

FAYE'S FUN TRAVELS/FAYE DUGAS

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WACO, TEXAS

September 22-25 2022

Ready to have a long fun filled weekend get-away, well here you go!!

Thursday, Sept 22 Departing from Vermilionville at 7:30 am and traveling to Waco, Tx. We will make a lunch at BUCEES in Texas along the way. Arriving in Waco around 4:00 pm and checking into the Best Western Plus for the next 3 nights.

You may bring snacks and drinks, within reason, on the bus. This is a casual trip with comfortable walking shoes.

COST is as following: Single \$740 Double \$660 Triple \$635 Quad \$625

A \$200 deposit is due upon booking, with the final payment due June 15, 2022.

This cost includes: Transportation, lodging, all breakfast, all dinners, all tickets, and all taxes and gratuities.

6:00 pm Dinner tonight will be on the waterfront at GEORGE'S RESTAURANT & BAR. This is an amazing fine dining Restaurant with amazing food. Open bar will on your own.

Friday, Sept 23

Breakfast at the hotel

9:00 am Today we will go to the Magnolia Silo Marketplace, Magnolia Bakery and Magnolia Table, for lunch, on your own. Walking around downtown Waco for a free afternoon

3:00 pm Going to the Dr. Pepper Museum

6:00 pm Dinner at BUZZARD BILLYS, one of the best places to eat and have fun. Full Bar on your

Saturday, Sept 24

Breakfast at the hotel

9:00 am Depart for The Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Museum, then to the Richland Mall, for a little shopping. Lunch at the mall, on your own.

2:00 pm depart for a 3-hour Waco City Tour, to include: Earle Harrison House & Pape Garden and Homestead Craft Village

6:00 pm Dinner at Uncle Dan's Bar-B-Que

I will give you all of the food selections as soon as I get them.

Sunday, Sept 25

Breakfast at the hotel before departing for home. I will find out if there is a Mass we can attend before leaving Waco.

I may make some changes or additions to better suit our group, but whatever, it will be fun.

Traveling home, with a stop for lunch along the way, arriving home around 5:00 pm

Please mail checks to the above address.

SEE YOU ON THE FUN BUS!!!!

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WORLD WAR II MUSEUM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

The national WWII Museum tells the story of the American experience in the war that changed the world—why it was fought, how it was won, and what it means today—so that all generations can understand the price of freedom and be inspired by what they learn. Through exhibits, multimedia experiences, and thousands of personal accounts, the Museum takes visitors on an immersive tour of World War II in every theater of war. We are committed to accomplishing this vision in a way that is consistent with the highest standards of excellence, authenticity, professionalism, and fiscal responsibility through visionary leadership, enterprising staff, and enthusiastic volunteers.

The bus will depart from the parking at the Vermilionville, located on Fisher Rd, Lafayette, La., at 8:00 am. All cars may remain in the parking lot for the day.

We will arrive at the Museum around 10:00 am and remain there all day. You will all be on your own for the tour of all of the different areas of the Museum. Lunch will be there at the museum on your own. There are several restaurants there and there is also several eating places and 2 full bars at the Higgins hotel, which is connected to the museum by an above the street walkway.

At 3:00 pm, everyone will go to the Solomon Victory Theater for the documentary screening of “The Six Triple Eight”, a film that explores the history and service of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, the only all black female battalion to serve in Europe during World War II.

For your convenience you may pick up a map of the premises upon arriving.

The bus will depart for home at 5:00 pm and arrive home around 7:00 pm. You may bring snacks on the bus if you wish.

The COSTS is \$90.00 a person, which covers the transportation and tickets to the museum and the film. You must register and pay in full by September 1, 2022.

Please mail your check to FAYE’S FUN TRAVELS, 728 W Gloria Switch Rd, #58, Lafayette, LA 70507. Call 337-298-5629 with any questions.

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CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON
NOVEMBER 15-19, 2022

My annual Christmas Bus trip to Branson is one of the most fun trips I do. Branson is a Christmas Wonderland with the whole town being all about Christmas and, of course, my annual Christmas pajama party...WOW such a blast. This trip fills up very fast, so do not hesitate to book early.

We will depart from Vermilionville at 5:30 am. You may leave your cars there if you wish. The gates are locked at 6pm and there is security on the premise from 6 pm to 6 am. All cars are left at your own discretion. Neither Vermilionville or myself are responsible for any of the vehicles or anything left on the bus.

You are allowed one large suitcase per person, along with your carry-on. You may also bring a pillow and blanket if you desire. You may also bring anything you want to eat and drink, within reason, on the bus. Snacks are allowed and you may also bring goodies for everyone on the bus to share. Please bring your own hand sanitizer and wipes for your location. We will sanitize the bus every day for your safety.

Our Christmas Party will be a pajama party (please be decent), at the hotel and I will provide dinner for all. You may bring snacks for your tables. Everyone is asked to bring a \$10-\$15 gift for our dirty Santa game. We will stop somewhere for everyone to pick up their own drinks of choice for our party.

The weather will be around high 40s during the day and low 30s at night. This is a casual trip and requires easy walking shoes. We will not be doing much walking, but when we go shopping, you want to be comfortable. Dressing in layers is the best thing to do, so you can add or remove layers during the day. Once we depart from the hotel in the morning, we very seldom go back until our evening is over.

