

# The Classics Courier

Spring 2020

Spring is the time of new beginnings, and that also means new Classics trips! To get you in the mood for travel, we talked with Classics Member Kristine Decker about her recent trip on the Rhine River Cruise. Originally from the Quad Cities, Kristine is a retired nurse who lives in DeKalb. A Classics member for several years, Kristine's first time travelling with Classics was in October.

"I first joined Classics because of the safe deposit discount, but as a single traveler it made sense to investigate the trips more," Kristine said. "I have become friends with Marge Johnson (another Classics member!), and I found out she was going on the Rhine River Cruise. So I decided to go too! My favorite part about the trip was the ease with which everything took place. From going to Farm and Fleet to get on the bus and not worrying about getting to O'Hare on your own, you just feel like everything is in place for you so you don't have to think about anything but your upcoming trip.

"As you retire and get older, your world tends to get smaller unless you do things like this," added Kristine. "It opens up new horizons and allows you to meet people that you otherwise wouldn't have met. On the ship we would eat meals together. I think we had maybe three or four tables reserved for all of the Classics members, so you were able to sit with new people each night. You really got to know everyone very well, and we all even got together again around the holidays!

"I also like that as a single traveler, you want to be in a group that says, 'Well, we haven't seen Kris since eight o'clock last night – is she okay?' There is that sense of comfort that I believe is very important if you are traveling solo."

This experience has encouraged Kristine for her future trips. "I think there are some good friendships that I have developed, and I think it's funny how everyone knows somebody who knows somebody and you connect that way. I feel like if I go on another trip there might be someone I already know from the River Cruise trip, and if not, then I know I'll make new friends and quickly feel comfortable." Kristine is excited to travel with Classics again soon in March for the Oklahoma and Texas trip, and then again in October on the trip to Iceland.

Thank you to Kristine for talking with us about your Classics experience, and we can't wait to hear about your new adventures!

The Classics Team  
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# Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

(\*HearthStone Center is located at 625 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL 60115)

## **Night on Broadway at HearthStone Center - Saturday, March 14, 2020**

Activity Level 1 - Lights, Camera, Action! You will want to get your "tickets" for our show-stopping evening as we are dazzled by Diva Montell, entertainer extraordinaire, at our HearthStone Center. Diva will entertain you as she sings a wide range of classical music, Broadway hits, and so much more! Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with dinner served at 5:00 p.m. Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by March 6th. Members: \$36.00 • Guests: \$39.50.

## **Just for Ladies at HeartStone Center - Saturday, April 18, 2020**

Activity Level 1 - Ladies! We are back with our most popular event! We have prepared a special evening of pampering, relaxation, and laughter just for you! Our evening will include a fashion show - showcasing Shop In Style, UOI, Kohl's, and J.Jill. There will be some of our regular vendors and some new vendors to check out with plenty of shopping!! Drinks and appetizers will be served, and door prizes will be given throughout the evening! Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by April 13th. Members and Guests: \$15.00.

## **Bunco in the Schoolhouse at the Shabbona Branch - Thursday, June 4, 2020**

Activity Level 1 - Up for a fun afternoon playing Bunco? Whether you are an avid player or just a beginner wanting to learn, come join us as we play this fun game of chance by rolling the dice to earn points and get the highest score. When you win or lose the round, this will determine which "Direction" you will go for the next round! Prizes will be awarded to our best (and worst) players! Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at Noon. Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by March 30th. Members and Guests: \$10.00.

## Day Trips

### **Making Your Dreams Come True: Mystery Trip Down Memory Lane!**

**Saturday, April 25th, 2020**

Activity Level 5 - You will be bowled over on this daytime mystery trip! Take a walk down memory lane as we discover where each stop will take us! A minimum of 25 people must register for this trip! Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by March 20th. Exclusive pricing for Members and Guests: \$169.00.

## Extended Trips

### **Scotland & England - May 13-22, 2020**

**SOLD OUT!** - Contact Classics to be placed on the waiting list.

### **The Great River Road Experience - June 10 & 11, 2020**

**Activity Level 5** - Experience the rolling waters of the Mighty Mississippi River, coupled with magnificent limestone bluffs. Enjoy a scenic drive on the Meeting of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway, recognized in national magazines as one of the most scenic drives in the Midwest. You will tour and have lunch at a brewery and distillery (with some tasting!), and will also tour a fuel refinery. Visit a corn-to-ethanol research center with some other fascinating stops along the way. We may even have a surprise or two! Trip includes: round-trip transportation, hotel, one breakfast, two lunches and one dinner, entry to all venues, all taxes, tips and gratuities. Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by April 1st. Members (double occupancy): \$350.00 • Guests: \$385.00.

