

TRAVEL ADVENTURES NEAR AND FAR

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LongWeekends



MY BOUTIQUE TRAVEL AGENCY



BIG ROCK
T R A V E L
PRIORITY TRAVEL PLANNING

MY CREDENTIALS AND AFFILIATIONS



DAY TRIPS

DAY TRIP 1 – FORT ANCIENT

- Located 40 minutes northeast of downtown Cincinnati in Oregonia
- One of eight Ohio Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks that became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2023



FORT ANCIENT

- Museum and Grounds



FORT ANCIENT

- Museum has 9,000 square feet of exhibitions
- Tip: 1st and 3rd Friday – guided tour at 1 pm by site superintendent who is an archaeologist



FORT ANCIENT



FORT ANCIENT

- Explore 126 acres of grounds
- Largest hilltop enclosure
- 3 miles of earthen walls
- Scenic overlooks
- Pack a picnic



FORT ANCIENT



Photo courtesy of Ohio History Connection

DAY TRIP 2 – KENTUCKY GATEWAY MUSEUM CENTER

- Located 70-80 minutes southeast of downtown Cincinnati in Maysville, KY
- Home to exhibits, research library, and a pioneer cemetery
- My favorite is KSB Miniatures Collection



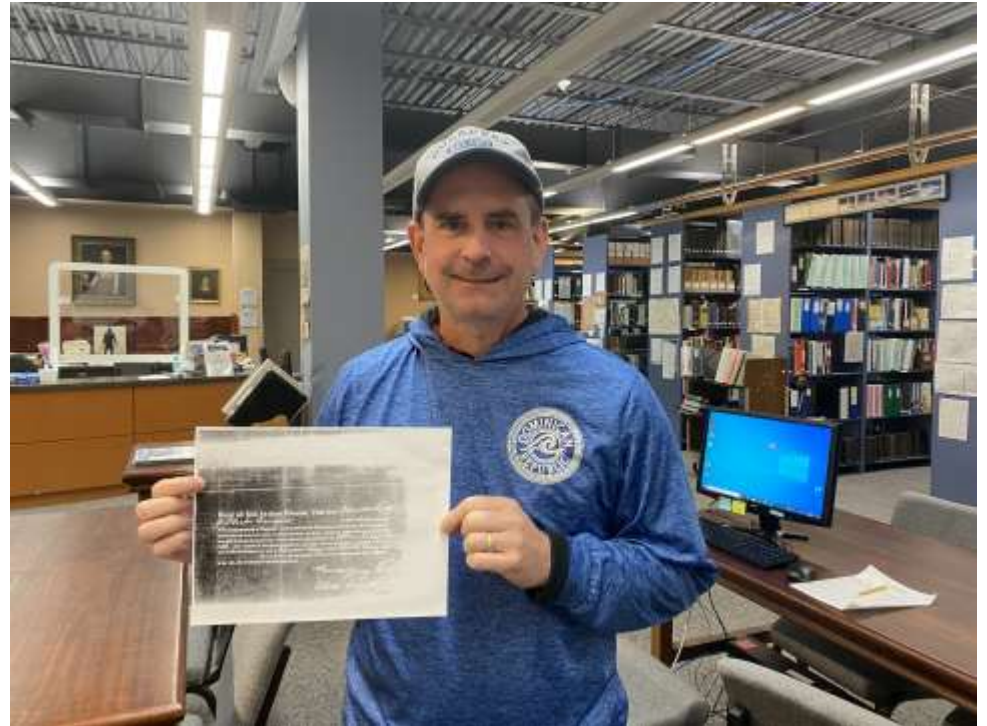
KENTUCKY GATEWAY MUSEUM CENTER

- Old Pogue Experience



KENTUCKY GATEWAY MUSEUM CENTER

- Genealogical
historical library



KENTUCKY GATEWAY MUSEUM CENTER

- Fine art, personal artifacts, maps, tools, equipment
- Temporary exhibits



KENTUCKY GATEWAY MUSEUM CENTER

- Kathleen Savage
Browning Miniatures
Collection
- 1/12th scale



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DAY TRIP 3 – WOLF CREEK HABITAT

- Located 1 hour northwest of downtown Cincinnati in Brookville, Indiana
- Wolf viewing is free, but donations are appreciated to help with the cost of feeding the wolves
- Wolf interactions cost \$50 per person



WOLF CREEK HABITAT

- Wolf viewing



WOLF CREEK HABITAT

- Wolf interactions (\$50 per person)