I do have travel insurance available for anyone who wants it.

The costs for this trip are as following: ALL COSTS ARE PER PERSON (I am sorry, but due to the bus costs going way up, I had to increase the costs of the trip) Please call me if that is a problem for you.

Single \$1090	Double \$850	Triple \$805	Quad \$750
(1 per room)	(2 per room)	(3 per room)	(4 per room)

The cost of the room is the only thing shared when more than 1 per room. The deposit of \$200 is due upon booking, with the balance due by Sept 30, 2022. You may make as many payments as you wish until paid in full. Includes; all breakfasts, all dinners, all show tickets and activities mentioned, lodging & transportation.

We will have a luncheon on November 5, 2022 at 11:00 am, at Pizza Village on Moss Street, Lafayette, LA You must RSVP to me at least 2 weeks before so I can make the necessary arrangements for our reservation.

DO NOT DELAY BOOKING – this bus fills up very quickly.

Tuesday, Nov 15 Depart at 5:30 am from Vermilionville, traveling to Branson, Mo. We will make a stop for breakfast at McDonalds in Winnfield, La. We will also make a lunch stop along the way. Arriving in Branson around 4pm, we will check into the Branson Towers hotel, unpack and settle in.

5:15 pm Dinner and show tonight will be at the amazing DIXIE STAMPEDE, where we will enjoy a fabulous show and a festive feast. Seeing 32 horses with amazing cast of top notch riders during Dolly's Christmas Extravaganza and a meal you will not soon forget.

Back to the Hotel early after a long fun day of travel, friends, dinner and a great show. I suggest you eat a light lunch because dinner will be quiet filling.

Wednesday, Nov 16 Breakfast at the hotel from 6:30 to 9 am.

9:00 am Departing the hotel for the absolutely amazing CASSANDRE' - Voice of an Angel Show at the Hughes Theater. Cassandre's stunning world class voice and Timothy's mastery of multiple instruments backed by an incredibly accomplished band combines to form one spectacular show!

Lunch, on your own, and shopping at The Landing, which contains shops, restaurants, zipline, bars, moonshine shop, Bass Pro shop and so much more.

2:30 pm On to the SIGHT N SOUND THEATER to see the breath-taking MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS. Follow the extraordinary journey of Mary & Joseph and witness the miraculous birth of Jesus, the Savior. Beautiful rendition of the Bible story. The theater alone is worth the ticket.

6:00 pm Dinner tonight will be at FAMOUS DAVES, with selections of Georgia Chopped Pork, Catfish Fingers, Country Roasted Chicken or Rib Lovers Dinner, served with salad, non-alcoholic beverage and dessert. Full bar available, on your own.

Drive-thru Christmas light display., LET THERE BE LIGHT, is a wonderful 45-minute drive thru at the Branson Zoo. We will be able to stop and get hot cocoa, and go thru the gift shop. A great finish to a great day.

Back to the hotel.

Thursday, Nov 17 Breakfast at the hotel.

9:00 am Depart for a guided tour of Branson by professional tour guide with lunch on your own along the way.

1:00 pm Depart for the CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND SHOW at King's Castle Theater. Here we will take a magical sleigh ride to a winter wonderland of holiday fun and festive cheer with all of your favorite classic holiday songs and the highest kicking chorus girls this died of the North Pole.

4:00 pm the amazing KEETER CENTER for dinner with Ozark Pot Roast, Braised slow cooked with rich brown sauce, roasted root vegetables, creamy mashed potatoes. salad, dessert, coffee and iced tea. All done by the students. You will be amazed at the service you will receive by these students, with white linens and never an empty glass. A special treat you will not soon forget. Shopping time in the gift shop before dinner. Everything you will eat, buy, see and enjoy is all done by the students, which is how they pay for their tuition and housing, medicals, books, etc.

6:30 pm Here we go—off to the Best show in Branson, THE HAYGOODS. These 5 brothers and 1 sister combine incredible harmony, tap dancing that you will not believe, gymnastics, family stories to present this very high energy show, with a Meet & Greet after the show with one of the members of this super talented family.

Back to the hotel.

Friday, Nov 18 Breakfast at the hotel.

9:30 am This morning will be a leisure time with visits to different shopping areas and a wine tasting and tour.

Lunch today will be at the Golden Corral, on your own. Today you will enjoy more than 85 items to choose from. Delicious and plenty to eat.

1:30 pm Depart for the SONS OF BRITCHES SHOW, which is right across the street from Golden Corral. A one-of-a-kind LIVE music show that combines country, bluegrass, Cajun, Rock N Roll, and even Zydeco – The Sons of Britches are taking the Branson show scene by storm. This is not your ordinary country, comedy and bluegrass show – it's the SOB's and that means great music and lots of fun.

After the show, we will go to pick up our drinks for our party.

Back to the hotel for our P A R T Y!!!!!!! Don't forget your gifts or your pajamas, (decent please).

Saturday, Nov 19 Your luggage must be outside of your door by 6:30 am to be brought to the lobby for loading. If you are smart, you will bring that luggage to the lobby yourself, to make sure it is not left behind. After you bring your luggage down, then go and eat breakfast and prepare to depart for home.

All men, if possible, please try to assist the driver with loading and unloading as much as you can.