### **The Best of Quebec City & Montreal - August 15-19, 2020**

**Activity Level 6** - Join this exclusive Classics trip as you stroll through the winding cobbled streets of Quebec City in this exquisite city. See centuries-old stone houses; Place d'Armes, an historic hotel built in the 1600's by Guillaume Couillard, one of the first French settlers; the Parliament and Chateau Frontenac. The Isle D'Orleans, where you will learn about its flavorful agricultural heritage the Basilica of Sainte Anne de Beaupre, and Montmorency Falls; take a guided tour of Montreal and enjoy the sights of Chinatown, Olympic Stadium, Notre-Dame Basilica, Old Port, Old Montreal and so much more! Price includes: round-trip airport transfers and airfare from Chicago to Quebec City and from Montreal to Chicago, service of a step-on-guide in Quebec City and Montreal, a luxury motor coach throughout the itinerary, 3-night hotel accommodations in Quebec City and one night in Montreal, and 8 meals: 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, and 3 dinners, all tips, taxes and gratuities. Price does not include: travel insurance and airline luggage fees. You can see the full details of this trip on our website. Contact Classics for pricing, brochure, and availability. Deposit of \$750.00 is due upon registration. A minimum of 25 people registered are required for this trip. Final payment due May 6th.

### **Something Different: Mystery Trip - September 18-20, 2020**

**Activity Level 5** - North, South, East, or West, where we'll be going, you'll have to guess! This mystery trip will have interesting new things, but you'll have to sign up to see what Classics brings! There will be clues given throughout our mystery route, so sign up today and don't miss out! Trip includes: round-trip transportation, hotel, two breakfasts, two lunches and two dinners, entry to all venues, all taxes, tips and gratuities. Payment is due upon registration. RSVP by August 1st. Members: \$498.00 (double occupancy)/ \$650.00 (single) • Guests (double occupancy): \$548.00.

## Extended Trips Cont.

**Iceland - October 8-14, 2020**

**SOLD OUT! - Contact Classics to be placed on the waiting list.**

### **JUST ANNOUNCED!! Spotlight on New York City - April 22-26, 2021**

**Activity Level 6 - Jet away to New York City where we will “start spreading the news!” With shopping, sight-seeing, and endless entertainment, you will enjoy a single-hotel stay in the heart of the city (Times Square)! Explore the 9/11 Memorial and the 9/11 Museum, walk around NYC like a native New Yorker, and experience two Broadway Shows! Enjoy breakfast at the famous Ellen’s Stardust Diner, board a ferry for a cruise of New York Harbor, and take in the incredible views of the towering Statue of Liberty. Plus take a self-guided tour of the Ellis Island museum. You may also choose to take an extra excursion: a walking tour of Greenwich Village. There will time for exploring on your own, and who knows what you may find! Trip includes: round-trip airport transfers and airfare to and from Chicago, hotel, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners, entrance to all venues, and all taxes, tips and gratuities. Travel insurance is not included, but is available for purchase. You can see the full details of this trip on our website. Contact Classics for pricing, brochure, and availability. Deposit of \$500.00 is due upon registration. Final payment due February 21st. 2021.**

### Activity Levels

**Activity Level 1:** No stairs.

**Activity Level 2:** A little walking, possible stairs.

**Activity Level 3:** Walking, getting on & off the coach, and possible stairs.

**Activity Level 4:** Walking, getting on & off the coach several times and stairs.

**Activity Level 5:** Walking distances which might be on non-flat surfaces, getting on & off the coach multiple times, and stairs.

**Activity Level 6:** All of the above, including multiple flights of stairs and activities requiring a higher level of stamina.

### Cancellation Policy

Cancellation policy on an extended trip is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure.

If you cancel a day trip or event after the date of the final payment and if we/you can find a person to take your place we will provide you with a full refund. In the event we don’t have a wait list or you can’t find a replacement, you will not receive any refund.

If the trip is scheduled with another tour company, then the trip cancellation policy is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure. If the trip is scheduled by the Classics Club then the cancellation policy will be listed on the Classics Club brochure/registration form for the specific trips.

# CALENDAR

## MARCH

**14** Night on Broadway Social

**22-27** Oklahoma & Texas

## APRIL

**18** Just for Ladies

**25** Making Your Dreams Come True- Mystery Trip

## MAY

**13-22** Scotland & England - SOLD OUT

## JUNE

**4** BUNCO in the Schoolhouse at Shabbona

**10-11** Great River Road Experience

## SEPTEMBER

**18-20** Something Different: Mystery Trip

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