WOLF CREEK HABITAT

- Wolfy kisses – free with interaction



WOLF CREEK HABITAT

- Wolf hair styling - also free with interaction



WOLF CREEK HABITAT

- 4 Foxes – viewing only; no interactions



WEEKEND TRIPS

WEEKEND TRIP 1 – HARRODSBURG, KY

- Located 2 hours south of Cincinnati, southwest of Lexington
- Perfect for history lovers
- Highlights: Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill and Old Fort Harrod State Park



HARRODSBURG – SHAKER VILLAGE

- 3,000 acres once home to Kentucky Shakers



HARRODSBURG – SHAKER VILLAGE

- Living history museum with demonstrations



HARRODSBURG – SHAKER VILLAGE

- Stay overnight at the inn in Shaker buildings



HARRODSBURG – SHAKER VILLAGE

- Modern conveniences with Shaker design



OLD FORT HARROD STATE PARK

- Full-scale replica of 1774 fort



OLD FORT HARROD STATE PARK

- Demonstrations and buildings to tour



OLD FORT HARROD STATE PARK

- Animals and gardens



OLD FORT HARROD STATE PARK

- Largest Osage Orange tree in the US



OLD FORT HARROD STATE PARK

- Pioneer cemetery and Lincoln Marriage Temple



WEEKEND TRIP 2 – RICHMOND, INDIANA

- Located 90 minutes north of downtown Cincinnati, just west of the Indiana/Ohio border
- Perfect for a girls' getaway, romance, or grandparent/grandchild
- You'll find history, archaeology, antiques, art, nature, and chocolate



RICHMOND – HISTORY

- Levi & Catharine Coffin House & Interpretive Center – Underground Railroad



RICHMOND – HISTORY

- Joseph Moore Museum at Earlham College – free admission



RICHMOND – HISTORY

- Wayne County Historical Museum



RICHMOND – HISTORY

- Mummies



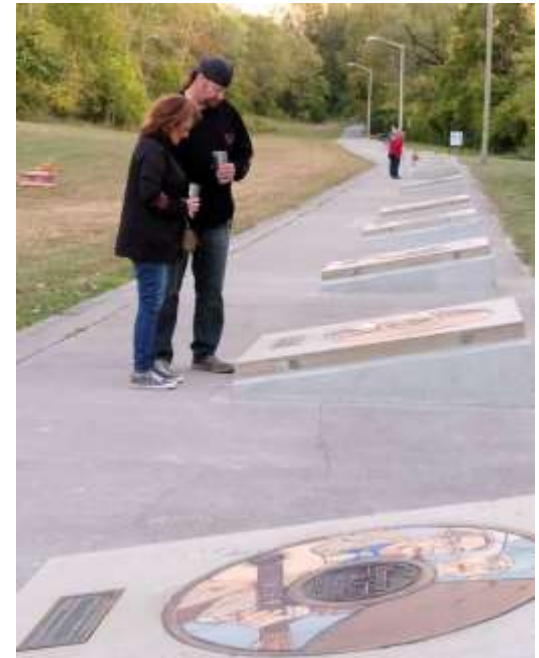
RICHMOND – HISTORY

- Model T Museum



RICHMOND – HISTORY

- Gennett Records and Starr Piano Company



RICHMOND – ANTIQUES

- Antique Alley – Indiana’s Antique Capital – download trail maps from VisitRichmond.org



RICHMOND – SHOPPING

- Lots of shopping including Warm Glow Candle Outlet and The Barn at Helm u-pick flowers