I furnish the water for the bus. I always have an ice chest full of water at the bottom of the bus. If you notice that it needs ice or water, either notify me or please feel free to fill it. Thank you all in advance for your help.

SEE YOU ALL ON THE BUS AND PREPARE TO HAVE F U N and make a new friend or two.

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2022 NATCHITOCHEES CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

98th Annual Christmas Festival – Louisiana's Premiere Holiday Event – This is ranked 3rd in the Nation for "Best Holiday Light Show", behind the Rockefeller Center and Disney World by yahoo.com.

Celebrate the Christmas Season in Louisiana's oldest city! Enjoy our day long festivities filled with live musical entertainment, arts & crafts and food vendors. There is also a large parade ay 1:00 pm and a magnificent fireworks show, choreographed to holiday music over the riverbank of the Cane River Lake at dusk. St. Anthony Catholic Church has a 4pm mass, located at 911 5th street. Photos with Santa nightly on the riverfront 6 to 8 pm – free.

All of the local shops will be opened, along with all of the local restaurants for your enjoyment.

Natchitoches is home of 3 State historic sites, Creole Plantations and Museums. Steel Magnolia was filmed there. It is also the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase and it is the Bed & Breakfast Capital of Louisiana and home of the new Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame and the Northwest History Museum, both located right downtown.

The bus will depart from the Super One Parking Lot, located on the corner of Frontage Road North and Hector Connolly Road in Carencro, promptly at 7:30 am. We will return around 9:30 pm. The bus will be parked right behind the Taco Bell area and all of your cars may be left there in that parking lot, at your own risk.

I will also pick up in Opelousas, at the Walmart Parking Lot, in front of the service station, at around 8am. You must advise me if you are going to be picked up in Opelousas.

The bus company nor I are NOT responsible for anything concerning your car, the contents therein, anything left on the bus or any harm to your person while in Natchitoches.

The bus will remain with us all day and will remain parked right where we get off in Natchitoches. The bus driver does not have to remain in the bus, but we will

make times where he will be back and you can but your packages in it or just go for a short rest. You must put your names on all of your packages.

You may bring chairs or blankets to sit on there in Natchitoches. Best is you put your chairs or blankets right when we get there to guarantee your spot. No one should mess with your stuff.

The bus will depart right after the firework display, so please eat before or during the display or bring something on the bus. You must return to the bus right after the fireworks are over. NO trash is to be thrown on the bus floor. Waste bags are provided in the bus.

NOTE: NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED BACK ON THE BUS INTOXICATED, so if you indulge, please do so responsibly.

Please send me all the names in your party traveling together. If you have a child coming with you, I also need to know the name and the age of that child. Child must be at least 5 years of age.

Please remember that the bus driver is working, while we are all there to play and have fun. Please be generous with a tip for him.

The costs of the trip is \$85 a person, which covers the transportation, parking of the bus downtown and your armband to get in. You are registered when payment is made. Money is refundable within 10 days of the trip.

Do not hesitate to register, this trip fills up very fast. Fun day with friends.

See you on the bus Saturday, December 3, 2022 and be prepared to have a blast and make new Christmas memories with a new friend or two.

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CHRISTMAS IN MEMPHIS & NASHVILLE

With a stop-over in Tupelo, Ms, where Elvis was born

DECEMBER 6-11, 2022

This is going to be a very special trip, one which I have been trying to book for years. You have to book this one more than a year before. They have not had this special for the last 2 years, so I am more than excited that I was able to get in on this wonderful trip.

We will depart Vermilionville at 6:00 am, traveling to Memphis first. We will make breakfast and lunch stops along the way. Your car can remain there for our trip. They lock the gates at 6pm and have all night security. Neither I nor Vermilionville are responsible for vehicle at any time during our trip.

You may bring anything you want to eat and drink on the bus, within reason. You may also bring share items for everyone. Everyone is responsible for their own trash on the bus. We always have plenty of trash bags. This is a casual dress trip, but wear whatever you feel good in. Comfortable shoes are always a must. The temps will be as following: Memphis 53/36 and Nashville 51/31 (?). Dress in layers, so you can add or remove for comfort.

I will only put 44 people on the bus and I only have 28 seats remaining to sell, so register early. The costs are as following:

Single \$2,595 Double \$2,095 Triple \$1,895 Quad \$1,795

ALL COSTS ARE PER PERSON

A deposit of \$200 is required at time of registration, with the total balance due on October 22, 2022. You may make as many payments as you like until all is paid in full. Please send me a note as to who you are rooming with and if you are traveling with others so I can put your rooms together. Please also inform me as to whether you want travel insurance for this trip.

We will have a luncheon before we travel on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Fezzo's on Ambassador Caffrey. Call me or email me if you plan to attend, so I can make the proper reservations.

The itinerary is enclosed for your viewing and I may add some more to it in Nashville. I will update trip closer to time of travel.

