



First Friends Newsletter July & August 2022

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Oberammergau Passion Play
July 29—August 7, 2022



New England
October 11—20, 2022

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September 6-8, 2022

Pretty Woman - at the Fox
September 13, 2022



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Coming in 2023—Cost Rica February 11—19, 2023

We are taking Reservations now—call us for more details

Making Memories...

Greece is an absolutely amazing country. Our trip was beautiful from beginning to end. Our adventure began in the ancient city of Athens. Our tour took us to the Temple of Zeus, Parliament, Olympic Stadium and of course, the hill of the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Then it was off to Meteora where we visited two remote monasteries situated in the landscape of limestone rock "towers". These are over 600-year-old Byzantine monasteries. We were fortunate to visit a local studio that creates beautiful Byzantine icons. We visited Delphi, the Sanctuary of Apollo, one of Greece's most important religious centers during Classical times. Our visit took us to Olympia and to the Olympic Stadium where the first Olympic Games were held in 776 B.C. The actual finish line has been unearthed and still remains today. It is truly amazing to see the ruins and hear the stories of how it was found and excavated. Before leaving the mainland for the islands, we visited Mycenae and the Beehive Tombs. We then made our way to Mykonos and Santorini for a few days. Many of us visited the island of Delos (fabled birthplace of Apollo and Artemis). Again, this was so fascinating to see the excavated sites of the ancient city. While in Santorini we visited Akrotiri – the most important prehistoric settlement found anywhere in the Eastern Mediterranean. It is known as the "Minoan Pompeii". The town has been preserved by a volcanic eruption around 1450 B.C. I was so amazed at the ancient wonders of this trip. Of course, we also enjoyed the culture and food of the country as well – olive oil, wines, Mediterranean foods, dancing, etc.

Our movie in May was "Finding Ohana" and Carol Morales was our \$10 drawing winner. The June movie was "Just Like Heaven" and Nancy Bower was the drawing winner.

We had a great group to go to the Fox to see "Beautiful – the Carol King story". We enjoyed a delicious meal at The Melting Pot before the performance. So much more to Carol King's story than I realized. The music and performance was terrific.

Upcoming Events...

Hand and Foot-1:00 p.m.

July 20th & August 17th

Join your friends for a fun card game. If you are a beginner with us, no worries, we can teach you. We will serve refreshments. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to sign up for this event.

Movie Day

No Movie in July or August. See you in September.

Upcoming Trips...

Discover Switzerland, Austria, Oberammergau & the Passion Play

July 29—August 7, 2022

This trip should have taken place in 2020. Please check with us if you are interested. There may still be room.

Mystery Trip

September 6—8, 2022

Everybody loves a good Mystery Trip. We have a great one planned for you. The trip is two nights & three days. It includes 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners; deluxe motorcoach transportation and lodging. All sightseeing and gratuities are covered in the price. The cost of the trip is \$789.00 per person / double occupancy or \$929.00 per person single occupancy. Call us today to check the availability.

New England

Fall Foliage Trip

October 11—20, 2022

Highlights include: Boston; Quincy Market and Faneuil Hall; Lexington and Concord; Old North Bridge; Freedom Trail; Maine; New Hampshire; Maine Clam (Lobster) Bake; Portland Head Lighthouse; Squam Lake ("On Golden Pond"); White Mountains; Kancamagus Highway; Green Mountain; Vermont; Quechee Gorge; Woodstock; Morse Farm Sugar Shack; Cold Hollow Cider Mill; Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory; Stockbridge, MA; Newport, R.I.; Cape Cod; Martha's Vineyard. A brochure is available on the website or at the bank.

In Memoriam...

Juanita Whatley
Tom Vause
Virginia Rogers
Betty Vaughn
Donna Harpe
John Mitchell
Gail Strickland
Joan Stubbs
Jackie Harris

Upcoming Trips

Christmas On the Danube

(Prague Extension)

**November 27- December
5, 2022**

Highlights include Wurzburg, Rothenburg, Nuremberg, 6-night Danube River Cruise, Regensburg, Passau, Wachau Valley, Gluhwein Party, Vienna, Hofburg Palace, Vienna Opera House, Christmas Markets. You can extend your vacation with an optional 3 days, 2-night magical Christmas Markets of Prague pre-tour. A brochure is available online or at our offices. Call today to check the availability of space on this trip.

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Tropical Costa Rica February 11-19, 2023

Highlights of this wonderful trip include: San Jose, Coffee Plantation, Guanacaste, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Arenal Volcano, Lake Arenal Cruise, Cano Negro Refuge, Zarcero. This is a spectacular time to visit beautiful Costa Rica. Everyone stops in their tracks to watch the sunset. Join our representative on June 16, 2022 at 11:00 to preview this trip. Brochures will be available soon online and at our travel show. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to reserve your spot on this trip.

Brand New...

Pretty Woman Fox Theater

September 13, 2022

Everyone loves a wonderful love story! Pretty Woman: The Musical is based on one of Hollywood's most beloved romantic stories of all time. Pretty Woman will lift your spirits and light up your heart. If you love the movie, you'll love the musical. We will have dinner at our favorite Italian restaurant, Campagnolo before heading to the wonderful Fox Theater for the performance. We will leave the bank at approximately 2:45 and return around 11:15 p.m. As we are going to press on this newsletter, we are waiting on some confirmations of some of the pricing for this event. The price will cover deluxe motorcoach transportation, dinner, show, taxes, tips and gratuities. Please call to get your name on our list for this wonderful show. Call Dani at 678-510-5145.

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Just let us know your name and your email address.

Tea and Tidbits

October 7, 2022

2:00 pm

Join us for some really wonderful fun. Earle Shivers, aka The Pearle of Georgia, will be with us that day to give us some "tidbits" of his time spent at the Georgia Governor's Mansion working for 7 of our Governors (and the First Ladies). Earle has some wonderful, some touching, and some colorful stories to tell. Enjoy tea and refreshments with your Friends as we have a few laughs together. The party starts at 2:00 p.m. on the second floor of the Main Office. Call Dani at 678-510-5145 to make your reservation.

First Friends Photo Contest

We know many of you take wonderful photos on our First Friends trips. We are having a photo contest to showcase them. From August 1st—September 30th you can submit your favorite travel photo for the contest. We will select 12 winners. Winners will be announced at our Christmas Luncheon. Please only submit one photo per person. Photos must be from an actual First Friends trip. Photos can be of anything. But please do not include people from our group because we would need a waiver for that. You can definitely have pictures of landscapes, people from the country you were traveling, buildings, etc. All photos become the property of First National Bank and can be used in Marketing of the First Friends program. Please submit your photos by email to

firstfriends@fnbbanking.com

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