

As we begin planning adventures for Redstone Goes, we usually look to places where we have never been. Over the past few months, however, we've heard a lot of requests for us to return to some of our favorite locations. We're so excited about these trips and hope you will plan to join us!

Drumroll please for our 2024 adventures!

A "Galentine's Evening Frolic" Sorry gentlemen, for the first time this trip is for women only! We will enjoy the company of friends on Tuesday, February 13th as we celebrate Galentine's Day. This day is growing in popularity as an opportunity on the eve of Valentine's Day for women to celebrate their friendships and sisterhood with other women. We'll depart early afternoon and travel to Phipp's Conservatory to enjoy the beautiful indoor flowers and exhibits, and then we'll go to the Porch at Schenley for a delightful dinner. We'll play some Galentine's Games around our tables, too. The price for this trip is \$105.

We're going on a LAND CRUISE! We'll depart in the morning on March 5 and make our way to Berlin, Ohio where we'll do a little Amish Country shopping before it is time to check in for our CRUISE. The Amish Country Theater and Berlin Encore Hotel have created a cruise-like experience that includes meals, entertainment, an indoor pool, bingo and other games, 24/7 soft ice cream and more. The land cruise gets rave reviews and we were lucky to snag some rooms for this one. We'll check out in the late morning of March 7th and make one more Amish shopping stop before heading home. If you're looking for relaxing fun and fellowship, this little adventure is for you. Price for this trip is \$500 per person in a double room, or \$899 for a single room.

We are so excited to return to some of our favorite places for **Springtime in the Smokies!** We'll depart on Tuesday, April 23 and make our way to Pigeon Forge, TN where we'll stay at the Country Inn and Suites. We'll enjoy a group dinner upon our arrival. On Wednesday we'll spend the day at Dollywood at the Spring Flower and Food festival. My daughter treated me to this festival for Mother's Day last year and we LOVED it. So many flowers, incredible shows, and you get a punch card to eat your way through the park, enjoying 5 food items throughout the day. On Thursday a step-on guide will join us for our "Blondes and Beans Tour" where we'll learn more about Dolly and her impact on the region, and tour the Busch's Beans Visitor Center and Café! The later afternoon and evening will be free time to explore the town of



Gatlinburg and enjoy dinner on your own. On Friday we'll make our way over the mountain to Asheville, NC. We'll be staying at the Holiday Inn and we'll spent Friday and Saturday visiting the Biltmore Estate where the gardens will be in full spectacular bloom! We've never visited in the springtime! A Chihuly glass exhibit will have just opened and we are working on getting tickets to that, too. After two days in Asheville, we will make our trip home on Sunday, April 28th. Five fun days of activities and delicious food! Final prices will be based on the number of travelers joining us for the trip. If between 30- and 40-persons travel, prices will be \$1,380 per person in a single room, \$1,110 per person in a double room, \$1,030 per person in a triple room, and \$990 per person in a quad room. If 40 – 50 persons travel, the prices will be \$1,280 for one person in a single room, \$1,010 per person for each person in a double room, \$930 for each person in a triple room, and \$890 per person in a quad room. All rooms will have two queen sized beds.

Over the summer months we're planning for two fun day trips. It'll be **ALL ABOARD** on June 4th as we board an Amtrak train in Greensburg in the morning to make our way around the Horseshoe bend near Altoona. We'll disembark in Altoona where a Motorcoach will take us to the railroad museum, the Boyer candy factory, lunch at the historic Casino (which isn't that kind of casino), and more before returning us to Redstone. Price for this day adventure will be \$100 per person.

We're still pinning down the date and final destination, but in August we will offer a one day trip to either Erie, PA or Put-in-Bay, Ohio. With either destination, we'll get out on the water and enjoy a great summer day!

We've already been talking about this for quite a while, but in September we have our **big cruise** (on the water this time) to New England and Canada. We'll be adventuring on Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas from September 5 – 14th. Our travel agent Sherry has been able to lock in amazing rates for us. To book your cabin call her at 724-972-8118 as soon as possible. We will also travel as a group from Redstone to Baltimore, making the whole experience super easy and fun! Approximate price for an oceanview cabin, roundtrip transportation to Baltimore, cruise fees, taxes, and gratuities is \$2600 for TWO PEOPLE. We have 50 people signed up to enjoy this cruise so far!

