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# Holidays

## BEGIN!

*I'm always inspired and energized by the "big" holiday season. I can't get enough of the beautiful lights, gorgeous decorations, amazing food, and even the shopping. But you know what would make it even better? A 2024 trip as a gift to yourself and/or family with our Prosperity Travel Club!*

We have experienced a banner year as travel begins to pick up where it left off prior to the pandemic. We've trekked from Hawaii to the French Riviera, from Holland to the ARK Encounter, from Alaska to the Rhine River, and from Cape Cod to our final trip in New York. Luckily, folks are ready to see the world again and we will gladly do our part to help with that.

Amongst all the hustle and bustle, we do want to take some time to say thank you. Thank you for being a customer of Prosperity Bank, thank you for being a part of our Travel Club and most importantly, thank you for the friendships we treasure with each of you.

*May your holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill. And we wish you all the joys of the season and happiness throughout the coming year!*

ALL THE BEST.... **Leslie Escalante**  
TRAVEL CLUB DIRECTOR

Prosperity Travel Club...  
**your passport to FUN!**

### REMINDER: Travel Changes

**Payments:** Prosperity Travel Club will no longer accept credit card payments. Trip payments can be made by Check, Cash or from a Prosperity Account. | **Transportation:** Airport transportation will only be provided for groups of 10 or more from a centralized departure location (unless specified otherwise). | **Tips:** Gratuities for guides and bus drivers will now need to be paid by individual travelers (except for the airport transportation bus driver). A general rule of thumb for tipping amounts based on per person/per day is Bus Drivers \$3 - \$5 per day and Guides \$8-\$10. And of course, a little extra is never turned away for exceptional service.

## HOUSTON/BELLAIRE... Donna

This has been a busy year for our travelers, with adventures to Hawaii and Kenya, the Ark Encounter, Riviera and Alaska cruises, and exploring Cape Cod. Wrapping up this year will be holiday memories made in the Christmas Markets in Montreal & Quebec City and also iconic Christmas experiences in New York City. New experiences will continue as travel buddies are making their plans with the exciting choices in 2024.

### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday, December 7 – Annual Holiday Fashion Show & Luncheon

This Big Event of the Year celebrates the holidays and the anticipation of good times with good friends and a delicious meal at BraeBurn Country Club. Travel Club members will model the latest fashions from Chico's, and area businesses will generously donate a seemingly endless selection of door prizes. Invitations and more details will be coming in the mail.

**First Tuesdays of each month are Bunco Days!** We welcome new players but space is limited, so contact Donna if you would like more information.

#### Thursday, February 15, 2024 – Let's Do Lunch

**Our first luncheon of the New Year will be at a perennial favorite, Saltgrass Steak House in Meyerland Plaza.**

**Best Wishes to all for healthy and happy holidays, to you and your loved ones!**

Donna



## DFW/ETX/OK... Beverly

### We welcome Beverly Patton as our newest member of the Prosperity Travel Club!

Beverly will be servicing our Dallas/Fort Worth, East Texas, and Oklahoma members. She comes to us with a vast knowledge obtained throughout her many years in the travel industry. From a youthful age her passion for travel has remained. One of her strongest attributes is customer service and building a lasting relationship through a diligent customer communication approach and destination knowledge. She has served her customers in groups ranging from as few as ten to as many as 260 escorting them from all borders of the United States to both the interior and exterior of many continents.

**So very happy to have Beverly "BJ" on board!**

## WEST TEXAS... Dixie

We are quickly approaching the time of year that we will be celebrating several holidays and 2023 will be coming to an end. We look forward to our last tour of the year which will be "A Southern Christmas in South Carolina."

Here's a list of a few of the tours for the first half of the year:

### ISLAND GETAWAY: SOUTH PADRE ISLAND

March 1-6, 2024 – 6 days - 5 nights

Departing Abilene and San Angelo

3 nights beachfront hotel on South Padre Island Tour of the King Ranch

### SPRING PILGRIMAGE OF HOMES-NATCHEZ, MS

March 20-24, 2024

Departing Abilene, Big Spring and Midland

Tour Antebellum Homes: Lansdowne, Stanton Hall, Longwood Hall, and Rosalie Mansion & Gardens

### SPRING MYSTERY TOUR

May 13-19, 2024 – 7 days - 6 nights

Departing Abilene, Big Spring, Midland, and San Angelo

UNKNOWN DESTINATION

### GREAT RIVERS & LAKES OF THE MIDWEST FEATURING LAKE GENEVA/DELAVAN, WI

June 13-23, 2024

Departing Abilene, Big Spring, Midland, and San Angelo

Lake Geneva, WI and 3 nights in Delavan and 2 nights in Alton, IL  
Trolley Tour, Dam Tour, Evening Picnic Cruise, and Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower

Fun was had by many of our Travel Club members at our WTX Area Fall Coffee. Make your plans to join us next time!