Package Price Includes:

Elvis Blue Christmas

- * Elvis Holiday Concert
- * Graceland Private Evening & BBQ Dinner
- * Merry Merry MoJo Tour
- * Sun Studio Tour
- * Memphis Rock N Soul Museum
- * Tina Turner Schoolhouse

Nashville Country Christmas

- * Oak Ridge Boys Dinner Show
- * "Ice" and the Delta River Flatboats
- * General Jackson Luncheon Cruise
- * Nashville Troubador Tour
- * Musicians Hall of Fame

- * Five Nights Lodging
 - Two Nights Gaylord Opryland
 - Two Nights Guest House at Graceland
- * Five Hotel Breakfasts
- * One Luncheon
- * Four Dinners
- * Luggage Handling
- * All Taxes & Tips on these services

Day 1 Tuesday, December 6

Lodging at The Guest House at Graceland

Your first day on this wonderful Country Blue Christmas Tour is a drive to Memphis. Where you check into the Guest House Hotel at Graceland for a 2-night stay. Experience an extraordinary resort hotel in the heart of Elvis Presley's Graceland! Located just steps away from the iconic Graceland Mansion. The Guest House welcomes music fans, Graceland guests, Memphis visitors and groups from around the world with Southern hospitality, royal treatment and luxurious amenities that would make the King of Rock 'n' Roll himself proud. (440 miles)

Elvis Holiday Concert

This evening is a special dinner as you join a dozen other tour groups the Blue Christmas Holiday Dinner Show. This feature event is an Elvis Holiday Tribute show with a live band, back-up singers, full stage lighting and sound, as well as one of America's best known tribute artists. You'll hear such great songs as "Merry Christmas Baby", "White Christmas", "I'll Be Home For Christmas", and many other traditional Holiday Songs all performed in the classic Elvis-style including his title song "Blue Christmas". Plus you can be sure a few of his greatest hits will be featured too.

Day 2 Wednesday, December 7

Merry, Merry MoJo Tour

Daytime features "The Merry, Merry Mojo Tour" with a Memphis MoJo musician tour guide showing you the sights of the city while history sings. As you rock on down the road, you will also visit Sun Studio, the Birthplace of Rock n' Roll. And walk the halls where Elvis, Jerry Lee, Johnny, Carl Perkins and a hundred others made music.

Also included is a visit to the Memphis Rock n' Soul Museum, a Smithsonian Institution, it features the complete history Memphis Music. It tells of the musical pioneers and legends of all racial and socio-economic backgrounds who, for the love of music, overcame obstacles to create the sounds that changed the world.

Free time on Beale Street

You will have free time on Beale Street to have lunch on your own at one of the several restaurants.

Graceland Private Evening Tour

Tonight is the Highlight of your tour. Arrivals a Elvis Presley's home should start at 5:30pm. Typically the Graceland Mansion closes at 4:00pm, by special arrangement it is available exclusively to our groups this evening. we have rented the entire complex as you enjoy an experience not available to the General Public.

The highlight of this evening is, of course, your visit to the Mansion. Holiday decorations just aren't the Same in daylight as they are at night. You will see traditional lights and decorations including hundreds of blue lights along the driveway, a life-size Nativity scene and Santa on his sleigh. the interior is decked out in Christmas decor and includes his traditional red velvet drapes and the Presley family Christmas artifacts - just as they were displayed by Elvis.

Memphis Barbecue Dinner Graceland

The evening also includes a buffet dinner in the new Elvis Presley Memphis Complex. It's a Memphis Barbecue with buffets and tables in set locations. While here you will be able to tour the Presley Motors Automobile Museum where you are surrounded by an awesome collection of hot cars, motorcycles and toys. Plus, the Elvis the Entertainer Career Museum with artifacts: photos, Gold Records, Costumes. You also have time to see the Elvis Discovery Exhibits showcasing the influences, and important things in his life.

Day 3 Thursday, December 8

Tina Turner Schoolhouse

On the way to Nashville you visit the Western Tennessee Heritage Center celebrating the music, cotton and beauty of the Tennessee Delta. Located on the Heritage Center grounds is the one-room schoolhouse attended by a young Anna Mae Bullock (aka Tina Turner). It is now home to a collection of the Queen of Rock's personal memorabilia including costumes and gold records. Even her high school yearbook is included among the treasures.

ICE! and Delta River Flatboat

You will have tickets to visit ICE! and take the Delta River Flatboat ride during your stay at the hotel. You may do this at your leisure before departing.

Gaylord Country Christmas - Two Night Traditional Rooms

Arrive in Nashville for a Country Christmas celebration at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel for a two night stay. Your group will marvel at more than 3 million holiday lights and acres of magnificent decorations, plus spectacular holiday activities and events that are sure to get you in the spirit of the season and create lasting memories.

Dinner on own.

Day 4 Friday, December 9

Nashville Troubadour Tour

Troubadour Music Sightseeing is an "Only in Nashville" kind of experience. Bringing new meaning to the phrase "Entertaining Narrative" it's sightseeing with a singer/songwriter guide. The tour will include Downtown Nashville's colorful history with drive-bys of the historic Ryman Auditorium, Tootsie's Orchid Lounge, Honky Tonk Row, Ernest Tubb's Record Shop and The Bluebird Cafe. Plus, you will hear what it's like trying to break into Nashville's music scene, both the struggles and the victories. As an added bonus your Troubadour will perform some of his or her original songs! (Troubadour tour subject to availability)

General Jackson Lunch Cruise

Today enjoy the lunch cruise and show on the General Jackson Showboat.

