Celtic Illusion
Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Georgia O’Keeffe at Seattle Art Museum
Wednesday, April 1, 2020

Skagit Tulips & Deception Pass Cruise
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Wine and Chocolate Festival in Enumclaw
Saturday, February 8, 2020

Celebrate Valentine’s Day early, and treat yourself to the finer things in life at the twelfth annual Enumclaw Wine and Chocolate Festival at the Enumclaw Expo Center. This year over 20 fine wineries from around Washington will be offering over 80 wines to taste. More than a dozen chocolatiers will tempt you with their samples, and many gift and specialty vendors will be participating as well, along with demonstrations and musical entertainment. The wineries, chocolatiers, gift and specialty vendors will be intermixed throughout the two buildings along with a stage in each building. Every guest receives a wine glass and six tasting tickets (tastes range from 1 to 3 tickets each depending on the wine). Dinner, appetizers and additional tastings will be available for purchase.

$75/$85 Member/General Public
Includes transportation, admission and tasting tickets.
Food on your own. Valid ID required.
Departs OSC 12:00/LSC 12:30 pm. Returns approx. 6:45 pm.

National Nordic Museum in Ballard
Wednesday, February 12, 2020

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to include a broader understanding of Nordic life and culture as it has evolved over the last twelve thousand years. After the tour, we’ll have plenty of time to revisit the exhibits on your own or shop in the museum store. Our trip includes a delicious meal at Portage Bay Café. Famous for their Breakfast Bar, they serve breakfast and lunch entrees all day so you’ll have lots of fresh, local food to choose from.

$95/$105 Member/General Public
*Includes transportation, admission, tour, and meal.*
Departs OSC 7:45/LSC 8:15 am. Returns approx. 4:30 pm.

Kitsap Peninsula Food Tour
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

Our foodie tours have really become popular and this one may be the best yet as we eat our way around the Kitsap Peninsula. Stops will include Crimson Cove Smoked Specialties of Poulsbo where they will lay out a spread of their best house-smoked salmon, cheeses, nuts and oils for us to sample. Later we will have a seated tasting of at the wonderful Finnriver Farm and Cidery just north of Kitsap near Chimacum. Later we stop at Molly Ward Gardens & Restaurant for some gourmet savory appetizers. Our last stop on the way home will be at Port Orchard’s Carter and Company where we will sample house made desserts and candies.

$105/$115 Member/General Public
*Includes transportation and all tastings.*
Departs LSC 10:00/OSC 10:30 am. Returns approx. 8:30 pm.
Just when it feels like Winter will never end, The Northwest Flower & Garden Festival is here to herald the start of spring and the end of winter doldrums. Located at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle, there’s a full acre of show gardens brimming with ideas to inspire your garden projects. No matter your style or needs, you’ll find inspiration for outdoor living, edible gardening, sustainability, and more. You can buy new plants or unique hand-crafted wares, savor delicious specialty foods, or find that special piece of furniture or art to grace your garden. Enjoy lunch on your own, and if you like you stroll through the exhibits, enjoy a glass of regional wine or a craft beer. There’s even a free package check service for you to stash your purchases while you continue to enjoy the show or take in one of the expert seminars.

$75 Member/$85 General Public
Includes transportation, snack and entry fee.
Departs OSC 11:00 LSC 11:30 am. Returns apprx. 7:30 pm.

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This weekend getaway combines luxury accommodations with the lively cultural experience known as the Fisherpoets Gathering! We’ll travel to Astoria, Oregon for one night at the historic Cannery Pier Hotel & Spa. Experience the mighty Columbia from the comfort of your room in this luxury boutique hotel that offers guests unparalleled views. The hotel is lavishly appointed with unique amenities such as an authentic Finnish sauna, full service day spa, hors d’oeuvres in the lobby and continental breakfast. You can even arrange a complimentary chauffeur into town to the venue of your choice for the evening’s festivities.

The Fisherpoet’s Gathering, attracts poets, songwriters and storytellers from fishing communities across the nation. You’ll get a full pass to the festival so you can experience all the poetry, storytelling and music you want. Friday we will stop at the Carriage Museum on the way south and have lunch together in Astoria followed by some free time to explore. Friday night the town comes alive with performances in multiple venues, and you’ll have more time in town Saturday before heading home.

$265 Member/$285 General Public (per person double occupancy) Single Supplement $115
Includes transportation, lodging, two meals, admission, and snacks. Departs LSC 8:00/OSC 8:30 am. Returns apprx. 7:00 pm. Sat.
Celtic Illusions: Music Dance and Magic!  
Wednesday, March 4, 2020

We’re off to Longview’s Columbia Theatre for a mind-blowing production of *Celtic Illusion*. Cleverly fusing Celtic music, modern Irish dance and spectacular magic and illusion, this show is a sensory experience like no other. Spellbinding music, an incredible cast featuring some of the fastest taps in the dance world (think Riverdance), and spine-tingling illusions will keep you mesmerized on the edge of your seat. Before the performance we’ll dine in historic downtown Longview at Mill City Grill with an extensive menu of American and Italian favorites, burgers, pasta, pizza, wraps, fish, salads and more.

