



Calling all “Mates” to Australia & New Zealand!

Also in this issue



3

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
October 6, 2019 - October 10, 2019
Hurry! There is still room to join us.



4

Iceland: Land of Fire & Ice
August 3, 2020 - August 11, 2020



6

Toronto Canada - Niagara Falls
September 13, 2020 - September 18, 2020

Australia is the unexpected: a place where the world’s oldest cultures share vast ochre plains, stylish laneways and unimaginably blue waters with successive waves of new arrivals from across the globe. Join the PC Bees for a 19-Day Cruise/Tour with 1 night in Auckland, NZ, 9 nights aboard the Norwegian Jewel cruising the North and South Island of New Zealand and 6 nights in Australia (Cairns, Ayers Rock, and Sydney).

Australia/New Zealand • January 10 - 29, 2020

January 10-12: US - Auckland:

Board your flight to Auckland, “City of Sails,” crossing the International Date Line. Meet your Universal Travel representative and start your morning with a ferry ride across the beautiful Waitemata Harbour to Devonport where you have views of the Auckland Harbour Bridge, the Auckland city skyline, Devonport’s historic naval base, Bean Rock Lighthouse and panoramic views of Rangitoto Island. Take some free time for lunch and shopping in Evenport with picturesque Victorian villas, stylish shops, and beaches, before checking in to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at your leisure.

January 13: Auckland:

After breakfast travel along the scenic waterfront route of Tamaki Dr. to Michael Joseph Savage Memorial Park, high above Mission Bay. Continue to the Auckland Domain, the city’s oldest park situated on a 52,000 year-old volcano and home to tropical gardens, duck ponds and a glorious winter garden. Take a mid-morning break in Parnell Village where historic buildings have been transformed into trendy boutiques. Head back to city center and take a trip up the Sky Tower, the tallest tower in the Southern Hemisphere. Midday you will board the Norwegian Jewel, your floating hotel for the next 9 nights.

Australia & New Zealand, cont.

January 14 - Bay of Islands: Take an excursion to the Kawiti Glowworm Caves or travel to Kawakawa, location of the world famous Hundertwasser Toilets, one of the first public toilets seen as an international work of art. Maybe visit the Makana Chocolate factory; sample hand-made chocolate and visit the wood crafts shop.

January 15 - Tauranga: You may choose a variety of optional excursions where you can learn about the Maori, the indigenous people of New Zealand. Learn about their traditions ranging from weaving, tattooing, and carving.

January 16 - Napier: Optional excursions include a half-day city highlights tour, drive through Napier's Art Deco precinct before heading along the coast to sample some of Hawkes Bay's best wines at a boutique winery. Maybe visit the Art Deco district of Hastings and view some of the historic buildings rebuilt after the 1931 earthquake and soak in some beautiful countryside.

January 17 - Marlborough (Picton): Marlborough has become world-famous for Sauvignon Blanc, aromatic Rieslings and Pinot Gris, along with the fabulous Pinot Noir. Maybe choose an excursion to the fertile Wairau Plains, the home of the Marlborough wine region.

January 18 - Akaroa: This historic French and British settlement is a delight to explore with colonial architecture, galleries, craft stores, and cafes, it's the perfect spot to enjoy Kiwi hospitality. Choose an optional excursion to a local sheep farm!



Australia & New Zealand: Starting at \$7,798 per person/double occupancy*

Single supplement is an additional 40%. An initial \$750 non-refundable deposit is required to hold a space on this tour. All gratuities are included. Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available and recommended. See Diana Elliott for more details or call (573) 368-4666.

Final payment is due on or before September 6, 2019.

Make checks payable to: Phelps County Bank/PC Bees, c/o Diana Elliott, 718 N. Pine St., Rolla MO 65401

January 19 - Dunedin: Any optional tour you take today should really include a visit to the iconic railway station! Another iconic landmark to visit is the famous Larnach Castle, sitting at the peak of the peninsula. See the views from the impressive gardens. Another must see is Baldwin Street, the steepest in the world

January 20 - Cruise Milford Sound in Fjordland National Park: European settlers names this area Milford Sound. It was carved by glaciers during the ice ages. Breathtaking in any weather, the cliffs rise vertically from the dark waters, mountain peaks scrape the sky and waterfalls cascade.

