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# New places, new faces, new experiences in 2024



Marilyn Foster Travels with Marilyn

t's time to begin thinking about travel. In this post-COVID world, the demand for travel remains high and tours sell out faster than you would think. It's not unusual for tours to be fully booked a year out and this year has been truly a banner year to release that pent-up demand for travel.

All the tours presented to the Chamber's Travel Club members sold-out early for 2023 and it is anticipated the same scenario will occur for 2024 so, as someone said, "strike while the iron is hot!"

While new tours are expected to be announced over the next few months, the Travel Club line-up thus far might be of interest enough for you to put in a deposit to hold that precious seat. There are some very affordable tours that might surprise you along with those one-of-a-lifetime expensive experiences.

From the Wonders of Machu Picchu and the Galapagos to the Southern Charm of Charleston and Savannah. From scenic trains through the Alpine countries to trekking through Iceland. From London to Paris following the path of our soldiers who fought so bravely in World War II and commemorating them on the beaches in Normandy to saluting the flag at the most patriotic memorial of all at Mt. Rushmore in



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Train buffs will love the ride on the amazing Golden Pass Train through Switzerland planned for May 2024.

the Black Hills of South Dakota. That's just a sample of what there is in store for travelers in 2024.

Traveling by train is always a must for rail buffs and we have lots of those in our area. Next year, Switzerland will be seen via the Golden Pass Line – considered one of the most picturesque train rides in the world. This is the storied train that was the first in the world to change height and jump tracks, a real thrill for those looking for new adventures. The Collette trip is planned for next May and is sure to sell out. More on that in another column.

I've traveled on many chamber

trips and have never been disappointed. I've enjoyed drinking the famous Gluhwein at the Christmas Markets in Germany, photographed the lions in Ranthambore National Park in India, enjoyed a lobster dinner in Cuba, celebrated my 90th birthday in Japan, enjoyed Broadway shows in New York City, and walked on the Great Wall of China. I've been up close to racehorses at Kentucky Downs and saw where Anne of Green Gables lived. And, oh those millions of tulips in Holland were a sight to see.

For 2024, the chamber is planning tours to Egypt and Jordan,

Italy, Scotland and Ireland, Portugal and Spain, the Cowboy Country to include South Dakota, and the Music Cities during the Christmas season.

Galapagos on your bucket list? Pair that with Machu Picchu and you'll have quite the adventure. There's more to come as tours are released.

On Thursday, May 25, the representative from Collette Vacations will be here to talk more about those and forthcoming tours. Sessions will be at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and are free but an RSVP is a must. Just call 775-882-1565.

It's time to unpack my suitcase and put my passport in the safe. Though my wanderlust is still strong, my 94-year-old body is telling me to slow down and smell the roses in my own little corner of the world. I've been so lucky to see and experience so much and urge all who are still robust to travel while they can. Don't put off that travel until later. COVID did a number on us all showing how fragile we all are. I am still healthy but know my limits. I plan to keep you informed of what's new in the world of travel for I have many great memories to share.

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