

# Greetings

TRAVEL CLUB FRIENDS

**W**e've been busy exploring many corners of the world since our last newsletter. It's crazy to think that I've been a part of the Travel Club for almost 3 years now...and oh, the lessons that have been learned! Having jumped in at the tail end of the pandemic, it quickly became obvious that the way we had always done things had been affected by the "new normal". And while we have tried to stay true to the many legacy events we have done in the past, we have found that folks' wants, needs and interests have changed. Additionally, the expenses related to all our fun have certainly increased; but we do our best to keep those reasonable. We have experimented with new travel companies in an effort to offer diverse destinations as well as price points. Some have worked out while others....well, not so much. However, we will continue to strive to offer you all a variety of activities, new & exciting destinations along with the very best customer service. We know we couldn't continue doing what we do without your patronage and most of all, your friendship!

BLESSINGS FOR A SEASON OF JOY & THANKSGIVING....

**Leslie Escalante**

TRAVEL CLUB DIRECTOR

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## The Bellaire Club is in growth mode!

The monthly **Bunco** gatherings are held at our Bellaire Banking Center located at **5501 Bissonnet Street** and scheduled as follows:

- **November 5, 2024**
- **December 3, 2024**
- **January 7, 2025**

The fun and games begin at **12:00 Noon on the 2nd floor** and the group is growing every month. With only 24 spots available be sure to call and reserve your spot early!

Our Advisory Council is meeting monthly and making potential plans for exciting holiday activities so stay tuned.

Our quarterly luncheon is scheduled for **January 16, 2025 at Enoteca Rossa**.

**Jim is busy visiting and sharing information with our surrounding banking centers in hopes of bringing in additional Prosperity customers to Travel with Us!**

## Did you know...

Our amazing 2024 and 2025 trips can also be found on the Prosperity Bank website at [www.prosperitybankusa.com](http://www.prosperitybankusa.com). Scroll down to the lower page and you will see a small photo showing the words "Travel Club". Click on that and it will take you to all the trips which also include a full color brochure with information for each trip.

UPCOMING TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Springtime in Ireland MARCH 26 – APRIL 3, 2025 (TRIPS) ..... 9 DAYS

Join us on this exhilarating week long tour of the Emerald Isle...a land of breathtaking scenery, and of warm and friendly people. The Ireland no one else offers, featuring three highly diverse evenings of lively traditional Irish music and culture, set against the gorgeous backdrop of Ireland's most amazing sites and their stunning Springtime scenery.

Brochure; \$5,498.00 pp    Single Add'l Supplement: \$1,298.00  
Deposit to reserve spot: \$650.00    Final Payment: 12/2/24

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Tracy Ellington**

### Amish Country, Wild Ponies & Virginia Beach International Tattoo APRIL 22 -28, 2025 (Universal Travel) ..... 7 DAYS

Experience the Amish Country of Pennsylvania with buggy rides and farm visits, the Virginia Beach Wild Pony Cruise where the legendary wild horses and migratory birds call home and the infamous International Tattoo – an exciting day of military pageantry.

Brochure; \$4,499.00 pp    Single Add'l Supplement: \$900.00  
Deposit to reserve spot: \$850.00    Final Payment: 1/3/25

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown**

### Great Lakes Adventure & the Holland Tulip Festival MAY 1– MAY 9, 2025 (Premier World Travel) ..... 9 DAYS

If you want to see endless fields of colorful tulips in bloom head to Michigan's Holland Tulip Festival! This celebration of the area's Dutch roots is the highlight of spring in west Michigan and has been named one of the best flower festivals in the country!

Brochure; \$4,069.00 pp    Single Add'l Supplement: \$1100.00  
Deposit to reserve spot: \$400.00    Final Payment: 12/1/24

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Tracy Ellington**

### The Very Best of East Germany MAY 26 – JUNE 6, 2025 (Universal Travel) ..... 13 DAYS

Christoph will take you on an 11-night journey to his motherland of East Germany! See sights that you haven't seen in your previous visits to Germany. Offering panoramic sightseeing in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden & Potsdam and so much more!

Brochure; \$6,848.00 pp    Single Rate: \$7,999.00  
Deposit to reserve spot: \$900.00    Final Payment: 1/6/25

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown**

### Montana – Big Sky Country AUGUST 13 - 19, 2025 (Universal Travel) ..... 7 DAYS

Montana has a way of capturing the imagination and stealing hearts, and yet it means something different to everyone. Some come for the untouched wilderness and wildlife while others want to experience the culture of the old west. As you journey from dramatic mountains to sweeping prairies, you'll see that Big Sky Country is more than just a nickname!

Brochure; \$4,899.00 pp    Single Add'l Supplement: \$999.00  
Deposit to reserve spot: \$800.00    Final Payment: 3/26/25

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Leslie Escalante**

### Quebec & Maritime Canada In-Depth SEPTEMBER 12 – SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 (TRIPS) ..... 12 DAYS

5-Star cruising from Montreal with only 680 guests and a crew of 400. After a fun pre-night exploring cosmopolitan Montreal, sail round-trip for 10 nights in intimate luxury on the lovely Azamara Quest to seven ports all around Quebec, most of them remote and seldom offered. Plus, a splash of the Canadian Maritimes and even the French outpost of St. Pierre et Miquelon – seeing all of it at the perfect time of the year, Eastern Canada's fall foliage season in mid-September!

