



Blue Ridge Travel
"We Plan ... You Play!"

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NEWSY NOTES
OCTOBER 2017!



Welcome to Fall! Leaves are beginning to change and the duty of leaf raking is about to begin. I hope you have had a wonderful Summer and are looking forward to a beautiful Fall season. Christmas will be here before we know it! Then we embark on a brand new year. So far, 2017 has been quite a year. Blue Ridge Travel has offered day trips, a surprise trip, our European Adventure, and, most recently, a New England Experience. We are not done yet for 2017. There is still an opportunity to explore with us as we travel to New York City in early December. Keep reading for information on this and other spectacular travel experiences.

CHRISTMAS TIME IN NEW YORK CITY!
DECEMBER 5 – 8, 2017
\$1650 per person (Based on Double Occupancy)

Did you ever watch the movie "Miracle on 34th Street" and wonder what it would be like to actually be in New York City during the Christmas season? Well, now is your chance! How about staying in a fabulous hotel with breakfast each morning, right in Times Square, taking a tour of the Christmas lights and visiting Rockefeller Center to view the Christmas tree and see a performance by the NYC Rockettes, plus visit the 911 Memorial and Underground Museum, the Empire State Building, and more? I know we have Macy's here, but wouldn't you like to visit the Macy's that started it all . . . right in New York City? Oh! I forgot to mention that we will get to NYC by Amtrak, right out of Roanoke! That's right. We will Amtrak roundtrip from our hometown.



Now is the time to make your reservation for this wonderful travel experience. There are only **3 rooms left!** Please call Joyce today at **540-977-0505** or email: jmills0830@gmail.com.

2018 AT A GLANCE

I am currently putting the finishing touches on Blue Ridge Travel's calendar for 2018 and all of our upcoming travel for 2018 will be ready to go very soon. I hope you are getting geared up for another exciting year of travel adventures with Blue Ridge Travel and I am looking forward to working with each of you again. There will be an exciting "Surprise" trip, day theatre trips, and much more. Now is the time for your input. As you know, Blue Ridge Travel loves to hear from you and if you have any travel ideas you would like to share with me, please contact Joyce at **540-977-0505** or email: jmills0830@gmail.com and I will look at your suggestions carefully. Meanwhile, keep reading and get excited about our upcoming travel shown in this edition of Newsy Notes!

WHO TRAVELS WITH BLUE RIDGE TRAVEL?

Blue Ridge Travel has been fortunate over the past 11 years to have people from all walks of life travel with us. I think our youngest traveler was 9 months old and our oldest was my precious Aunt Ruby at 93. We welcome everyone who has a desire to travel to give us an opportunity to show you the world. With Christmas coming soon, you may have those special friends or family whom you have no gift ideas. Let us help you. A gift of travel is something everyone can use and appreciate. Call Joyce at **540-977-0505** or email: jmills0830@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE LANCASTER

AUGUST 7 – 10, 2018

\$675 per person (based on double occupancy)

For many of us, traveling to Lancaster, PA has become a yearly pilgrimage. There is so much to see and do there, and it's tough to squeeze it all in but, we try our best to see something different each time we go. As always, top of the list is Sight and Sound's spectacular production. 2018 is going to be the year you will ***not*** want to miss. The brand new production of "Jesus" will surely be the most sought after production thus far. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to witness these incredible Bible stories come to life, this is an excellent beginning point for you. It is going to be such a great performance, and many of my travel buddies have already signed up for 2018. Tickets will sell out quickly so don't delay. Lodging will be onboard the elegant Fulton Steamboat Inn and we will dine with one of our Amish families one evening. Call Joyce today at **540-977-0505** to reserve your space. Please invite family, friends, church family, co-workers, or anyone you would like to travel with us.

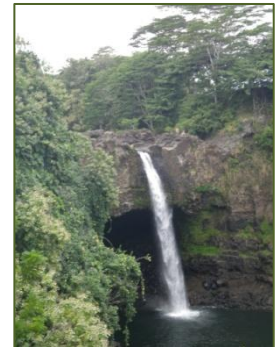


GLACIER AND YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARKS

SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 10, 2018

\$6500 per person (Based on Double Occupancy)

When I am told "it can't be done" that is when I begin getting excited. That is exactly what has happened with this spectacular 2018 Out West adventure. I mentioned this trip briefly in the June edition of Newsy Notes and immediately received calls wanting more information. We already have several folks booked for this wonderful travel package and I want to share it with you so you can also become part of this adventure. This package will include all transportation and transfers, lodging, admission to all parks, and tour guides, as needed. The plan is to visit Yosemite, Glacier National Park, Jackson Hole, California Redwoods, travel through Yellowstone National Park, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, NV, and, our final destination: the Albuquerque Hot Air Balloon Festival. Jump on board with us as we visit these exciting destinations, right here in the USA. Want to get your name on the reservation list now? A deposit of \$500 will secure your reservation on this spectacular travel adventure. Don't forget! Blue Ridge Travel wants to make your travel experience as comfortable for you as possible by offering you in-house payment options. There will be limited space on this adventure so call Joyce today at **540-977-0505** email: jmills0830@gmail.com and reserve your spot on this great adventure.