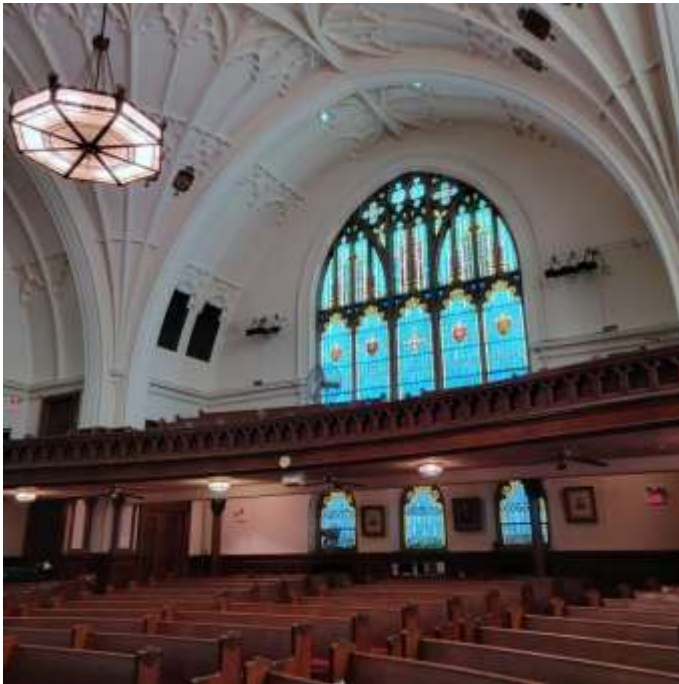
RICHMOND – ART

- Richmond Art Museum



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- Reid Center Tiffany Windows – free tours on second Saturdays at 11 am.



RICHMOND – ART

- Murals and sculptures



RICHMOND – NATURE

- Thistlethwaite Falls



RICHMOND – NATURE

- Rose Garden



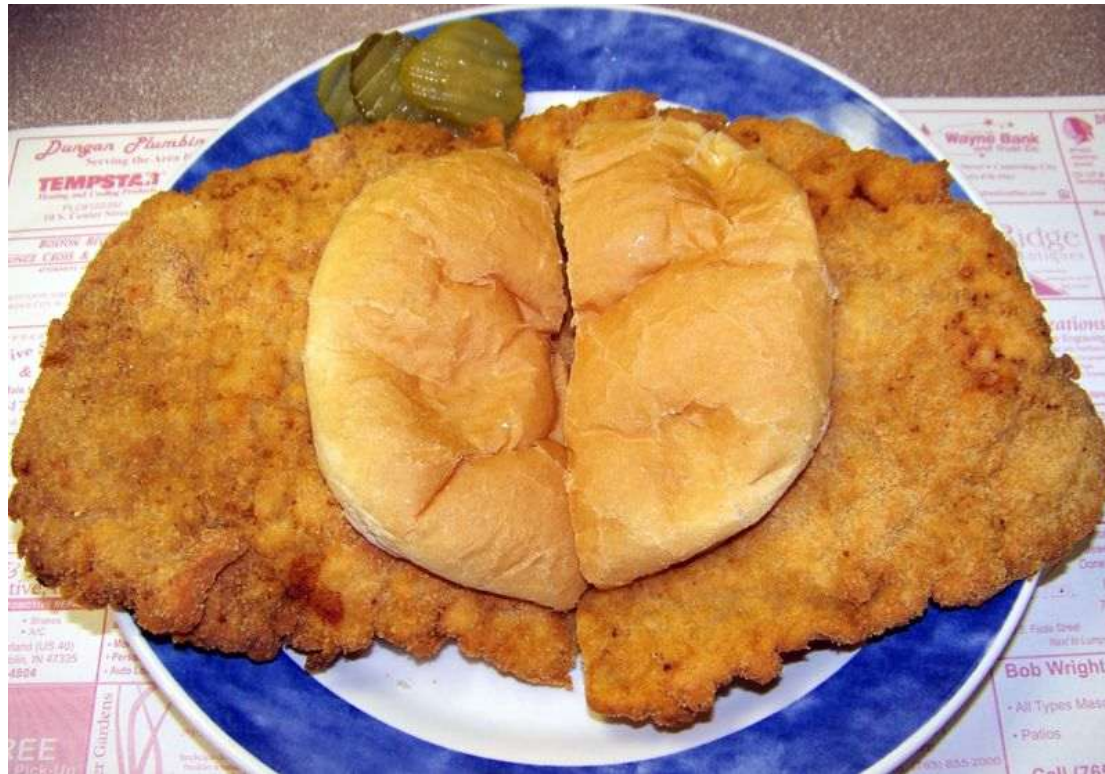
RICHMOND – NATURE

- Boating and biking



RICHMOND – FOOD AND WINE

- Indiana Tenderloin Sandwich



RICHMOND – FOOD AND WINE

- Pilgrimage Wine Company



RICHMOND - CHOCOLATE

- Chocolate Trail – pick up free passport at Old National Road Welcome Center



WEEKEND TRIP 3 – NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Located 4.5 hours southeast of Cincinnati
- Ideal for a long weekend trip
- Perfect for active adventurers
- Consider for a multi-generational family trip



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- America's newest National Park



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Whitewater rafting



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Hiking



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Coal mine ruins



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Ziplines and canopy courses



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Other outdoor activities



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Other outdoor activities



NEW RIVER GORGE, WV

- Coal mine tour nearby



DOMESTIC TRIPS

DOMESTIC TRIP 1

GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Cruise close to home
- Can see all 5 Great Lakes in one trip
- No unpacking and repacking
- Some stop in Canadian ports