The balance of your day is free time to explore the garden conservatories, holiday displays and shops inside the Gaylord Hotel.

A Country Christmas - Christmas Dinner & Show

Tonight you enjoy the Gaylord Hotel's Country Christmas Dinner Show. Entertainment to be announced.

Day 5 Saturday, December 10

Step-on guided tour of Tupelo

This morning you leave Nashville for Tupelo, MS. Here following a lunch on own break you meet your local guide for a sightseeing tour. See where Elvis Presley was born and raised as well as other local attractions including Elvis' boyhood Home, the High School he attended, the Hardware store where his mama bought his first guitar and more.

Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum

You also visit the Elvis Presley Birthplace & Museum, a modest, two-room house where the King of Rock & Roll was born. The museum was completely renovated in 2006, the state-of-the-art museum still pays tribute to that friendship and displays new exhibits containing Tupelo artifacts, large photo-murals and graphics and audiovisual presentations that focus on Elvis, his childhood and his first music.

Overnight at the Tru by Hilton

Tonight's lodging is at the new Tru by Hilton Hotel in Tupelo

Dinner at a Local Restaurant

Tonight after checking into your hotel you will have dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 6 Sunday, December 11

Depart for Home

This morning following breakfast you depart for home. (400 miles)

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PASSION PLAY IN EUREKA SPRINGS

BRANSON IN THE FALL

JUNE 5-10, 2023

We will depart on Monday, June 5, at 5:30 am, from Vermilionville. All cars may be left there for the trip. They lock the gates at 6 pm and have security. We will also have a lunch before departing at the Event Center, located at Vermilionville, on **Saturday, May 20th at 11:00 am.** We will get together to share information on our trip and you can ask any questions you may have. You must let me know if you plan to attend, so I can make the necessary reservations. We will make breakfast and lunch stops on the way, on your own.

We travel on a State-of-the-Art Motorcoach. You may bring a small pillow and blanket if you so desire. You may also bring anything you want to eat or drink on the bus, within moderation. If you make anything special, bring snacks to share with everyone if you wish. We will be 50 people total. Please bring small plastic bags for your trash and your own hand sanitizer and wipes. I furnish the water for the bus. There is an ice chest full of water under the bus and extra to refill when necessary.

COSTS ARE AS FOLLOWING: All costs are per person

Single (1 per room) \$1420

Double (2 per room) \$1195

Triple (3 per room) \$1105

Quad (4 per room) \$ 950

A deposit of \$200 is due upon booking with the balance due on April 10, 2023.

This cost includes, transportation, all lodging, all dinners, all breakfasts, all tickets and all taxes.

Shows and meal places subject to change for 2023.

Ready to have fun, then come along with us!!!!!!!

Monday, June 5 **Depart at 5:30am from Vermilionville traveling to Eureka Springs, Ar. for 2 nights. Lodging will be at the Eureka Springs Inn, arriving around 4:30 pm**

6:15 pm **Dinner tonight will be at the ROWDY BEAVER, with choices of Country Fried Steak, Grilled Chicken, Rowdy's Tavern or Chef Salad, Grilled or Fried Fish and Rowdy's Pulled Pork Sandwich, all served with proper sides. Cold drink or ice tea and dessert. Full bar on your own and we are not in any hurry, so enjoy.**

Back to hotel for a good night's rest, after a long day.

Tuesday, June 6 **Buffet Breakfast at the hotel before departing at 8:30 am and going on a 3-hour City Tram tour. Lunch on your own while in town.**

3:30 pm **Depart for the PASSION PLAY area. We will be able to visit the bible museum, Tabernacle Teaching, shops and the rest of the grounds.**

6:00 pm **Dinner will be on the grounds at the Great Hall Dinner Buffet. You will be given a meal ticket and you can go whenever you want for dinner. Note the diner closes at 7:00pm. Passion Play begins at dark.**

Back to hotel after a full day of fun and new adventures

Wednesday, June 7 **Buffet breakfast at the hotel before departing.**

9:00 am **Traveling to Branson and upon arriving we will go to one of the only 5 Hardwork Universities in the US, COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS. All of the students attending this college pay nothing at all to attend. They are all assigned a job to do on the premises, which pays for their tuition, books, medical needs and many more items of need. Upon arriving, we will pick up a student for a tour of the premises. We must remember that this is part of that student's job, so tips are most certainly welcomed. After the tour, we will go inside of the Keeter Center, which was totally built by the students, and visit the gift shop, the small museum inside and then be seated, by a student, for a wonderful lunch of a homemade Club sandwich and a homegrown salad with a drink, all served and prepared by students. After lunch, you can treat yourself to homemade ice cream, made by students. I have also covered the entry fee for the Ralph Foster Museum known as the "Smithsonian of the Ozarks" with 3 floors to see, located right across the street from the campus. This will be a visit you will not soon forget.**

3:00 pm departing this amazing college, we will go to the Branson Towers and check into our hotel while in Branson.

3:30 pm Checking into the Branson Towers Hotel for the next 3 nights

5:00 pm Dinner will be at Golden Corral with 185 selections for dinner and desserts.

6:30 pm Depart for the SIGHT AND SOUND THEATER performance of JESUS, an action-packed musical stage adventure for the whole family! Experience the greatest rescue story of all time as it comes to life on stage with massive sets, special effects, and live animals in this original stage production. You will not forget this live play anytime soon. This theater is totally AMAZING with beautiful gift shops.

