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Dear Trips and Tours Participants,

Here are our new trip offerings for Summer 2012! We have put together a variety of appealing day trips that we hope will spark your interest.

Be sure to enroll early. These trips will be very popular and spaces will go quickly.

Grab your friends, your family and your sense of adventure and come have fun with Trips & Tours!

The Trips & Tours schedule is now posted on the Napa Valley College website. Please visit www.napavalley.edu and click on the Community Education link.

Watch for information on these 2013 trips...

Discover Panama: The Land Between the Seas

Explore the natural beauty of Panama! Ride the historic Panama Canal Railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific and stay at the Gamboa Rainforest Resort. Travel via dugout canoe to meet the indigenous Emberá people. Explore bustling local markets. Savor Panamanian dishes at an exclusive culinary demonstration. Visit the Smithsonian Galeta Marine Laboratory and the Miraflores Locks Visitor Center. Choose a morning cruise to Monkey Island or ride the Aerial Tram for canopy level views of the rainforest. Relax at the Intercontinental Playa Bonita Beach Resort. Complete the Panama experience with a partial transit through the Panama Canal.

Cruising the Best of Scandinavia

Prepare for a true Scandinavian adventure. Visit three countries; Sweden, Norway, Denmark. Set out on a Norwegian fjord cruise aboard your Royal Caribbean cruise ship that includes the majestic Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Savor Swedish cuisine at Fem Sma Hus, a charming evening spent dining in cellars furnished like a private castle. Stroll the streets of ancient Bergen. Enjoy free time in Bergen, Stockholm and Copenhagen; and also aboard your luxury cruise ship. Learn the history of the 17th century warship Vasa at the Vasa Ship Museum. Explore the grounds and gardens at Tivoli, Copenhagen’s world famous park.

Exploring Britain & Ireland featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

From the fashionable streets of London to the magical Blarney Stone, this great adventure takes you over rolling farmland and across the Irish Sea, through England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Marvel at the mystery of Stonehenge. Celebrate Irish humor, music and dance in Dublin. Visit William Shakespeare’s birthplace, Stratford-upon-Avon. Visit the English Lake District, Ireland’s Ring of Kerry and the valleys and mountains of North Wales. Tour the regal city of Edinburgh.
Thee Kingdoms of Indochina: Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia

November 1—19, 2012

- This exciting journey through Southeast Asia showcases the fascinating history, culture and artistic treasures of Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam. Explore glorious cities, from vibrant Bangkok to ancient Angkor Wat and Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City. Discover early empires, enchanting landscapes and friendly people. Gain an understanding of this wondrous region on guided tours and time to explore on your own.

- Cruise overnight in a traditional wooden junk boat through the emerald waters and craggy limestone cliffs along Halong Bay.

- Enjoy a half day cooking class in Hoi An that includes a visit to the market to purchase fresh ingredients.

Per Person Rates: Double $5,919; Single $7,019

Included in Price: • Round trip air, cancellation & medical insurance.

Refund Policy: Checks will be returned and no credit card charges will be made if requested trips are already closed. Full refunds will be issued if a trip is cancelled by the college. Refunds are granted only if the trip is filled and the reservations can be resold by the Community Education Office. If a refund is made, the college retains a $5 processing fee. Refunds will be mailed to the student whose name appears on the enrollment receipt regardless of who paid the fees.
Mail-In Registration
Mail-In Registration is simple.
1) Complete the enrollment form.
2) Attach a separate check or money order for each trip you wish to enroll in or fill in the credit card information; and
3) Mail to:  
   Napa Valley College  
   Upper Valley Campus  
   1088 College Avenue  
   St. Helena, CA 94574

Fax-In Registration
Fax-In Registration is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.  
Be sure to fax your fully completed enrollment form with credit card information. The fax number is (707) 967-2909.

Walk-In Registration
Walk-In Registration takes place at the Upper Valley Campus,  
1088 College Avenue in St. Helena Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Checks will be returned and no credit card charges will be made if requested trips are already closed. Full refunds will be issued if a trip is canceled by the college. Refunds are granted only if the trip is filled and the reservations can be resold by the Community Education Office. If a refund is made, the college retains a $5.00 processing fee per person. Many trips are open to children as young as 5 years of age. Please call our office for specific information.