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- All 5 Great Lakes



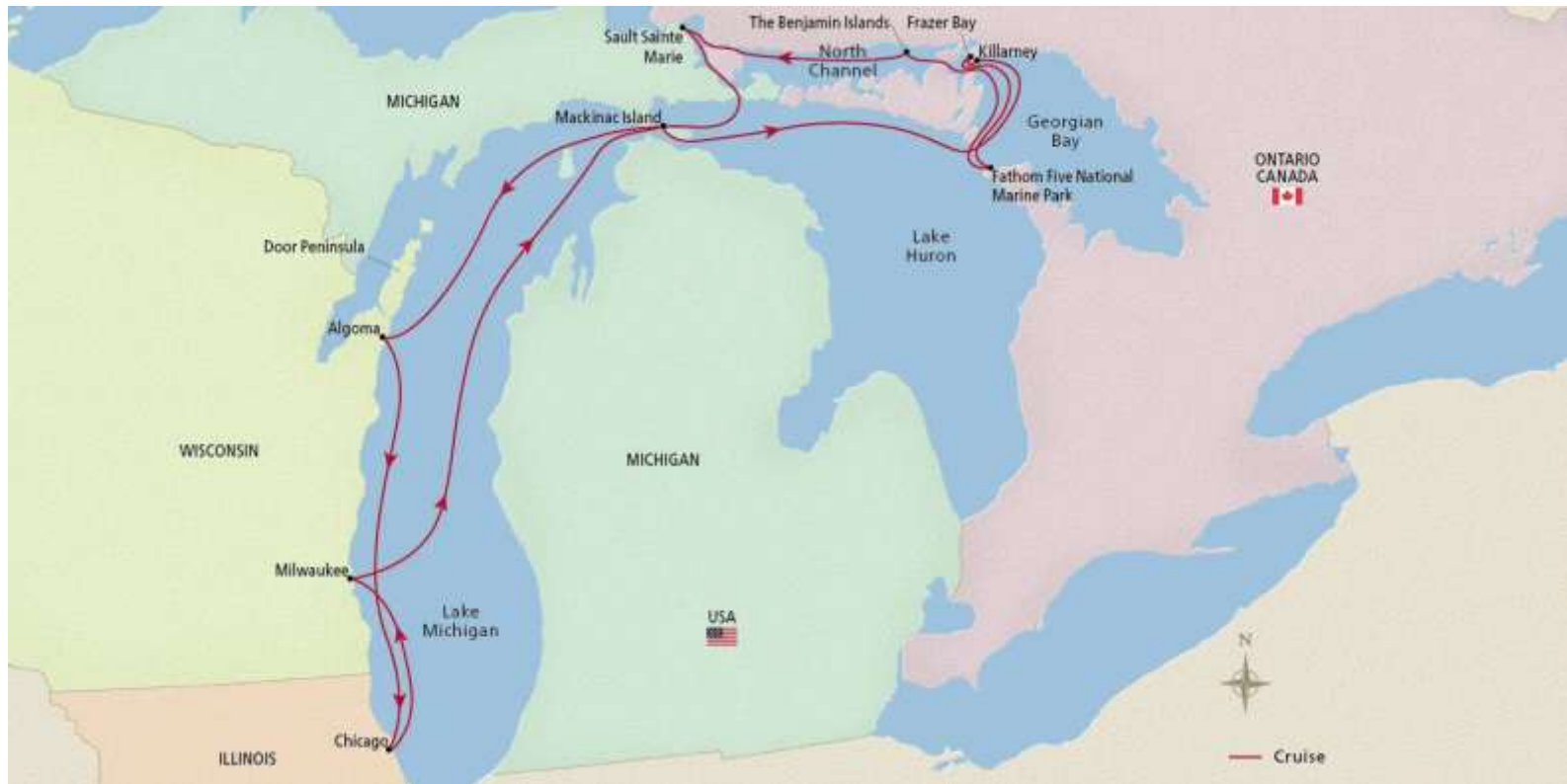
GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- US ports only



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Round-trip cruises



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Small ships



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Relax on deck while the ship sails



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Travel through locks between lakes