January 21-22 - Days at Sea: Two full days to luxuriate in the spa, watch the sunset, and dine with friends.

January 23 - Sydney & Cairns: Enjoy a city tour of Sydney - from Darling Harbor with its iconic Opera House to the historical Rocks area and world-famous Bondi Beach. In the afternoon, fly to Cairns to find out why it's been voted Australia's most livable city. The remainder of the day and dinner are at your leisure.

January 24 - Cairns & Kuranda: The day begins with a Sky rail ride on the Cableway. Enjoy superb aerial views of the lush rain forest. Spend time in the village of Kranda, set in the midst of a rain forest. The shops are filled with exotically hand crafted goods. After lunch, return to the hotel in the late afternoon.

January 25 - Cairns & Great Barrier Reef: Begin the experience of a lifetime as you board a high-speed catamaran cruise bound for the Great Barrier Reef. The world's largest coral reef is an area of extraordinary beauty - filled with color and variety! After lunch, swim, snorkel, or ride in a semi-submersible coral viewer.

January 26 - Cairns & Ayers Rock: Fly to Ayer's Rock where you will visit Mt. Olga to view spectacular rock formations and be dwarfed by these 36 huge, mysterious domes (part of the Uluru National Park). Return to Ayers Rock in the evening to view the sunset over this incredible landmark.

January 27 - Ayers Rock & Sydney: Early today depart for an Uluru Sunrise and Base Tour. See ancient rock-paintings, water holes and hear stories of Aboriginal legends. Learn about the people of this sacred area. After your midday flight back to Sydney, the evening is yours to enjoy Aussie hospitality!

January 28 - Sydney: Today is all yours to explore or take an optional excursion. Enjoy a sunset dinner cruise of Sydney Harbor.

January 29 - Sydney & US: Fly home with amazing memories!

*window and balcony cabins also available



FUN FACT: On September 19, 1783, Pilatre De Rozier launched the first hot air balloon. The passengers were a sheep, a duck and a rooster. It stayed in the air for 15 minutes.



Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta in October

October 6, 2019 - October 10, 2019 • \$2,798*/Person

HURRY: Reserve your seat before July 1, 2019!

October 6 - Welcome to Albuquerque! We will meet our Universal Travel tour partner at the airport. Time allowing, check into the Hyatt Regency or head directly to the Balloon Fiesta Field. You will have access to the Chasers Club which includes a hospitality tent, buffet dinner, guaranteed seating and a breathtaking view. Hundreds of balloons take off at tonight's Glowdeo and you have the best seats in the house! After-glow fireworks begin at 8:00 p.m.

October 7 - Santa Fe: After breakfast at the hotel you are off to Santa Fe, the oldest capital city in America. Your first stop is at the Santa Fe School of Cooking where you will grab an apron and help prepare your lunch with award-winning chefs who specialize in southwestern foods! After you eat your lunch at the school, you will enjoy a walking tour of the city. Visit the Loretto Chapel and the Olde Santa Fe Trail. You'll have plenty of time for shopping in old town before returning to Albuquerque. Tonight's dinner is at El Pinto, Albuquerque's best restaurant.

Price \$2,798 per person/double occupancy

*An Additional \$600.00 for single occupancy.

Final payment is due before July 1, 2019.

Make checks payable to: Phelps County Bank/PC Bees, c/o Diana Elliott, 718 N. Pine St., Rolla MO 65401

October 8: Your day begins with a 40 minute drive to Sandia Peak Tramway. Enjoy a breathtaking view of deep canyons and gorgeous terrain in your enclosed gondola. During your 15 minute flight, you will see nature's dramatic beauty unfold before you. From the observation deck atop the 10,378 foot Sandia Peak, you will be amazed at the magnificent panoramic view of the "Land of Enchantment." When you come down from the sky, visit Acoma Pueblo, the oldest continuously inhabited settlement in North America. Enjoy lunch at the Huwak'a Sky City Casino and then travel to Sky City for a guided tour conducted by a native Acoma guide. After the tour, you will visit the Sky City Cultural Center and Haak'u Museum. Dinner is on your own in Albuquerque with 50 shops and restaurants nearby.