Back to the hotel after a long day of fun and new adventures.

Thursday, June 8 Breakfast at the hotel before departing at 8:15 am

9:00 am A BIG SURPRISE!!!!!! We are going to the TOP OF THE ROCK, showcasing the majestic beauty of the Ozarks as it has never been seen before. This one-of-a-kind destination is home to remarkable restaurants, world-class golf and extraordinary attractions. We will trek two and a half miles in an electric cart along the Lost Canyon Cave & Nature Trail, Beautiful and upon returning, you can visit the Natural History Museum if you wish, which celebrates the rich ancient history of the Ozarks, commemorating the people and animals that came before us. You may also visit the Wine/Whiskery underground. Lunch there on your own at one of the 3 restaurants on location, which are Osage Restaurant, featuring upscale American cuisine, then Armie's featuring Mexican cuisine and Buffalo Bar featuring pizza and premium cocktails. You will be at the very top of Branson with amazing views.

3:00 pm depart for a surprise dinner/cruise on the BRANSON BELLE SHOWBOAT. We will enjoy the power of music from the 60's to today performed by a troupe of singers and dancers and a 4-piece band. Great phot ops and beautiful scenery and sunset.

Dinner will be wedge salad w/vidalia onion dressing and fresh seasonal veggies. Hot roll, rotisserie chicken thighs, pot roast with demi-glace, green beans, garlic mashed potatoes, butter cake and tea or coffee.

6:45 pm Depart for the amazing **CLAY COOPER Show**. Clay brings the house down night after night with incredible light harmonies, innovative, energetic choreography, incredible special effects and amazing performances.

Back to the hotel after another amazing day.

Friday, June 9 Depart hotel at 9:00 am first for the Grand Plaza Mall which houses the largest Christmas store. Then at 11:00 am off to the Landing on the lake, with shopping, zipline, bars, restaurants, Bass Pro Shop and so much more. Lunch on your own while there.

1:00 pm Depart for a 2:00 for the **MATT GUMM SHOW**. New show and absolutely hilarious. Matt was, and still is, the music minister at the church we attended while we lived in Branson. Fabulous show!!!!

5:00 pm Depart for dinner at **GETTING BASTED**, with selections of Quarter chicken, Pulled Pork, Brisket or 1/3 Rack of Ribs, served with 3 bean bake, potato salad, corn muffin, dessert, tea or water. Full Bar available, on your own.

6:30 pm Going to the unbelievable show **SIX**. Six brothers with no instruments, only their voices as their instruments. Incredible harmonies, funny antics and beautiful music.

Back to the hotel for a little bit more ICE CREAM

Saturday, June 10 Luggage must be out by the front door of the hotel by 6:30 am, to be loaded onto the bus. After you bring your luggage, then go and eat breakfast before departing for home at 7:30 am. We will stop again for lunch on the way home. We should arrive home around 6:30 pm, with wonderful vacation memories and a new friend or two.

Itinerary subject to change without notice due to weather, show changes or just something better for the group.

Checks to be made out to Faye's Fun Travels, mail to 728 W Gloria Switch Rd #58, Lafayette, LA 70507

VACATIONS BY RAIL

Colorado Rail Experience **September 22-29, 2023**

Immerse yourself in Gold Rush lore and relish the secluded scenes of the Rocky Mountains as you explore Colorado's rugged terrain aboard six heritage railroads, including the beloved Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad.

Journey through the untamed beauty of Colorado on this 8-day Rocky Mountain expedition. We discover expanses of landscape hidden from modern traffic aboard six fantastic railways: the Georgetown Loop Railroad, the Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad, the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad, and the Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway. While we ride the rails, railroad experts and knowledgeable guides introduce us to the mining and railway history of the state. Our journey also includes a visit to the awe-inspiring Garden of the Gods. Join the experience as the colorful past of the Old West is brought to life once more.

The itinerary for your journey

Tour highlights

- Georgetown Loop Railroad
- Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad
- Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad
- Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad
- Royal Gorge Route Railroad
- Colorado Rail Museum
- Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway
- Garden of the Gods

What's included

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation by deluxe motorcoach

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodations for 7 nights

LUGGAGE

Baggage Handling

EXCURSIONS & ENTERTAINMENT

The services of a professional Tour Manager from start to finish

FOOD & DRINKS

11 meals, including lunch on the Royal Gorge Route Railroad

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Cancellation & Travel Insurance is not included in the price of the tour but can be arranged

Flights and Airport transfers

Day 1 - Colorado Rail Museum/Georgetown Loop Railroad

Our journey begins as you meet your group and Tour Manager in Denver this morning and we transfer to Golden, CO, by coach to explore the Colorado Rail Museum. A tour through its featured exhibits, extensive collection of rolling stock and Roundhouse restoration facility offers an insider's perspective of this fascinating site. Departing the museum, we immerse ourselves in the mining history of the Rocky Mountains aboard the Georgetown Loop Railroad. This narrow-gauge, two coil loop railway was completed in 1884 and takes us on the original 4 1/2-mile loop between Georgetown and Silver Plume. Lunch is served in Georgetown before a scenic drive through the rugged landscape to the resort town of Silverthorne. Overnight Silverthorne, CO.

