Redstone Goes Trips & Tours 2023



After many challenges and changes, we are happy to present our 2023 Trips & Tours Lineup! Despite the increases in cost, we have worked to keep our prices as low as possible. Due to significant price increases, we had to change one of our destinations entirely, so in September we will be heading to New England! We continue to provide our travelers with great value, great fun, and great safety as we travel together. We look forward to sharing great adventures with you!

Branson, Missouri: Wednesday, March 22 – Tuesday, March 28
Join us for a very full trip that will include deluxe motorcoach, driver gratuity, six nights hotel, six breakfasts, three lunches, and four dinners, along with six shows (Haygood's, Escape: Magic & Allusion Show, Irish Tenors and Celtic Ladies, Amazing Shanghai Acrobats, Ozark Gospel Show, and Dancing Queen 80's Tribute), two attractions (Titanic Replica & Museum and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis) and a guided tour.



Prices:

One person in a single room: \$1450 Per person in a double room: \$1075 Per person in a triple room: \$1000 Per person in a quad room: \$925

Historic Resort Explorations - The Homestead and Greenbrier: Tuesday, May 9 – Wednesday, May 10

Our exploration will begin at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia where we will enjoy a tour of this historic resort along with a lovely lunch. We will then make our way to Lewisburg, WV where you will enjoy dinner on your own at one of the restaurants in Lewisburg, and hotel overnight. In the morning we will make our way to the legendary Greenbrier where we will enjoy a history tour, a tour of the bunker and lunch. Mid-afternoon we will make our way back to



Redstone, enjoying a dinner stop on your own en-route. (Please note that the tours and lunches in each of these luxurious resorts are in excess of \$100 per person, which is reflected in the price of this trip.)

Prices:

One person in a single room: \$500 Per person in a double room: \$425 Per person in a triple room: \$400 Per person in a quad room: \$375

Day Trip to the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens: Thursday, August 3, 2023 In 1910, F.A. Seiberling, co-founder of The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, began building his family home and gardens, which he named Stan Hywet Hall. Departing Redstone at 8 am, we will enjoy a leisurely day trip to Akron, Ohio. We will spend the morning exploring the home and gardens, and will then make our way to Hartville Hardware, the Kitchen, and the Flea Market where you can enjoy a delicious lunch on



your own and browsing through the delightful shopping areas. We will be back to Redstone by 6 pm. Price for this day of fun including admission, motorcoach, and driver gratuity is \$110 per person.

Mystic, Mansions, and Mysterious: Friday, September 15 – Wednesday, September 20

Join us for this wonderful fall loop of some of New England's favorite attractions. We will begin with an overnight in Mystic, CT, followed by a day at Mystic Seaport. Then it is on to Providence, RI where we will enjoy a trolley tour of Newport and a tour of the glorious Breakers



mansion. From here we will make our way to Salem, MA where we will have a guided tour, a visit to the House of Seven Gables, the Witch Museum, and the theatrical presentation, Cry Innocent. Your trip will include motorcoach, driver gratuity, five nights hotel, six breakfasts, six dinners, and tickets to all tours and attractions listed. Lunches are on your own.

Prices:

One person in a single room: \$1550 Per person in a double room: \$1075 Per person in a triple room: \$975 Per person in a quad room: \$900

Castles and Christmas! Thursday, December 14 - Friday, December 15

We will head from Redstone to the Hudson River Valley where we will enjoy a tour of the Lyndhurst Mansion in all of its Christmas glory. We will then head to New Hope, PA for dinner and an overnight. The next morning we will enjoy Fonthill Castle, which will also be decorated for Christmas. Next stop will be an Amish smorgasbord for lunch, followed by the Sight & Sound Christmas Spectacular afternoon show. After the show, we will head home to



Redstone. Trip includes deluxe motorcoach, driver gratuity, one night hotel, dinner, breakfast, lunch, admission to two castle tours and Sight & Sound ticket.

Prices:

One person in a single room: \$500 Per person in a double room: \$425 Per person in a triple room: \$400 Per person in a quad room: \$375

Redstone Goes Trips & Tours: Policies and Questions

How are things different in the post-Covid world?

Travelers must either present a vaccine card showing that they are up to date with vaccinations, or agree to be rapid tested for Covid prior to boarding the bus. We will provide free testing. Travelers will also 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. If you are experiencing any illness while traveling, 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 do so.

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 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. Unfortunately the same would be true if you are unwell the morning of trip departure or if you test positive for Covid. If you are concerned about the need to cancel a trip or being unwell and unable to travel, we recommend considering travel insurance. For 2023, we are assisting our travelers with purchasing travel insurance. As an example, for the Branson trip, travel insurance will run \$125 per person, but this will ensure that you receive a full refund if you are unwell and unable to make the trip. Travel insurance must be purchased at the time of the initial deposit in order to include pre-existing conditions. Travel insurance itself is non-refundable. If you have questions about travel insurance, we are happy to discuss it with you.

How do you set your prices for trips?

Redstone does not build a large profit margin into trips. Our goal is to raise friends 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 so we hope that you will help to recruit fellow travelers for our trips. In most cases, you will find our trips are significantly lower in price than for-profit tour companies.

Why is a single room more expensive?

When a traveler books a single room, that person must pay the full price for the hotel rooms included in the trip. In comparison, in a double room, that cost is divided between the two people sharing the room. The difference in cost for a single is solely based on the cost of the hotel room. Sometimes we have travelers who are looking for a roommate in order to lower the costs. If you are interested in this, let us know and we will connect you if possible!

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.

How often does the bus stop?

We 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. You can bring snacks and beverages on the bus, too. The bathroom on the bus is available for urgent situations. We encourage you to dress in layers so that you can personally adjust your comfort levels as it is hard to find agreed upon temperatures on the bus.

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 women, but we love having gentleman 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! We hope you will be joining us! More complete itineraries are available on each of our trips by request. To register or for questions, please call Kim Darragh at 724-832-8402 X 3378. You may also book online at www.redstone.org/giving/redstone goes. Our VP for Mission Support, Lisa Dormire, coordinates most of our trips and is available for questions at 724-832-8402 X 3353 or Idormire@redstone.org. #StayAdventurous