October 9: Early this morning you are back at the Balloon Fiesta field. You will again have access to the Chasers Club which includes a buffet breakfast, guaranteed seating, and a breathtaking view. First up is the Dawn Patrol Show followed by the Krispy Kreme Morning Glow. At 7:00 a.m. you will see why Albuquerque is called the Balloon Capital of the World as hundreds of balloons take off at the flight of the Nation's Mass Ascension! Afterwards, we'll have a panoramic city tour of Albuquerque followed by a visit to the brand new Turquoise Museum. Later this afternoon, visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and see traditional Native American dancers. Enjoy a tour of the Casa Rondena Winery and dinner at the Savoy Restaurant.

October 10: After breakfast at the hotel, we will head home with colorful memories of New Mexico.



Iceland in Summer 2020: The Land of Fire and Ice

August 3, 2020 - August 11, 2020 • \$800 deposit will reserve your spot

Land of Fire and Ice includes: Round trip airport transfers, round trip air to Reykjavik, full size luxury motor coach, 7 nights in 4 and 3 star accommodations, plus daily breakfast, 6 lunches, 5 dinners, several tours (as per itinerary), service of a tour director throughout the itinerary, luggage handling for one bag per person, all resort, service, and government fees.



August 3, 2020 - Journey to Iceland:

Today, board your overnight flight to Reykjavik, the capital of Iceland.

August 4, 2020 - Reykjavik, Viking museum & City Tour:

This morning you will be met by your local guide at the airport. Your first experience in Iceland will be a trip to the Viking World museum. A snack and a refreshing drink is included at the museum's cafeteria, before you start your panoramic city tour of Reykjavik. Early this afternoon you will check in to your hotel. Tonight, a welcome to Iceland dinner is included.

August 5, 2020 - Farmlands & Mountains of the North West:

Today, you will travel northwards to Borgarnes, the gateway to the Snaefellsnes National Park and Skagafjörður, the valley of the horses. The valley is known as the Mecca of horsemanship, thanks to its abundance of Icelandic horses. Next, you will visit the folk museum of Glaumbær. Situated in an old traditional turf farmhouse dating back to 1750. The museum explores life in historic rural Iceland and commemorates the lives of Þorfinnur Karlsefni and his wife. In the 11th century, the couple travelled to North America and she gave birth to what is believed to be the first European child born in North America! This afternoon, you arrive in Öxnaðalsheidi, the capital of the North, and check in to your hotel for the next two nights. Dinner is served at your hotel.



August 6, 2020 - Lake Myvatn area:

After breakfast this morning, take off to Mývatn. Located in the heart of north-east Iceland about 65 miles south of the Arctic Circle, Lake Mývatn and its surroundings are one of Europe's greatest natural treasures. This shallow lake, set in a dramatic landscape, is dominated by volcanic landforms such as pseudo craters and lava pillars. Start this natural experience with a relaxing dip in clouds of steam rising from a fissure deep in the earth's surface, followed by a swim in a pool of geothermal water drawn from depths of up to 6000ft. Prior to returning to your hotel, visit the Goðafoss Waterfall, known locally as the waterfall of the gods for its godlike beauty.

August 7, 2020 - Dettifoss Waterfall and East fjords

This morning you leave Akureyri and travel northeast. Your first stop will be the Dettifoss waterfall. It is the most powerful waterfall in Europe and the most voluminous waterfall in Iceland! Measuring 144ft high and 328ft wide, Dettifoss is referred to as 'The Beast' and known for its power rather than its appearance. That said, the waterfall is stunning, extremely large and the mist from the falls is visible from several miles away. Next you will pass through the highland Plateau Mödrudalsöræfi towards the sparsely populated and very beautiful East fjords with its small fishing villages and magnificent mountains.