Club Interior Stateroom (Category 10) \$5,498.00 pp  
Club Oceanview Stateroom (Category 6) \$5,998.00 pp  
Club Veranda Stateroom (Category V3) \$6,698.00 pp  
Single Supplement: Additional 50% in your selected cabin category  
Deposit to reserve spot: \$750.00    Final Payment: 5/2/25

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown**

### New England Rails & Sails OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 16, 2025 (Mayflower Cruises & Tours) ..... 8 DAYS

This adventure features three rail excursions – Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, Conway Scenic Railroad, Essex Steam Train and three scenic cruises – Cruise Portland's Casco Bay, Becky Thatcher Riverboat Cruise, Captain John Whale Watching Cruise.

Brochure; \$3,999.00 pp    Single Add'l Supplement: \$1,399.00  
Deposit to reserve spot: \$200.00    Final Payment: 8/4/25

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Tracy Ellington**

### Christmas in Nashville - December 2-6, 2025 (TRIPS) ..... ITINERARY & PRICING COMING SOON!

Our West Texas Travel Group traveled to several interesting and exciting areas in the Spring and Fall of 2024

- **Spring Pilgrimage of Homes**  
- Mississippi
- **10 Countries Without a Passport** Spring Mystery Tour
- **Great Rivers & Lakes of the Midwest** We are looking forward to the trips that are coming up in 2025 - We will have more trips for 2025 to tell you about after January 2025
- **Winter Wonders in Yellowstone**  
- February 24 - March 1, 2025  
- departing Abilene (round trip transportation to DFW)
- **Race to Relaxation:**  
Hot Springs, Arkansas -  
March 6-10, 2025 - departing Abilene, Big Spring, Midland, and San Angelo
- **Tennessee/Mississippi MusicTrail** - April 7-14, 2025 - departing Abilene and San Angelo
- **Best of Florida Includes Key West** - April 22 - May 5, 2025  
- departing Abilene, Big Spring, Midland, and San Angelo
- **Spring Mystery Tour** -  
May 12 - 18, 2025 - departing Abilene, Big Spring, Midland, and San Angelo

The West Texas Travel Club is planning to have a “Welcome Coffee” in December for our newly acquired Lonestar Bank Customers in Lubbock.

I would like to leave you with this thought ...

**It’s the Friends we meet along the way that help us appreciate the journey!**

## Tracy’s Travel Tips

- Do you ever get that feeling you have forgotten something on a trip? Keep a packing checklist on your phone for the items you will need to bring with you.
- Bring a Dryer sheet with you in a Ziploc bag, then on the way home you can put it in with your dirty laundry to keep your suitcase smelling great!

## Houston/Heights Upcoming Events

**Luncheons:** Take place on the third Wednesday of each month at the bank in the Community Room. This is normally a potluck, but occasionally there are changes. (See notes below) Times for the luncheon are: 11:00 AM arrival for those wishing to visit, and the luncheon begins at 11:30 AM.

**Lunch Bunch Dates:** This takes place monthly at restaurants around Houston. It is Dutch treat, and we ask you RSVP to Tracy two days prior, or ASAP.

**November 20, 2024** – Time to Give Thanks!

**December 11, 2024** – Christmas Party

Please note this is the 2nd Wednesday of the month instead of our normal 3rd Wednesday.

**January 15, 2025** – Mardi Gras “Laisse les Bons Moments Rouler”

**February 19, 2025** – Valentines

**Monday, November 25, 2024** – Cheddar’s Scratch Kitchen 21001 I-45 @ Louetta, Spring

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024** – Lupe Tortilla 1511 Shepherd Dr.

Call or email Tracy for more information: 713-861-1125 or [tracy.ellington@prosperitybankusa.com](mailto:tracy.ellington@prosperitybankusa.com)

## ..... ADDITIONAL 2025 HOUSTON LED TRIPS .....

**Amelia Island, St. Augustine, & Jacksonville, FL.....7 DAYS**

**FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 1, 2025 (Diamond Bus Tours)**

Let’s head off to the sunshine state! Experience the old splendor of St. Augustine, the oldest city in America. Enjoy a guided tour of the city and shop historic George St. and see the famous Fountain of Youth. Continue your tour on the beautiful barrier island of Amelia Island with a guided tour and stroll along stunning Fernandina Beach. Then on to Jacksonville for a guided tour and narrated cruise along the St Johns River. Florida is just waiting for you! Leaving from Houston.

**\$889.00 Single Supplement: \$274**

**Deposit due to reserve spot: \$75.00 Final Payment 12/16/24.**

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Tracy Ellington 713-861-1125**

**Garden of the Gods, Royal Gorge, & Colorado Springs ..... 9 DAYS**

**JUNE 21 – JUNE 29, 2025 (Diamond Bus Tours)**

Welcome to Colorful Colorado! Here you will get an up-close view of the Rocky Mountains, visit Colorado’s “Natural Wonder” the Royal Gorge, the United States Air Force Academy, and the historic town of Manitou Springs, at the base of Pike’s Peak. In another breathtaking location you will tour Garden of the Gods, a magnificent park of red sandstone formations. Visit the US Olympic & Paralympic Museum and take a guided tour of Colorado Springs on this unforgettable tour. Leaving from Houston.

**\$1,349.00 Single Supplement: \$475**

**Deposit due to reserve spot: \$75.00 Final Payment 04/14/2025.**

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**Rose Parade New Year’s.....6 DAYS**

**DECEMBER 30, 2025 – JANUARY 4, 2026 (Premier World Travel)**

Let’s ring in the New year at the Rose Parade! Champagne toasts and flowers galore await you! Experience the Parade of parades in your grandstand seat, later see all the floats from a few feet away to truly appreciate the craftsmanship of these amazing floats. Over the next couple of days tour the Nixon Library, a guided tour of San Diego, and a Harbor Cruise! Leaving from Houston.

**\$3,849.00 Single Supplement: \$800**

**Deposit due to reserve spot: \$400 Final Payment 09/30/2025.**

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