Voice Mail Registration  
(707) 967-2900 – Press 1301

Have the following information available for each traveler:  
  Activity Number of the Trip(s)  
  Mailing Address  
  Telephone Number  
  Email Address  
  Date of Birth  
  Credit Card Number and Expiration Date

Autumn in New England  
October 6 - 12, 2012

From country stores to covered bridges and remarkable mountains, welcome to New England. Enjoy a locally guided tour of historic Boston and a visit to its famed Faneuil Hall Marketplace. Visit the picturesque maritime town of Salem, known for its infamous witch trials of 1692. Savor the true taste of New England during a farewell dinner featuring Maine’s famous fresh lobster.

Highlights... Boston ● Salem ● Lexington ● Concord ● Cold Hollow Cider Mill Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream Factory ● Billings Farm ● Woodstock, VT Portland ● Kennebunkport ● Lobster Dinner

Regular rates: Double $2,299; Single $2,899; Triple $2,269
Included In Price: Round Trip Air from San Francisco Intl
Airport, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges of $50 (subject to increase until paid in full), Cancellation Waiver and
Insurance of $165 per person, Hotel Transfers
Rates are Per Person *
Discover the energy of Texas from San Antonio with its tree-shaded Riverwalk to Fort Worth, a big Texas town with plenty of hee-haw! Visit LBJ Ranch, birthplace of the 36th President of the United States and tour the stunning Texas State Capitol building in Austin. Experience a Texas rodeo, wine tastings, and life in the hill country at a Dude Ranch where you’ll learn the art of saddling and roping. Following a home-style Texan dinner, meet real cowboys and listen to their stories around a campfire. In Dallas, visit Dealey Plaza, the Kennedy Memorial and the famous Sixth Floor Museum. Enjoy a true Texas tradition – the Championship Rodeo, Dallas! Discover the art of Mexican cuisine during a cooking class at a local establishment. Uncork the secrets of Texas wine with a tasting at a local winery. Journey the Cotton Belt Route aboard the historic Grapevine Vintage Railroad.

Highlights...Austin, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, LBJ Library and Museum, Stonewall, Fredericksburg, San Antonio, The Alamo, Mexican Cooking Class, Silver Spur Dude Ranch, Fort Worth Stockyards

Per Person Rates: Double $2,714; Single $3,264

Included in Price: • Round trip air, cancellation & medical insurance.

Steve Silva’s Beach Blanket Babylon is the longest running musical revue in theatre history! It is a zany musical spoof of pop culture with extravagant costumes and outrageously huge hats. Beach Blanket Babylon continually evolves in it’s hilarious parodies of current events and popular icons as today’s headlines unfold.

“It unlocks the golden feel-good factor!”
The London Times

“It picks the audience up and refuses to put them down until they’re grinning uncontrollably.”
Associated Press

“San Francisco’s most fun institution. A one-of-a-kind treat that lives up to its wild reputation.”
San Francisco Examiner

Come along with us again as we celebrate San Francisco’s internationally acclaimed institution. We are confirmed in rear Cabaret seats for the matinee performance. You are guaranteed a good time today filled with lots of fun and laughs!!

Registration # 63006
Leave: 11:45am
Return: 4:45pm
Cost: $82
Wednesday, June 6

Angel Island & Tiburon

Angel Island played a major role in the settlement of the West and as an US Immigration Station. Trails and roads crisscross the island, providing easy access to historic sites and breathtaking views of San Francisco, Marin County and the Golden Gate Bridge.

We will catch our Angel Island Ferry from Tiburon today for the short 10-minute trip to Angel Island. We are scheduled for a one and a half hour narrated tram tour with plenty of great photo opportunities. The tour will include a 15-minute stop at the Immigration Station as we step back in history and learn about the immigrants who passed through this famous facility. After the ferry back to the mainland you are on your own in the quaint little town of Tiburon. Bring a sack lunch from home to enjoy on the harbor or choose from one of the many appealing restaurants in town. There will be time to relax, shop and explore before heading back to Napa.