August 8, 2020 - Fjords and Glacier Lagoon Boat Cruise:

Today, your journey continues along the East Coast with its many fjords and dramatic coastline. Later today, you arrive at the magnificent Jökulsarlón Glacier lagoon, the largest ice

FUN FACT: With 8 to 10 million puffins inhabiting the island, Iceland is home to more than 60% of the world's entire Atlantic puffin population. Walking almost hand in hand with humans during the summer season, it is definitely something Icelanders are proud of.

lagoon in Iceland! Take a Boat cruise and see with your own eyes giant incredibly shaped icebergs, transparent ice, opaque ice and even deep jewel blue ice. The atmospheric gray streaks showing within some of the icebergs will remind you Iceland is a volcanic land with a great fiery heart - the land of fire and ice! This afternoon you enter Skaftafell National Park, an enchanting green oasis flourishing between many surrounding glaciers. Tonight's dinner is served at the hotel's restaurant.



August 9, 2020 - Black Beaches, Waterfalls and Lava Fields:

After a leisurely breakfast, you will cross Eldhraun, the largest mass of lava to have ever flowed on the face of the earth to the famous black beach of Reynisfjara! This is a place of wild and dramatic beauty where the roaring waves of the Atlantic Ocean power ashore with tremendous force. When you stand on Reynisfjara Beach, it's the equivalent to being in a natural amphitheater of water. The area is also known for its puffin colonies that are nesting here. This afternoon visit the Lava Centre and learn about Iceland's birth story and the forces of volcanic activity. See the Skógafoss and Seljalandsfoss waterfalls before returning to Reykjavik with the remainder of the evening at your leisure.

August 10, 2020 - Into the Glacier and Viking Dinner:

Best for last? Literally! Today you visit the unique and remote man-made ice cave in Langjökull, on Iceland's largest and most spectacular glacier. We'll stop at Europe's most powerful hot spring Deildartunguhver and Hraunfossar lava waterfalls. After lunch, journey up the white slopes and go inside the man-made ice tunnels leading to the blue heart of the glacier. You will ride in a super truck - specially made to explore the glacier environment. Soak in the view as we drive on top of the ice cap. Tonight, indulge in an authentic dinner Viking style!

August 11, 2020 - Travel Home with Fire & Ice Memories

Iceland in August of 2020 : \$5,298 per person/double occupancy

Single supplement is an additional \$1,000. An initial \$800 deposit is required to hold a space on this tour. Trip cancellation/interruption insurance is available and recommended. See Diana Elliott for more details or call (573) 368-4666.

Final payment is due on or before April 20, 2020.

Make checks payable to: Phelps County Bank/PC Bees, c/o Diana Elliott, 718 N. Pine St., Rolla MO 65401



“Fall” in love with Niagara in Canada

September 13 - September 18, 2020 • Six days for \$3,098/person

Imagine standing at the edge of the falls, close enough to feel the thunder of millions of gallons of water cascading over the side. Close enough to reach out and touch. Travel with us when we travel to Niagara and “feel the flow” of the mighty falls! Just beyond the vistas of the waterfall, Niagara is filled with splendid discoveries and fantastic attractions! This is an area rich in history, home to luminaries such as F. Scott Fitzgerald, Mark Twain and Grover Cleveland. Buffalo was a 19th Century boomtown and you’ll experience why! From the Erie Canal to Delaware Avenue, you’ll learn how the fortunes of this region made Buffalo America’s wealthiest city with more millionaires per capita than any other! You’ll also enjoy two thrilling days across the border to explore lovely Niagara-on-the-Lake and the fascinating city of Toronto!



Price \$3,098 per person/double occupancy

*An Additional \$698.00 for single occupancy.

Final payment is due before June 4, 2020.

Checks payable to: **Phelps County Bank/PC Bees,**
c/o Diana Elliott, 718 N. Pine St., Rolla MO 65401

Sunny Palm Springs to San Diego

November 11 - November 17, 2020 • Seven days for \$3,498/person

Leave the cold November weather in Missouri behind and join us in Sunny California! Here are all of the beautiful and historic places we will visit: Palm Springs, San Andreas Fault Zone, Temecula & San Diego, Balboa Park, Gaslamp Qtr, and the USS Midway. The trip will include: Round trip airfare to Southern California, Round trip airport transfers, Full size luxury motor coach, 2 nights in Palm Springs, 4 nights in San Diego, Daily breakfast, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, Admission and inclusions to all tour events, Luggage handling for one bag per person (excludes airline baggage fees), All resort, service, and government fees, All gratuities for drivers, and guides.