Day 2 - Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad

Step back in time and discover the mining and railroad past of Leadville, CO, today as we join the Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad. We follow a course through San Isabel National Forest, traveling into thick groves of alpine trees as we follow alongside the Arkansas River. Views of Colorado's tallest peaks, Mt. Massive and Mt. Elbert, come into view as the train continues through the lush valley, and we even cross the Continental Divide during the 2 1/2-hour tour. Photo opportunities abound along the scenic route - as do the conductor's ghost stories and lore that highlight the colorful history of the region.

Upon return to Silverthorne, take the remainder of the day to enjoy the wild surroundings of the town. There are endless hiking trails to embark upon, including some that feature waterfalls. Overnight Silverthorne, CO.

Day 3 - Silverthorne to Durango

We depart Breckenridge this morning and enjoy a leisurely day of travel by deluxe motorcoach bound for Durango near the Colorado/New Mexico border. Our route includes inspiring vistas of the Rockies, lush National Forests and protected Grasslands. We pass through quaint mining towns and make several stops to stretch our legs and to admire the scenery on foot. First stop is South Park City in Fairplay to see an amazing authentic restoration of a Colorado boomtown. Our route continues south, passing through the Rio Grande National Forest before we arrive in Durango late this afternoon. The evening is yours to explore Historic Downtown Durango, which is brimming with Wild West history, restaurants and unique shops to explore. Overnight Durango.

Day 4 - Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad

This morning, we board one of the most scenic railroads in the Southwest, the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This journey takes us on a route along the Animas River from Durango to Silverton. Sights of canyon country, San Juan National Forest, protected wildlife areas and beautiful mountain vistas overtake the landscape during the ride, and it is not uncommon to see wildlife. Bring your camera! A true highlight of this journey is the ride through the Animas River Gorge. The train travels above the gorge on a manmade ledge on the side of a canyon, offering spectacular views of the gorge down below. Silverton, CO, an 1874 mining town located high in the San Juan Mountains, is our destination. While this locale is now a hotspot for tourists and winter sports, its gritty past is still visible in its historic buildings and adventurous atmosphere. After returning to Durango, the remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight Durango.

Day 5 - Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

An unforgettable journey lies ahead today as we set out on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad, the longest and highest narrow-gauge steam railroad in North America and voted the #1 Top Attraction in Colorado and New Mexico by USA Today. The Southwest's scenes are on full display on this 64-mile ride, including glimpses at steep canyons, colorful meadows, ranches, grassy hills, beautiful mountain ranges, rushing waterways and brilliant blue skies. We cross over Cascade Creek Trestle and pass through charming mountain towns and abandoned villages. This route crosses the Colorado/New Mexico border 13 times and allows passengers to get a feel for what a daily train ride would have been like in the heyday of steam train travel. As the tour concludes, we continue our heritage rail voyage through Colorado into the San Luis Valley, the oldest settled area in Colorado, en route to Alamosa. Overnight Alamosa.

Day 6 - Royal Gorge Route Railroad

Find yourself surrounded by the breathtaking beauty of the Royal Gorge on our fifth railway journey of the tour, the Royal Gorge Route Railroad. We board our motorcoach this morning and travel to the station in Canon City - a route that offers another look at the stunning forests and mountains that make Colorado so beloved. We get a unique perspective of the stunning scenery from our seats in the train's first-class vista-dome car. Travel along the Arkansas River and see the Hanging Bridge at the narrowest point in the chasm. We enjoy lunch in the train's dining car. The excursion concludes with a stop underneath the soaring Suspension Bridge from the rim to the river's edge. After our journey, we continue by coach to Colorado Springs, a hub for culture and adventure. Spend the rest of the day exploring the offerings of this lively city, perhaps checking out the exciting dining options or visiting one of the local museums. Overnight Colorado Springs.

Day 7 - Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway/Garden of the Gods

Take in incredible 360-degree vistas from 14,115 feet above sea level today as we travel to the summit of Pikes Peak, the mountain that inspired the song "America the Beautiful." Our sixth rail excursion is aboard the newly re-opened Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway. The nine-mile journey to the top passes Ruxton Creek in Englemann Canyon, Minnehaha Falls, Deer Park and a wide range of wildlife. At the summit there will be time to take in views from every angle, visiting the gift shop and sampling world-famous doughnuts. Just as with the trip up the mountain, the ride down is also narrated by a knowledgeable Conductor who is chock-full of facts about Pikes Peak, the Rockies and Colorado as a whole. Before returning to Colorado Springs, we visit Garden of the Gods - a National Natural Landmark site - for a drive through the dramatic red rock formations that reach up to 300 feet tall. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Overnight Colorado Springs.

Day 8 - Tour Conclusion

Our tour of Colorado's railways concludes after breakfast. A group transfer to Denver International Airport accommodates flights departing after 1 p.m.

Departure Dates

June 16, 2023	From \$2,795
June 23, 2023	From \$2,795
June 30, 2023	From \$2,795
July 14, 2023	From \$2,795
July 21, 2023	From \$2,795
July 28, 2023	From \$2,795
August 11, 2023	From \$2,795
September 1, 2023	From \$2,895
September 8, 2023	From \$2,895
September 15, 2023	From \$2,895
September 22, 2023	From \$2,895
September 29, 2023	From \$2,795
October 6, 2023	From \$2,795

All prices are per person and assume full occupancy of the room.