$140/$150 Member/General Public  
*Includes transportation, dinner, performance and snack.*  
Departs OSC 3:00 LSC 3:30 pm. Returns approx. 11:30 pm.

Forgotten Stories: Art of WPA at Tacoma Art Museum  
Friday, March 13, 2020

Remember when the government paid artists to make art? It was early 1934, and the United States was near the depths of a depression with unemployment close to 25 percent. As the Federal Emergency Relief Act, a prototype of the New Deal work-relief programs, began to put a few dollars into the pockets of hungry workers, the question arose whether to include artists among the beneficiaries. But Harry Hopkins, whom President Franklin D. Roosevelt put in charge of work relief, settled the matter, saying, "Hell, they've got to eat just like other people!" Thus was born the Public Works of Art Project (PWAP).
Forgotten Stories: Northwest Public Art of the 1930’s at the Tacoma Art Museum looks at some of the thousands of artworks created in our region whose stories are mostly unknown. This trip has some special added value; we will start with coffee and pastries and a talk from Gery Gerst, a former Olympia teacher and current faculty in Senior Services’ Academic Program. He will share the historical context in which the WPA was created and a summary of other projects. After visiting the museum we will head over to the new McMenamin’s in the historic Elks Temple where you can explore and get a meal on your own at one of the restaurants onsite.

$65/$75 Member/General Public
Includes transportation, snacks and museum admission. Meal on your own at McMenamin’s.
Departs OSC 8:30/LSC 9:00 am. Returns approx. 5:00 pm.

St Patrick’s Day Cruise on Lake Union
Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Join as we partner with Waterways Cruises on St. Patrick’s Day for a two hour cruise on Lake Union and Lake Washington. You’ll enjoy a delicious three course plated lunch as you take in the sights along the shoreline. You’ll see spring flowers, the Seattle skyline, colorful houseboats, local landmarks, and the elegant waterfront estates of the rich and famous. Waterways’ yachts are beautiful offering both inside and exterior seating to ensure your comfort. Their experienced captains provide narration throughout the cruise.

$109/$119 Member/General Public
Includes transportation, snack and lunch cruise.
Departs OSC 8:00/LSC 8:30 am. Returns approx. 4:00 pm.
Let’s go to the beach! Whether it’s the miles of sand, a desire to cook the elusive but delicious razor clam, or the opportunity for some gaming, this trip to the Ocean Shores Razor Clam and Seafood Festival has something for everyone. The main event, though is the outstanding dining opportunities at the convention center. Indulge in the Pacific Northwest’s famous seafood with fresh razor clams from the Quinault Indian Nation, a raw oyster bar, fish and chips, Bennett’s Dungeness crab cakes and more. We’ll include a Chowder Passport to taste the contenders in the Grays Harbor County Chowder Contest. There will be vendors, art displays, beer and wine tasting, cooking demonstrations and more.

There is even a free shuttle that runs from the festival to the nearby Quinault Casino and Resort all day long.

$60/$70 Member/General Public
Includes transportation, snack, and Chowder Passport.
Departs LSC 7:30/ OSC 8:00 am. Returns apprx. 4:30 pm.
Looking for a quick affordable getaway? Join us for an overnight at the Point Casino Hotel and Casino on the Kitsap Peninsula near Kingston. The Point Hotel opened in November of 2016 and like the Casino is owned and operated by the Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe. Our trip begins with a stop in Poulsbo. A popular tourist destination, Poulsbo was founded by a Norwegian immigrant and the downtown area still maintains a Scandinavian theme in honor of its heritage. You’ll have plenty of free time to shop and get lunch on your own in town. After checking in at our hotel, each guest will receive a coupon for $10 slot play, 3x points for women, and a 2 for 1 prime rib buffet with Asian food, salad bar, chicken, fish, fixins, and the best lemon pie around. We will check out mid morning and you have an option to stay and play for a couple of hours or take a short ride to the lighthouse at Point No Point where you can walk the beach or wetland trail and explore the park before heading home.