Registration #  63007
Leave:  9:30am
Return:  4:30pm
Cost:  $68

Russian River Cruise

July 7 - 17, 2012

Experience the splendor of the czars, vibrant Slavic culture and the expansive beauty of rural Russia on this 11-day cruise from Russia’s capital, Moscow to St. Petersburg. Visit Red Square and St. Basil’s Cathedral’s kaleidoscopic towers. Step inside the Kremlin and discover its imperial treasures. See the architectural treasures of the “Golden Ring.” Cruise through picturesque Lake Onega and the mighty Volga River. Follow an expert guide to discover the incredible treasures of the immense Hermitage Museum as you explore St. Petersburg, one of the loveliest cities in Europe.

Highlights...Moscow, Red Square, St. Basil’s Cathedral, Kremlin, Volga River, Kizhi Island, St. Petersburg, Hermitage Museum, Catherine Palace

Boat Deck: Double $5,229 pp; Main Deck: Double $4,929 pp; Upper Deck: Double $4,929 pp

Included in Price: Round Trip air, cancellation and medical insurance.
American Spirit
Family Discovery
June 16 – 23, 2012

One of the greatest joys in life is to spend time together as a family. It’s an important gift you can give your children and grandchildren. This amazing destination, welcoming hotels, exciting activities and family friendly rates are just a bonus!

Philadelphia, Amish Country, Gettysburg, Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon, Washington, D.C.

Discover the city of Philadelphia during a scavenger hunt.
Colonial Williamsburg comes to life when you meet local artisans.
See D.C. your way with the choice of a visit to the Spy Museum or the National Zoo.

- Child Rates up to 50% OFF Adult Rates (on land portion)
- Family-Friendly Hotels
- Hands-on experiences the whole family can enjoy
- Child rates from ages 4-14

Per Person Rates: Double, $2,464; Single $3,014; Child $1,864

Included in Price: ● 11 Meals, round trip air, cancellation & medical insurance.

Frank Sinatra Tribute
A Modern Swingin’ Salute to:

Experience the magic, romance and excitement of the music of Frank Sinatra in this special “one-performance-only” celebration featuring the greatest romantic ballads and swingin’ hits of “ol’ blue eyes” himself, the “Chairman of the Board!”

Jonathan Poretz has entertained audiences worldwide with his stylistic interpretations from the Great American Songbook. If you love the great crooners of Las Vegas and the romantic love songs and swingin’ sounds of Frank Sinatra, this is a show you won’t want to miss!

The Lesher Center for the Arts, is located in Walnut Creek and is the premier destination for an exceptional arts and entertainment experience. We will enjoy today’s performance in the 785-seat Hoffman Theatre in center orchestra seats.

Join us for this entertaining, toe-tapping production!

Registration # 63292
Leave: 12:00 noon
Return: 6:00 pm
Cost: $55
You are in for a treat today as we visit the San Francisco Zoo. There is so much to see and do in this urban oasis nestled against the Pacific Ocean. This trip is a perfect opportunity to spend the day outside and enjoy the happiness that comes with a day at the zoo. You can bring a lunch or you are welcome to visit one of the three Cafés located within the zoo grounds. Be sure to bring the kids on this delightful adventure; they will have a wonderful time observing the animals, riding the Little Puffer train, feeding the bears and mingling with all of the critters at the Fisher Family Children’s Zoo.

Registration # 63293
Leave: 9:00am
Return: 4:00pm
Cost: $45

Extended Educational Trips

What do Philadelphia and Amish Country, Moscow and Red Square, Kennebunkport and Southeast Asia have in common? They’re all waiting to be discovered on a Napa Valley College trip!

Our travel partner, Collette Vacations, has 93 years of experience in the travel industry and a reputation for outstanding quality and customer service. There’s no need to hesitate...Collette’s unique cancellation waiver allows you to cancel at ANY time, for ANY reason until the day before departure.

Trip prices for Extended Trips include:
- Many meals
- Round-trip airfare and airport transportation
- Air taxes and any fee surcharges
- Hotel transfers
- First-class hotel accommodations
- Motorcoach transportation throughout
- Admission to attractions mentioned as “included”
- Porterage of your suitcase
- Professional tour director
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance

Join us at our TRIP INFORMATION meeting!