FUN FACT: San Diego is the birthplace of California. The first European exploration of the West Coast was by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. He landed in San Diego on September 28, 1542.

Price \$3,498 per person/double occupancy

*An Additional \$800.00 for single occupancy.

Final payment is due before July 28, 2020.

Checks payable to: **Phelps County Bank/PC Bees,**
c/o Diana Elliott, 718 N. Pine St., Rolla MO 65401

Architectural Treasures Day Trip

Thursday, August 1, 2019 • Only \$96/person

Take a trip back to the glory days of St. Louis architecture with the PC Bees. Our first stop will be the massive Kiel Opera House. Constructed in 1936 (pictured below), the opera house was home to the St. Louis Symphony and many performers such as the Rat Pack. We’ll enjoy a delicious lunch at Lorenzo’s Trattoria, then stroll across the street to Volpi’s to purchase cheese and sausage or baked goods at the Missouri Baking Company. Our day will include a visit to the St. Louis Central Public Library and the St. Louis Soldier’s Memorial!



Enjoy this day trip for only \$96/person

Call Diana Elliott at (573) 368-4666 to reserve your place on the motor coach for this “trip back in time.”

HURRY! Final payment is due on or before July 1, 2019.

Jefferson Barracks & Civil War Museum

We will tour Jefferson Barracks, the Ordnance Depot, the new Telephone Museum and the Civil War Museum. Enjoy lunch at the award-winning Cafe Telegraph. A day of history for only \$99.00.

Friday, September 13, 2019 • \$99/person



Jefferson Barracks was once the largest military base in the U.S. From its establishment in 1826, many military heroes served in some capacity there. Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day and visit the Jefferson Barracks park, museums and cemetery with the PC Bees.

Photo left: Jefferson Barracks during World War II.

Final payment due August 1, 2019.

Chair Yoga - Complementary Lower Leg Vein Screening

**Rolla Downtown Bank
on August 22, 2019 at 2 p.m.**

Enjoy refreshments while we learn relaxing stretches we can do while seated in a chair from Sarah Covey, owner of Pioneer Fitness. You can also take advantage of a complementary lower leg vein screening by Amy Hall with Missouri Vein Care. Reserve your spot with Diana by 08/12/19.

Christmas Sip & Paint with the PC Bees

**Rolla Downtown Bank
on December 12, 2019 at 2 p.m.**

It’s time to get creative with the PC Bees. Local artist and PCB Banker Tishia Gibson-Tsiptsis will help us create a “masterpiece” with step-by-step instructions. Take home your work of art to remember the day!

We will serve refreshments and drinks as we paint. Please RSVP by 12/13/19 and call Diana at (573) 368-4666 to save your canvas & paints.

Only \$5/person!

Mark Your Calendar with these Events!

July 7 - July 14, 2019

Calgary & Canadian Rockies
Waiting list only

August 1, 2019

Architectural Treasures Day Trip
Final Payment July 1, 2019

August 22, 2019

Chair Stretching/Leg Screening
at PCB's downtown bank - 4th floor

September 13, 2019

Jefferson Barracks & Civil War Museum
Final Payment August 1, 2019

October 6 - October 10, 2019

Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta
Final Payment July 1, 2019

October 22 - November 1, 2019

European Danube River Cruise
Final Payment June 13, 2019

December 12, 2019

Christmas Paint & Sip Party
at PCB's downtown bank - 4th floor

January 10 - 29, 2020

Australia & New Zealand
Final Payment September 6, 2019

September 13 - September 18, 2020

Niagra in Canada
Final Payment June 4, 2020

November 11 - November 17, 2020

Palm Springs to San Diego
Final Payment July 28, 2020



Pheps County Bank
718 N. Pine Street
Rolla MO 65401