

EXTENDED TRAVEL TRIPS

Sponsored by: Fitchburg Senior Center Friends (FSCF) w/Georgia Ascher, Volunteer Extended Trip Coordinator

Hi Everyone,

Oh my! Our "Discover Panama" trip boasted eighteen [18] travelers! We departed on 10/9 & returned on 10/17. The BIGGEST attraction of course was the Panama Canal Zone. We spent a half day going through two locks while learning the history of the canal construction and enjoying breathtaking scenery. What a glorious way to end our 2014 sponsored trips during the 100 year canal celebration! The resorts and other included excursions in our itinerary were superb! I highly recommend this trip to anyone thinking about it in the future.

"HIGHLIGHTS OF SUNNY FLORIDA"

Three dates to pick from. FEBRUARY 13-22, MARCH 20-27 and MARCH 27 – APRIL 5.

If you want to go, you MUST CALL NOW: 1-855-522-4877. Only 4 or 5 seats left for each date.

Mention Fitchburg Senior Center phone #: 608-270-4290 and code #: 8400. Brochures at FSC and online.

APRIL 11 – 18, 2015

"FLAVORS OF THE SOUTH"

The Southern adventure begins w/a welcome dinner & overnight in Missouri before arriving in New Orleans. Dinner in the historic French Quarter at the Crescent City Brewhouse, featuring live jazz & the Garden District and Cajun dishes. A narrated tour includes Jackson Square, St. Louis Cathedral, the Garden District and French Quarter. Enjoy a little free time and pick up some beignets and coffee at Café du Monde. A visit to the National WWII Museum includes the permanent galleries of "The Home Front", "Planning for D-Day" and "The D-Day Beaches", and an atrium of WWII aircraft. Have fun participating in an interactive experience at the New Orleans School of Cooking.

Travel west to Lake Charles for a guided tour through the Charpentier Historic District. The district is on the National Register of Historic Places and showcases houses featuring turrets, gables, leaded glass & gingerbread accents. Tour the Mardi Gras Museum featuring the largest costume display in the world before designing your own King Cake. The Lake Charles' own *Diamond Dancers* perform energetic dance numbers from All That Jazz to Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy. The included dinner is at LeBleu's Landing. Next day's guided tour of the coastal wetlands of the Creole Nature Trail All American Road includes a visit to the Cameron Prairie Visitor Center and follows the Pintail Wildlife Drive in search of waterfowl, turtles and alligators. A box lunch is provided at Jetty Pier Park while watching tankers, freighters & fishing vessels plying the Calcasieu Channel. The afternoon includes crossing the channel by ferry and then relaxing at Holly Beach to do some shelling or just walking the beach. Take a stroll on the Wetland Walkway through the marsh.

Next stop in West Monroe [home to the lovable characters of TV's "Duck Dynasty"] for a visit to the Duck Commander Warehouse and Store before continuing to West Memphis. Visit Elvis' 14-acre "Graceland" estate including the [jungle] den, gold records, awards & costumes. Enjoy a locally guided narrated tour of Memphis to Beale Street, Cotton Row and the Lorraine Motel. Tour the Gibson Guitar Factory where skilled craftsmen create some of the finest guitars in the world. Included dinner at Alfred's on Beale, a Memphis favorite.

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2 nights in New Orleans, 2 nights at Isle of Capri Casino Hotel in Lake Charles, 2 nights in Memphis
Motorcoach. 8 Days; 13 Meals. VALUE TRIP. \$1339.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU ALL!