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Mackinac Island



GREAT LAKES CRUISE

- Duluth



DOMESTIC TRIP 2

SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

- Charleston, South Carolina
- Savannah, Georgia
- St. Augustine, Florida



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

CHARLESTON

- Carriage ride tour



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

CHARLESTON

- Fort Sumter



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

CHARLESTON

- The Battery



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES CHARLESTON

- City Market



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

CHARLESTON

- Plantations



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

CHARLESTON

- Charleston Tea Plantation



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES SAVANNAH

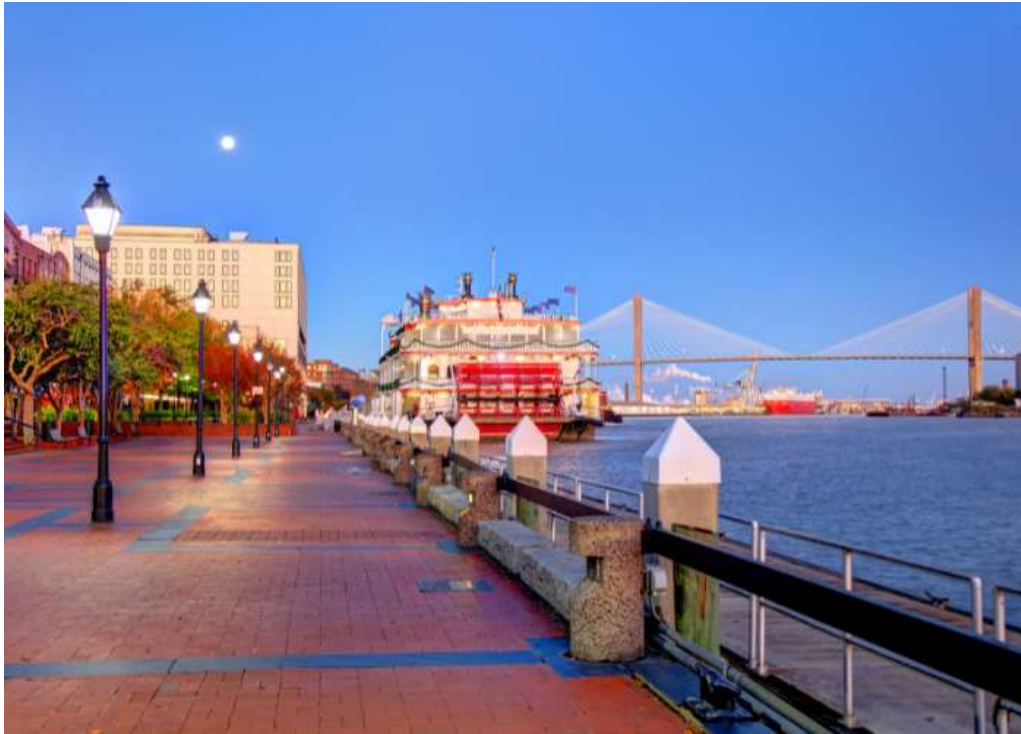
- Old Savannah Trolley Tour



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

SAVANNAH

- Savannah River



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

SAVANNAH

- River Street



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

SAVANNAH

- Forsyth Park



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

SAVANNAH

- Savannah Squares



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

SAVANNAH

- Art Museums



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

SAVANNAH

- Wormsloe Plantation



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE

- Founded in 1565 by the Spanish



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE

- Hop-on hop-off trolley tour



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE

- Castillo de San Marcos



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE

- History



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- History



SOUTHERN HISTORIC CITIES

ST. AUGUSTINE

- Nature



DOMESTIC TRIP 3

ALASKA

- Stunning natural beauty
- Unique experiences
- Perfect for active adventurers
- Land or sea
- Consider for a multi-generational family trip



ALASKA

- 8 National Parks



ALASKA

- Glaciers



ALASKA

- Dog sledding



ALASKA

- Wildlife



ALASKA

- Sealife



ALASKA

- Indigenous Culture



ALASKA

- Gold



ALASKA

- Expedition cruises



photo courtesy of Lindblad Expeditions

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

INTERNATIONAL TRIP 1

RIVER CRUISES

- A convenient way to travel
- Several 7-night options, plus longer
- Many cruise lines to choose from
- Themed cruises
- Europe, Asia, Africa, Egypt, and Colombia



RIVER CRUISES

- So many options!