**FOOD**  
FOR  
THOUGHT:



Maybe it won't work out.  
Maybe it won't be what you wanted.  
Or, it may just be the adventure of a lifetime.

**Take some chances.**

-J. Mike Fields

# Where to Next?

PLAN AHEAD  
FOR YOUR NEXT MEMORIES!



## Biloxi & New Orleans (Diamond Bus Tours)

6 DAYS

February 19 – February 24, 2024

Join us on our motorcoach adventure! This trip features spectacular Gulf Coast Gaming, a relaxing river boat cruise on the Mississippi River, Mardi Gras World and much more!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$75.00 | Final Payment: 12/12/23

Brochure: \$759.00 Single Supplement: Add'l \$220.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Doris Brown 361-572-6566

## Washington D.C. Cherry Blossoms

(Premier World Discovery)

6 DAYS

April 8 – April 13, 2024

Don't miss this chance to stay 5 nights at the majestic Gaylord National Resort. Embark on a breathtaking Cherry Blossoms cruise, visit famous museums, monuments and so much more!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$400.00 | Final Payment: 01/24/24

Brochure: \$3,395.00 Single supplement: Add'l \$700.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Diane Zuccarini 713-861-1125

## Utah's Mighty National Parks

(Premier World Discovery)

8 DAYS

May 5 – May 12, 2023

Join us as we begin our adventure in Colorado for sightseeing and wine tasting. We will continue our journey through Utah's many national parks and marvel at the natural wonders Utah has to offer from guided tours to a Colorado River cruise! You won't want to miss this scenic and eventful trip as we explore artifacts and a movie set from John Wayne's film!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$400.00 | Final Payment: 02/20/24

Brochure: \$3,345.00 Single supplement: Add'l \$1,100.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Diane Zuccarini 713-861-1125

## Historic Treasures, Enchanting Mansions & Culinary Delights Hudson River Valley (Universal Travel)

7 DAYS

May 30 – June 5, 2024

Enjoy this luxurious summer vacation in the Hamptons featuring the Hudson River Valley! Experience award winning vineyards, famous mansions, and beautiful sight seeing! A wine lover and foodie's dream trip!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$650.00 | Final Payment 02/12/24

Brochure; \$3,999.00 Single Supplement: Add'l \$690.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Leslie Escalante 361-572-6504

## Canadian Rockies (Premier World Discovery)

9 DAYS

June 19 – June 27, 2023

Travel through the most beautiful national parks in Canada. As we start our trip in Calgary, we will venture through Glacier National Park for exciting excursions. We will make our way through Kootenay National Park, Banff, and Lake Louise. Enjoy the perfect balance of excitement and relaxation! Take your time to explore the most unique shops and soak in breathtaking views!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$400.00 | Final Payment: 04/05/24

Brochure: \$4,019.00 Single supplement: Add'l \$1,175.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Diane Zuccarini 713-861-1125

## British Isles (TRIPS)

13 DAYS

June 24 – July 6, 2024

Make your way around the British Isles as you visit well known, and some lesser known, ports in Scotland, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and England! Start your tour in lively old London, before traveling down through Jane Austen's Winchester on your way to nearby Southampton, to board the Norwegian Dawn for your 10-day cruise of Great Britain, Ireland, and Northwestern Europe!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$650.00 | Final Payment: 01/16/24

Brochure: \$6,998.00 - \$7,998.00

Single Supplement: Add'l 50% of Trip cost

Lead Travel Coordinator – Doris Brown 361-572-6566

## A Culinary Journey Through Tuscany

(Premier World Discovery)

9 DAYS

September 24 – October 2, 2024

Enjoy this 7-night stay in Tuscany by traveling to well known and hidden gems nearby! From dinners hosted by locals, winery visits and a boat excursion, you won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind experience.