Friday, May 18th
2 to 3pm

Napa Valley College
Main Campus –Room 838

Learn details about our current offerings and be the first to hear about future trip destinations!

Day parking permits will be necessary.
Tuesday, October 30

Apple Hill
High Hill Ranch

Back by popular demand ... the awe-inspiring destination—Apple Hill.

Nestled in El Dorado County the apple growers of this region open their ranches to the public each year to enjoy the bountiful harvest and beautiful scenery.

As we arrive in Apple Hill today, we will be welcomed with hot apple fritters and coffee or tea. With the breathtaking Sierra Mountains as a backdrop, High Hill Ranch is a wonderful place to enjoy all that Apple Hill has to offer. We will be treated to a special hayride around the ranch this morning so be sure to plan accordingly. A delicious bar-b-que lunch will be arranged for us upon the return from our ride. The not-to-be-missed craft fair is an excellent place to buy specialties of the region and fresh produce to take home. This is best time of year to celebrate everything that is Apple Hill.

Registration # 63298
Leave: 8:00am
Return: 4:30pm
Cost: $55

Wednesday, August 8

Academy of Sciences

The new California Academy of Sciences is redefining what it means to be a science museum: a single building that evokes the interdependence of earth, ocean and space; that houses an aquarium, a planetarium and a natural history museum; that’s filled with hundreds of innovative and engaging exhibits and thousands of animals!

We are headed to the Academy of Sciences today for an experience filled with science and discovery. Sit back, relax as you enjoy the scenic ride to San Francisco. You are free to explore as you like today. For lunch you may want to try the popular multicultural Academy Café or if you are looking for a more upscale restaurant the Moss Room is known for it’s delicious fine dining.

Please visit The Academy of Sciences website: http://www.calacademy.org to help you plan your day at this extraordinary museum.

You won’t want to miss a thing!

Registration # 63294
Leave: 9:00am
Return: 4:00pm
Cost: $59
Saturday, August 25th

War Horse

2011 Tony Award for Best Play

Hailed by the New York Times as “theatrical magic” WarHorse is a powerful and imaginative drama set at the outbreak of World War I in the English countryside and the battle fields of France and Germany. The performance is filled with stirring music and songs, and at the heart of the show are life-sized puppets which bring breathing, galloping, charging horses to life on stage. “The puppetry is nothing “short of miraculous”, according to The Times of London.

War Horse is the recipient of six 2011 Tony Awards and promises to be a memorable experience that you won’t soon forget. We will enjoy the performance today at the Curran Theatre, a charming and vibrant example of San Francisco’s rich theatre and architectural heritage. We will view this amazing performance from our seats in the Mezzanine section of this historic venue.

Registration # 63295
Leave: 12:00noon
Return: 6:30pm
Cost: $122

Friday, September 14

State Capitol
Old Sacramento
Historic River Cruise

The California State Capitol embodies the best of California’s past and present. The building serves as both a museum and the state’s working seat of government. Experience California’s rich history and witness the making of history through the modern lawmaking process. Forty acres of lawns, flower gardens and memorials to California history surround this majestic building for your enjoyment.

Historic Old Sacramento dates back to 1848 when the discovery of gold attracted prospectors and entrepreneurs in search of adventure and riches on the riverfront. Today, the area’s history is a backdrop for exploring, dining, shopping, entertainment and culture.

Sacramento Historic River Cruise - Spend the afternoon on a one-hour narrated cruise down the Sacramento River. Learn about the legendary past of California’s capital city, from the first days of the Gold Rush to the booming metropolis that is here today.

We will start with a tour at the State Capitol this morning. This is your opportunity to discover the Capitol Building including the numerous art exhibits available for viewing. We will then head over to Old Sacramento via motorcoach where we are scheduled for a one-hour historic river cruise. You are sure to find fun and adventure in Sacramento, our state’s capital.

Registration # 63297
Leave: 9:00am
Return: 5:00pm
Cost: $59