$139/$159 Member/ General Public (per person double occupancy) Single Supplement $55
Includes transportation, lodging, and snacks.
Departs LSC 10:00/OSC 10:30 am.
Returns approx. 3:30 pm. Thursday
For this day trip, we start with some shopping and lunch on your own at Seattle’s iconic Pike Place Market. Within the nine-acre historic district you'll discover dozens of farmers, a bustling crafts market, and a variety of restaurants. After lunch, we will all meet up and head down the block to Seattle Art Museum. The exhibit, Georgia O’Keeffe: Abstract Variations will bring SAM’s newly acquired masterpiece, *Music, Pink and Blue No. 1* together with loans from major museums including the Georgia O’Keeffe Museum in Santa Fe, and the Whitney Museum of American Art to comprise a tightly focused selection of paintings from the 1920s and 1930s, and photographs of the artist by Alfred Stieglitz.

$75/$85 Member/General Public
*Includes transportation, meal and performance.*

**Oysters Galore!**
Wednesday, April 8 2020

Here’s your chance to learn how to shuck oysters and then snack on these tasty mollusks. Hama Hama Co. is a 5th generation family-run oyster farm with a reputation for quality built on hard work and clean water. This 2-hour class is a hands-on experience. And after you’ve done the work, it’s time to eat – both raw and roasted oysters. If you aren’t an oyster lover, don’t worry, the meal includes charcuterie plates, baguettes and wine.
Weather permitting, we’ll take a stroll on the beach before a quick stop at the Hoodsport Coffee Co for ice cream on our way home. Our trip starts with a stop at the Squaxin Island Museum. The lives of the Squi-Aitl people centered around the rich resources of the sea, including harvesting oysters which were also highly prized trade goods.

$130/$140 Member/General Public
*Includes transportation, admission, class and meal.*
Departs LSC 9:00/OSC 9:30 am. Returns approx. 4:30 pm.

**Step Into Nature #1: Theler Wetlands**
Saturday, April 11, 2020

Dust off your walking shoes because our Step Into Nature Series is kicking off with a wonderful excursion to the Theler Wetlands. Located at the head of Hood Canal, Theler Wetlands has miles of walking trails within a 139 acre of protected salt marsh and estuary wetlands at the mouth of the Union River. The level trail is 3 miles round trip with plenty of spots to sit and observe plants, birds and animals in their natural habitat. Do the entire distance or however much you are comfortable with. Bring your binoculars for some bird watching, or a good book to pass the time if you choose not to complete the trail. On the way home we’ll stop in Union at 2 Margaritas for a hearty Mexican lunch.

$69/$79 Member/General Public
*Includes transportation, meal and performance.*
Departs LSC 8:00/LSC 830 am. Returns approx. 4:00 pm.
There simply is nothing like Skagit Valley during tulip season; a feast for the senses. Miles of vibrant multi-colored tulips bloom throughout the landscape eliciting smiles from young and old alike. Our overnight excursion starts with a healthy lunch and a little free time in Mt. Vernon before our tour of the sprawling tulip fields. We will visit Roozengaard where you can purchase bulbs, bouquets, gifts and more, or wander the fields taking advantage of some of the most amazing photo-ops ever!

You’ll have some free time in quaint Laconner, before checking in at The Country Inn. That evening you’ll have free time to grab a meal or cocktail on you own at one of the many establishments within a few blocks of the hotel. The next morning after breakfast at the hotel, you’ll have time to explore the Laconner’s unique shops along the waterfront. We will meet at the docks at 10:45 am. to board a boat for a 2.5 hour cruise out the Swinomish Channel and through the awe inspiring beauty of Deception Pass. The cruise includes a cracked crab and BBQ chicken lunch.

$299/$319 Member/General Public (per person double occupancy) Single Supplement +$82
Includes transportation, lodging, three meals, admission, and snacks. Departs OSC 7:30/OSC 8:00 am. Returns apprx. 5:30 pm.
Burke Museum on the UW Campus
Thursday, April 23, 2020

The Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture is 134 years old and for most of those years, it had been looking for a bigger home until last October when the New Burke opened to national recognition. With working labs you can see into, one-of-a-kind objects all around you, and galleries filled curiosity and conversation, it’s a new kind of museum – and a whole new way to experience our world. In a dramatic departure from the typical museum model, exhibit galleries are side-by-side with visible collections, labs and hands-on learning spaces, connecting the ancient (fossils, artifacts) with the contemporary (living cultures, high-tech labs). Before the museum visit we will enjoy a meal at Julia’s, a Wallingford favorite, serving organic fare with vegan and gluten free options.

$99/$109 Member/ General Public
Includes transportation, meal, admission and snack.
Departs OSC 8:00 LSC 8:30 am. Returns approx. 4:30 pm.

Tacoma Rainiers vs Albuquerque Isotopes
Monday, April 27, 2020

Do you love baseball, but not the crowds? Then join us for a day of baseball, sunshine (hopefully) and good times. Fast paced but more relaxed than the major league games, the minors are a blast for baseball fans of all ages. Join us to see our home team, the Rainiers, a Triple-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners, take on the Albuquerque Isotopes in Cheney Stadium, Tacoma. Our package includes a pregame burger buffet and beverages. We will be on the Party Deck for the game but if the weather turns indoor seating will be available.