Please always refer to the website for up-to-date prices and availability.

Trains

Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad

A stunning winding course through the southern edge of the Colorado Rockies and past vast rural landscapes awaits on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad. This line follows a 64-mile route between Chama, NM, and Antonito, CO, weaving back and forth across the border 11 times throughout its journey. Through long mountain tunnels, across rushing rivers, and along breathtaking canyon shelves, narrow-gauge tracks take the train places where no roads lead. The wonders and charms of the beautiful Southwest are yours to behold on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad



The historic Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad weaves a tale of human ingenuity and natural beauty as it travels on its 45-mile route between Durango and Silverton in Colorado. Aboard fully restored steam trains that are original to the line and open-air gondolas that offer uninhibited views of the surrounding scenery, passengers relive the region's mining past and marvel at panoramic vistas of the Animas River and its gorge.

Georgetown Loop Railroad

The Georgetown Loop Railroad was founded during the glory years of the gold and silver rush. Its scenic, double-looped route travels from Georgetown to Silver Plume on a 4 1/2-mile path through the stunning Clear Creek Valley and offers unparalleled views of the Colorado Rockies. The narrow-gauge tracks navigate through sweeping curves and wide loops to scale over 640 feet of elevation during the train's expedition between the historic mining towns.

Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad

Surrounded by Colorado's Rocky Mountain peaks and the astounding beauty of the San Isabel National Forest, the Leadville, Colorado & Southern Railroad offers a journey beyond all expectations. Riders join the scenic railway in Leadville, one of the highest elevated incorporated cities in North America, and embark on a 21-mile round-trip expedition to the Continental Divide. Over 2 1/2 hours, the colorful history of Colorado's mining past unfolds as the train climbs 1,000 feet over the Arkansas River Valley. Onboard narration complements the journey, recounting fascinating tales of the region while the vintage diesel engines traverse incredible landscapes.

Royal Gorge Railroad

The Royal Gorge Route Railroad is in a league of its own. The route is so impressive; it once inspired a war between rail lines and today welcomes more than 100,000 riders each year. This historic railroad first opened to passengers over 140 years ago, and throughout its operations, it continues to amaze with its spectacular route along the Arkansas River. Narrow granite walls frame the way as guests enjoy views of rushing water and outstanding onboard cuisine.

Hotels

Holiday Inn Express Alamosa, Alamosa



The Holiday Inn Express Alamosa is our comfortable and convenient base in Alamosa. The hotel offers an indoor swimming pool and free Wi-Fi, and spacious guest rooms all come equipped with a television, a hairdryer, an iron and ironing board, and tea & coffee making facilities.

The Antlers by Wyndham Hotel, Colorado Springs



From monumental mountain vistas to spectacular views of downtown Colorado Springs, you need only look out your guest room window or step out onto your suite's private balcony to indulge in the natural beauty and vibrant streets surrounding The Antlers, A Wyndham Hotel. Our flawlessly-restored historical property has been transformed into a refined gem, with each guest room featuring brand new carpeting, plush bedding, and custom bed frames and head boards. Enjoy cocktails at our elegant lobby lounge adorned with crystal chandeliers, crystal wall sconces, and a stunning horseshoe-shaped granite bar with 40 beer taps including an array of sparkling Colorado micro brews. Dine at our authentic Italian restaurant, which includes 2 wood-fire pizza ovens. Your dream wedding or special event will be unforgettable at any of our 17 breathtaking event rooms, especially with the experience of our Meeting and Wedding Professionals to guide you from invite to adieu. Celebrate the wonders of Colorado's natural history in our classic yet modern accommodations at The Antlers.

Colorado Springs Marriott



Colorado Springs Marriott is reinventing the way you travel. Located near the Rocky Mountains, our hotel makes a perfect home base for outdoor enthusiasts embarking on climbing or hiking excursions at Pikes Peak and Cave of the Winds. When it's time to enjoy the great indoors, we offer easy access to all the shops and art galleries in downtown Colorado Springs. After a day of exploration, take time to unwind in our renovated, pet-friendly rooms and suites. Feel free to connect to our complimentary Wi-Fi to stay in touch with loved ones. In the mornings, fuel up at our full-service restaurant featuring a stylish outdoor patio with fire pits and breathtaking views. Professionals hosting conferences and celebrations can reserve one of our 15 flexible event spaces. During downtime, keep your exercise routine intact at our fitness center and pools. Whatever brings you to Colorado Springs Marriott, find the amenities you desire.

DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel, Durango



The DoubleTree By Hilton Hotel in Durango overlooks the scenic Animas River and is within walking distance of the town's shops and restaurants. Facilities include an indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, fitness centre and a restaurant and lounge. Rooms feature a television, air conditioning and hairdryer.

Upgrades

We offer a selection of upgrades and 'add-ons' designed to help you make the most of your holiday - and make it even easier!

Extend your stay

Many of our guests choose to spend additional nights before or after their trip. Vacations By Rail would be happy to make hotel and sightseeing arrangements for you.

Rail Your Way

Vacations By Rail can supply connecting rail from your closest Amtrak Station.