NEW ENGLAND . . . AT A GLANCE

As I mentioned earlier in Newsy Notes, we just returned from a 13-day adventure in New England. For those of you who could not join us, I would like to give you an overview of what you missed. We traveled through 13 states including Virginia, of course, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Maryland. Our accommodations included hotels, B&Bs, a Lighthouse, a ski lodge, and jail! Yep! You heard it right. We spent 3-nights in jail in Newport, Rhode Island . . . on purpose! It was built in the 1800's as the city's jail and has been converted into a very nice Inn.



Our travel included a visit to Jamestown, NY, childhood home of Lucille Ball, Corning, NY, home of the Corning glass and Museum, Meredith, NH, home to the Mill Falls Inn, and we paid a visit to Sugar Bush Maple Syrup Farm during our stay. We also took a ride on the Cog RR, located in the White Mountains of New Hampshire, before continuing our journey to Bar Harbor, ME. During our entire

trip, we had picture perfect weather . . . no rain! The daily temperature ranged from 78 to 90 degrees. While in Newport, RI, we had a tour guide join us and gave us a tour of the mansions in Newport. We also took a day and ferried to Martha's Vineyard where we were met by our tour guide who took us on a tour of all 6 towns that make up Martha's Vineyard. It was a lovely trip with a fabulous group of Travel Buddies.

As mentioned earlier, Blue Ridge Travel is continuing to work on new and exciting adventures for you in 2018, and will have those ready for your review very soon. Meanwhile, I want to present to you a wonderful opportunity to travel with us to Hawaii in 2019. For some of us, it will be a return visit and for those of you who have never been, it will be a spectacular experience. So, are you ready to see what I am cooking up for . . . **2019?**

HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS . . . AWAY WE GO!!!!

**HAWAIIAN DELIGHT
JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 13, 2019
LAND AND CRUISE
\$5500.00 (per person . . . based on double occupancy)**

It has been quite awhile since our last visit to our 50th state and what better time to go than January/February. I don't know about you but, I am not a big fan of shoveling snow (correction: watching hubby shovel snow) and bitter cold weather. So . . . No snow! Lots of whales! Gorgeous weather! The main reason we are going is because you asked me to put it together and I said ok! Are you excited yet? Can you think of a better time to go?



If you have never been to Hawaii, you are in for the experience of a lifetime. Our winter months are the best time to visit this lovely state, especially if you want to whale watch. We did this a few years ago and I must say it was the highlight of the trip for some of my folks. Then, there was the day we spent in Maui exploring the volcano and topping off our day at an authentic Luau. Imagine . . . February in shorts! I still believe the best way to see the islands is by boat. So, a 7-night Hawaiian cruise onboard NCL's lovely Pride of America is included in your package. If you have not cruised before, this is one of the most economical ways to travel as all of your meals, onboard entertainment, lodging, and most onboard activities, are inclusive.

This Hawaiian experience will include roundtrip air from Roanoke, VA, ground transportation, all lodging (pre/post while in San Francisco and Hawaii), selected group tours, and a balcony stateroom onboard NCL's ship, Pride of America. How's that for adding a little extra to your travel plans? We will leave Roanoke and fly to San Francisco where our ground transportation will take us on a tour before dropping us off at our lovely hotel for the evening. We will be within walking distance of Fisherman's Wharf, in case you want to explore on your own. The next day our ground transportation will take us to the airport where our next stop will be . . . Honolulu, Hawaii. We will spend one night in Honolulu, taking a tour of Hawaii the next morning, which will include the breathtaking Arizona, before arriving at the pier to board our ship for a beautiful 7-night cruise of the Hawaiian Islands.

Following the cruise, you will have two options: 1: Fly to California and spend two nights on the Queen Mary with a day trip to Catalina Island or, 2: Fly to Las Vegas for three nights to explore this amazing city before flying home. Just let me know which you prefer.

Pride of America's Hawaiian Cruise is one of NCL's most sought after cruises. While it may seem to you that it is a bit early to begin planning this far in advance, we are right on target with this cruise and land package. Blue Ridge Travel is now accepting reservations for this amazing Hawaiian adventure and if you would like to secure your reservation, please call Joyce today at **540-977-0505** or email: jmills0830@gmail.com. A deposit of \$500 per person is all that is necessary to confirm your reservation and, Blue Ridge Travel offers a convenient in-house payment plan for the balance of your trip cost. Aloha!

**2019
ITALY AND GREECE
IT'S ON THE DRAWING BOARD!!**

I am in the process of putting together a fabulous trip to Italy and Greece. This will be a 12-15 day adventure and will include Rome, Florence, Vatican City before traveling to Greece to continue your European journey. There will be more details to follow once these plans are finalized. If you want to secure your reservation early, a deposit of \$500 per person will get you on the early bird list.

NEWSY NOTES ~ ~ ANYWAY YOU WANT IT!

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~ ON YOUR OWN ~ TRAVEL ~

Don't forget! Blue Ridge Travel also provides individual travel planning. You are always welcome to visit my office or I will come to you! If you have that special travel idea and need my help in planning it, give me a call to set up an appointment that works for you. No matter what the occasion, I will do my best to make your travel ideas become a dream trip reality. For more detailed information on all travel plans, please visit: www.blueridgetravel.com or call **Joyce** at: **540-977-0505**.

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Yosemite and Glacier National Parks + More!

2019

January 30 – February 13, 2019

Hawaiian Delight – Land and Cruise

To Be Announced

Italy and Greece Adventure

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LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

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Have a safe and blessed week!

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