the MCL Restaurant – an old fashioned cafeteria style restaurant with made from scratch food.

Tuesday, we'll have another 8 hours to travel on our way back to Redstone and we'll make comfort and a lunch stop en route.

In case you've lost count, this amazing trip includes Deluxe Motorcoach, driver gratuity, six nights hotel, six breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 4 dinners, along with 6 shows, 2 attractions, a tour, shopping, and thirty or so new friends! Prices are as follows for all of this fun and food:

One person in a single room:	\$1500
Per person in a double room:	\$1150
Per person in a triple room:	\$1050
Per person in a quad room:	\$975

Our "break-even" point for this trip will be 35 travelers. If we exceed that number, modest proceeds will benefit benevolent care for residents in need at Redstone.

#### **Please note the following policies:**

##### **What are your Covid policies?**

At this time, as per Redstone policies, all participants must provide proof of full vaccination prior to travel for a trip of this length. The booster is strongly recommended for those over age 50. 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. 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 are encouraged to do so.

##### **How do you set your prices for trips?**

Redstone does not build a large profit margin into trips. It is also interesting to note that since we began planning this trip three years ago until now, the price of the bus charter has increased by \$4,000. We have tried to make this trip as affordable as possible despite these increases. 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 this 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! Please share this information with friends and family in order to encourage others to go.

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

Your \$100 deposit is 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. 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. 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, as would be the case with any tour company. 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.

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. While this trip has a very full itinerary, there will be lots of time for sitting at shows, and you will determine how much walking you want to do. There will also be times that you may choose to skip an activity and return to the hotel for a rest. Travelers on overnight trips should be able to pull/carry their own suitcase to their hotel room since many hotels no longer provide baggage service due to staffing shortages.