Deposit to reserve spot: \$600.00 | Final Payment: 06/11/24

Brochure: \$4,995.00 Single Supplement: Add'l \$700.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Leslie Escalante 361-572-6504

## Experience Albuquerque (Universal Travel)

5 DAYS

October 6 – October 10, 2024

Featuring two events at the Balloon Fiesta Field including VIP Chasers Club admission, hands on cooking class at the internationally acclaimed Culinary School of Cooking in Santa Fe and more!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$500.00 | Final Payment: 06/24/24

Brochure: \$3,350.00 Single Supplement: Add'l \$695.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Leslie Escalante 361-572-6504

## Costa Rica (TRIPS)

7 DAYS

November 1 - November 7, 2024

November is the ideal time of year for you to visit fabulous Costa Rica! Join us as we travel to major coffee plantations, chocolate tours, natural thermal springs and so much more!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$650.00 | Final Payment: 07/24/24

Brochure; \$4,498.00 Single Supplement: Add'l \$998.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – Doris Brown 361-572-6566

## Romantic Christmas Markets on the Danube (TRIPS)

10 DAYS

November 29 - December 08, 2024

Experience timeless holiday traditions and colorful pageantry in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany. Let iconic capital cities dazzle you - Budapest, Bratislava, and Vienna - all decked in holiday finery with glittering Christmas trees illuminated by thousands of lights.

Deposit to reserve spot: \$750.00 | Final payment: 07/22/24

Brochure: \$7,498.00 - \$10,998.00

Single Supplement: Add'l 50% of Trip Cost

Lead Travel Coordinator – Doris Brown 361-572-6566



Our latest adventure took us to Cape Cod. The trip was an adventure to say the least. Some of the most interesting points of interest included a real-life pirate museum, a Hyannis Harbor Cruise to view the Kennedy Family Compound, Nantucket, and of course the famed Martha's Vineyard. This trip was full of delicious east coast cuisine, unseasonably warm temperatures, and an impending hurricane – but fortunately we stayed one step ahead of it!

October included our Southern Porches tour to South Carolina and Georgia and finally, our Christmas in New York Tour to round out our year of travel. If you have not seen New York at Christmas time, you may want to add that to your bucket list.

Check out our 2024 Adventures!

Remember to sign up early for our trips, and your deposit holds your spot. **We hope we see you soon!**

Please join us for the return of our

# Coffee & Style Show

SATURDAY  
**18**<sup>TH</sup>  
NOVEMBER

Victoria Community Center Dome  
2905 E. North Street, Victoria, TX  
Social @ 9:00 am Show @ 10:30 am  
Member - Free | Guest - \$10 Each

RSVP by Monday, November 13, 2023 by calling  
361-574-8431, 361-572-6566 or 361-572-6504.

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## Luncheons

Take place on the third Wednesday of the month at the bank in the Community Room. This is normally a potluck, but we change it up occasionally. See the monthly notes below.

**November 15, 2023: Thanksgiving Luncheon!** Join us as we give thanks for our many blessings. Bring a side dish or dessert and the bank will provide the meat and drinks. We'll play Banko and enjoy each other's company.

**December 13, 2023: Christmas Luncheon/Party!** This will be a catered event with entertainment. Cost is \$10 per member. Everyone must have a ticket ahead of time. Tickets will go on sale at the Thanksgiving luncheon. If space allows, guest tickets may be purchased after December 5th, 2023. (Please note that this is the SECOND Wednesday of the month instead of our normal 3rd Wednesday of the month.)

**January 17, 2024: Mardi Gras Luncheon!** Get your beads on and head to the bank! Our KREW is very welcoming, so if you haven't come before, join us! The club will provide King's Cake, ice cream and drinks. Everyone else please provide the chicken, entrees & side dishes. We'll play Banko and award door prizes.

**February 21, 2024: Valentines Luncheon!** Come and enjoy your friends and a good meal! We love both, don't we? Please bring savory, and the club will provide sweet! We'll have a dessert buffet provided along with drinks. We'll top off the day with door prizes and Banko!

**March 20, 2024: Cowboy and Cowgirl Luncheon!** Come celebrate the end of another great Houston Rodeo with a baked potato luncheon! The club will provide the spuds and drinks, we ask that everyone else please provide the toppings and desserts! Well-behaved cowpokes will get a chance to win some prizes!

## Lunch Bunch

This takes place monthly at restaurants around Houston. It is Dutch treat, and we ask that you RSVP to Diane by 3:00p.m. the day before, or as soon as you know you'll be attending.

**Wednesday, December 20, 2023:**

Lupe Tortilla, 1511 Shepherd Drive - 1:00pm

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024:**

Salada, 3201 N. Shepherd Drive - 11:00am

**Thursday, February 1, 2024:**

Salt Grass Steakhouse, 1803 Shepherd Drive - 1:00pm

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024:**

Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen, 13080 Northwest Freeway - 1:00pm

## Game Day

**Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

11:00am-1:00pm

(Please RSVP by 3:00 pm Tuesday, February 13, 2024.) Bring a sack lunch and we'll take a break between games. The club will provide the drinks and Valentine treats. Inexpensive prizes will be awarded.

Call or email Diane for more information:

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