We're still going to do a fall trip since not everyone is interested in a cruise, and this one will be great! We're calling this one **Magnificent Michigan!** We will depart on Sunday, October 6th and spend our first night in Frankenmuth after enjoying an afternoon shopping in this little German village. On October 7th we'll make our way north and take the ferry to Mackinac Island. We'll stay for two nights at Redstone's favorite Murray Hotel, located right in the heart of Mackinac. During our time on the island you'll have free time to enjoy on your own, and we'll do a group tour and lunch at the Grand Hotel. On Wednesday we'll leave the island and travel to the Thunder Bay Resort for one night's lodging, and a gourmet



dinner and elk tour! On Thursday we'll make our way to the Dearborn, MI area where we will enjoy a tour of the Ford truck factory before our overnight. Thursday morning we'll spend a few hours at the spectacular Henry Ford Museum before making our way back home. We've packed so much Michigan into this trip – it's going to be great! Costs vary depending on how many passengers we have participating. If there are 30 – 40 passengers, the following prices will be in place: \$1,540 per person in a single room, \$1,222 per person in a double room, \$1,116 per person in a triple room, and \$1,072 per person in a quad room. If 40 – 50 passengers go, prices will be \$1,439 per person in a single room, \$1,119 per person in a double room, \$1,013 per person in a triple room, and \$969 per person in a quad room. Rooms will have two queen beds in each room.

On Tuesday, December 10th we'll finish out the year with our annual **Christmas trip**. This time we'll make our way to Cambridge, OH to visit the Dicken's Village and other attractions. Lunch will be on your own on Tuesday with a group dinner that evening. On Wednesday we will visit the Smucker's Jelly Visitor Centre, before making our way back to the Stan Hywett Hall and Mansion in Akron that we visited last summer. During our recent visit many of you asked to return to see the holiday decorations, so we're making that happen. Lunch will be included Wednesday and we'll make a dinner stop for dinner on your own on the way home. Price for this trip is anticipated to be \$425 per person in a double room.

Policies and General Information

New this year... for all overnight trips, we are planning an **"easy pace"** option that will provide travelers with an opportunity to have an afternoon rest when possible. For those who like to be more active, we'll still have a full day of activities, but we're going to be intentional about providing a few more rest opportunities along the way! Please note that the charter busses that we use for our trips do not have lifts available, and so travelers must be able to go up and down 3 – 4 stairs with minimal assistance when getting on and off the bus. Travelers are welcome to bring mobility assist devices including rollators, wheelchairs, and motorized scooters. Travelers may also bring oxygen, but there are limits to how many tanks may be on the bus, so please notify us in advance if you need to bring oxygen.

Dietary accommodations are made whenever possible, especially for food allergies. Please let us know in advance if you have special dietary needs and we will do our best to accommodate.

Bus seating is assigned in order to keep traveling groups together, and for sanitation reasons. Your spot will be your spot for the trip. Seating is generally assigned from the front upon receipt of the deposit. Accommodations for accessibility and medical concerns may be arranged. Temperatures on the busses are hard to regulate consistently throughout the bus so we encourage dressing in layers and bringing a blanket and hat, especially if you tend to be cold. Snacks and beverages are welcome on the bus, but we do not pay the additional fee required for alcohol consumption on the bus. We make a comfort stop approximately every two hours on our trips.

Please note that we have also changed our **pricing structures** this year. Trip prices are listed at cost at our break-even point. We have had some questions about the actual costs of the trips and how much of a charitable donation was built in to the price, so we have decided to eliminate all of those

questions with **transparent pricing**. In order to continue to support Redstone's mission and care for residents in need, we hope that each trip participant will voluntarily make a charitable donation in addition to the price of the trip. Suggested charitable donation for a one day trip is \$10, an overnight trip is \$25, and a multi-night trip is \$50.

A \$100 deposit is required to save your spot for overnight trips and \$25 for a day trip. Reservations may be made by calling Justin at 724-832-8401 X 3378. Deposits are fully refundable up until 60 days before departure. Trips must be paid in full 30 days before departure, and after that time, we will work with you to provide as much of a refund as possible if you find you need to cancel. If tickets or rooms have already been paid for, however, we will be unable to refund monies already spent. To alleviate any concerns that you might have about needing to cancel due to health or family concerns, we recommend purchasing travel insurance. We recommend booking via www.withfaye.com. If you purchase your travel insurance within 14 days of your initial deposit, pre-existing conditions are included. If you want us to purchase the policy for you, we can do so and charge it to your credit card. As an example, for a trip costing \$1,000, an 80-year-old person would be able to purchase a policy for this trip that includes pre-existing conditions for about \$125. Prices vary a little up or down depending on age. It is the best investment you can make to make sure you get your money back should you need to cancel!

Trips may be paid in installments. 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 traveling more than once with us this year, we can add your amount due together and set up an EZ Pay that covers all of your trips with monthly payments.

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.

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 75% of our travelers are of the female variety, but we love having gentleman join us for our adventures! Please feel free to share these travel opportunities with your family and friends.

We are so grateful for the friends who have traveled with us over the years, and we look forward to widening that circle in 2024. We hope that you continue to find Redstone Goes Trips an opportunity to **#StayAdventurous** within a fun and supportive environment!

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