RIVER CRUISES

- Dining



RIVER CRUISES

- Drinks



RIVER CRUISES

- Entertainment



RIVER CRUISES

- Shore excursions



RIVER CRUISES

- Scenic cruising



RIVER CRUISES

- Pools and giant chess



RIVER CRUISES

- Smithsonian Journeys with AmaWaterways – go on vacation with an expert



RIVER CRUISES

- Smithsonian Journeys – two dedicated Experts with enriching lectures and exclusive excursions
- History, Art History, Architecture History, Foreign Affairs, European History, Religious Culture, Musical History, Geology, Geography, Biology, World Politics, Culture, Archaeology, African Studies, Wine, Human Rights, Horticulture, Literature, Military History

INTERNATIONAL TRIP 2

GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- 600 miles off the coast of mainland Ecuador
- UNESCO World Heritage Site
- An amazing adventure for wildlife lovers
- Ideal for soft adventure lovers
- Good option for a multi-generational family trip



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Land or sea



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Wet or dry landings by dinghy boats



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Guided by official naturalists



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Sea Lions



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Birds



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Giant Tortoises



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Iguanas – land and marine



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Penguins



GALAPAGOS ISLANDS

- Relax in a hot tub after your adventure



INTERNATIONAL TRIP 3

SOUTH AFRICA

- Can get there with one layover in Atlanta
- Ideal for a first-time safari
- Kruger National Park has Big 5 Animals
- Cape Town
- Cape Winelands
- Garden Route



SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN

- Table Mountain



SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN

- Table Mountain



SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN

- Coastal drives



SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE TOWN

- African Penguins



SOUTH AFRICA - CAPE WINELANDS

- Ideal for wine lovers



SOUTH AFRICA – GARDEN ROUTE

- More beautiful scenery



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Big 5 - Lion



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Big 5 - Elephant



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Big 5 - Rhinoceros



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Big 5 - Leopard



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Big 5 – Cape Buffalo



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Other animals



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Other animals



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Safari vehicle



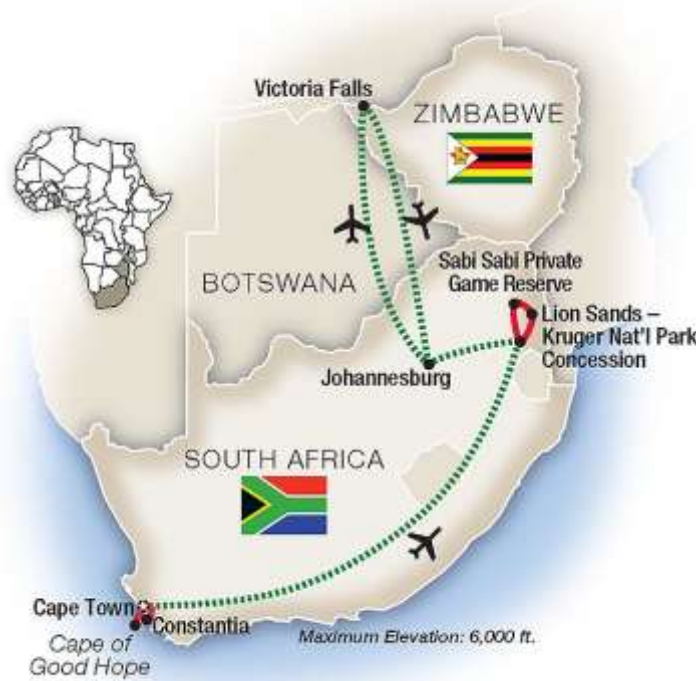
SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Safari lodges



SOUTH AFRICA – GREATER KRUEGER

- Options include predesigned guided group tours or I can design a custom itinerary



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DAY TRIPS

- Fort Ancient
- Kentucky Gateway Museum Center
- Wolf Creek Habitat

WEEKEND TRIPS

- Harrodsburg, KY
- Richmond, Indiana
- New River Gorge, WV

DOMESTIC TRIPS

- Great Lakes Cruise
- Charleston, Savannah, and St. Augustine
- Alaska

INTERNATIONAL TRIPS

- River Cruises
- Galapagos Islands
- South Africa

WORKING WITH ME

BIG ROCK TRAVEL SERVICES

YES:

- Complimentary consultations
- Different planning packages
- Trips to all 7 continents
- Custom-designed itineraries
- Small-ship cruises
- Guided tours
- Resort vacations
- Multi-generational family trips
- High level of service

NO:

- Free quotes
- Walt Disney World
- Large-ship cruises
- Low-budget trips
- Price matching
- Partial trips

QUESTIONS?

FREE E-BOOKS

Expedition and Adventure
Cruise Destinations



World's Most Surprising
and Breathtaking
Destinations