$69/$79 Member/ General Public
Includes transportation, Party Deck seating, and buffet.
Departs OSC 9:00 LSC 9:30 am. Returns approx. 4:00 pm.
If you are not familiar, Ashland is a picturesque town of boutique shopping, all the craft beers, espresso drinks, gourmet eats and bookstores one might crave, and, of course, the nationally respected, Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF). Founded in 1935, OSF boasts a three-stage theater complex with an annual budget of $30 million-plus and a sizable company of resident actors and artisans. We’ll see two plays during our stay. Wednesday we will see a matinee of the popular classic by the company’s namesake, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. After free time to explore downtown and have dinner on your own, we attend the world premiere of *The Copper Children*, by Karen Zacarias. Inspired by true events involving an Irish “orphan train” in a mixed-race Arizona mining community.

We’ll stay at the Ashland Springs Hotel where a two-year restoration project transformed this historic landmark into a haven of taste and elegance reminiscent of the small European hotels. Complimentary breakfast and afternoon tea are included with your stay. Just two blocks from the theater, various restaurants and boutique shopping, Ashland Springs is perfectly situated for your two night stay.
In addition to lodging and two shows at OSF, our getaway includes lunch in Salem on the way south, breakfast and afternoon tea at the hotel, and a meal in Eugene on the way home.

$539/$559 Member/General Public (per person double occupancy) Single Supplement $175
Includes transportation, lodging, four meals, admission, and snacks. Departs LSC 8:00/OSC 8:30 am. Returns apprx. 7:00 pm. Thur.

Mother's Day in Bellevue
Sunday, May 10, 2020

Celebrate this special day at the lovely Bellevue Botanical Gardens (BBG). We will start with the highly rated brunch buffet at Eques in the upscale Regency Hyatt Hotel in downtown Bellevue. Then we’re off to the botanical gardens for the main event. With so many species of flowers blooming in May, the gardens will delight as you meander through the 53 acres of cultivated gardens, restored woodlands and natural wetlands. There are many small gardens that make up the 53 acre site, including a Rock Garden & Iris Rain Garden, Waterwise Garden, Fuchsia Garden, the Perennial Border Garden, Ground cover Garden, The Yao Garden, Rhododendron Glen, Native Discovery Garden and more. In addition to the blooms, BBG will have live music, pleine-aire artists, flower arranging and other demonstrations to entertain and educate you.

$88/$98 Member/General Public
Includes transportation, meal, and snack. Departs OSC 9:00 am/LSC 9:30 am. Returns apprx. 5:00 pm.
Join us for our biannual trip to gorgeous Lake Quinault in the heart of the Olympic National Park. This nature trip is rated moderate because the hike is optional. We start at the iconic Lake Quinault Lodge where we will have lunch in the Roosevelt Dining Room. After lunch those who wish to go on a longer hike will board the bus for the short ride to the Kestner Homestead Trailhead on the other side of the lake. Those not wishing to walk the approximately 2 miles, may stay behind in the lounge with a glass of wine or tea and/or take a self-guided walk along the lake’s edge. There is a gift shop to explore as well. We’ll return to pick you up before heading for home.

$90/$100 Member/General Public
Includes transportation, guided hike, lunch, and snacks. Departs LSC 9:00/OSC 9:30 am. Returns apprx. 4:00 pm.
Kubota and Japanese Gardens
Wednesday, May 20, 2020

This trip for garden enthusiasts and those interested in Japanese culture includes visits to two extraordinary Seattle gardens. With a stunning twenty acres of hills and valleys, The Kubota Garden features streams, ponds, waterfalls, and an exceptionally rich and mature collection of plants. Starting with just five acres in 1927, Fujitaro Kubota created a garden that would celebrate the beauty of the northwest in a uniquely Japanese manner. In 1972 the Japanese Government awarded Kubota, then 93, and only one year before his death, the rare honor of the Fifth Class Order of Sacred Treasure for his achievements. After our tour of the Kubota Garden we will continue our Japanese experience with lunch at Jae’s Asian Bistro serving wok entrees, salads, noodle dishes and sushi. We’ll get your order in advance to save time and allow us to visit our next destination, the Seattle Japanese Garden. Tucked within a vast arboretum in a fast-growing city, the 3.5 acre garden features a style known as a stroll garden, which invites visitors to journey through the varied landscapes of Japan- mountains, forests, waterfalls, lakes, and islands in the sea. Ahhh… can you feel the peaceful vibe?

$85/$95 Member/General Public
Includes transportation, admission, tour, lunch and snack.
Departs OSC 8:30/LSC 9:00 am. Returns apprx. 6:30 pm.

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