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Dear Friends;

LET'S CELEBRATE AMERICA IN 2021 ! With 2020 marking a year like no other, we have missed going out and experiencing the beauty and wonder of our United States and Canada. There is so much to see from the majestic mountains and wilderness to beautiful waterways and lakes and all the sights and attractions plus just the ever -changing landscape as we travel along. We reflect back on all the fun destinations we have been to over the years and look forward to joining in on many areas that we have not been to yet or want to go to again. We are working on our 2021 tours that travel to many top destinations. Things have changed a lot in the tour and travel industry and we are working through these changes as we put our tours together for 2021. We look forward to places opening up or free up more in these next months. We are in touch with hotels, attractions, and restaurants as we plan the tours. We thank you for your continued interest as we go in to our 50th year of tours with Utopia Tours!. Many places are doing everything they can to bring tour groups back to their city and attractions and I think we will soon feel safe to begin traveling again.

With Alex Travel Agency, we are working through the many changes as well . No one could have predicted what would transpire as Airlines cancelled flights, Cruise ships docked, borders closed, attractions closed, etc. This is something we all have lived through this year. We keep up with and check the new guidelines for travel - if need positive test results ahead, borders open, if need to wear masks, etc. Looking ahead in to 2021 we are gaining good interest in our International group tours. Please call or stop in soon as we have locally guided tours to Norway in June, Alpine Countries in July, Ireland & Scotland in Aug, Europe & Passion Play in Aug of 2022 plus Alaska Cruise Tours in June and July of 2021. Our experienced travel advisors can help plan your next exciting vacation to these destinations and others of interest to you in the months ahead.

The summer months went by in a different way this year. We hope all have been safe and healthy. Many I am sure spent time safely with family and friends and some headed out on family vacations by car or an RV or stayed around home with different projects being done. This is all good too for sure.

We are proud to be a part of this resilient travel industry all these years and know it will - come back. There will be changes as we go ahead but we are grateful and hopeful as we plan ahead and talk to our suppliers and others in the industry that we care about. The travel industry is also a part of the hospitality and entertainment industry as this is what we sell - FUN! So as the travel industry begins to open up and welcome all the excited travelers, please join UTOPIA TOURS and ALEX TRAVEL for your next travel experience ! We are here for you.

We hope everyone enjoys this beautiful fall season. We do have much to be thankful for. Steve and Elaine Angen and staff of travel agents, tour planners, tour guides and the drivers

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Celebrating 50 years in 2021



UTOPIA TOURS

MOTORCOACH TOURS ACROSS THE U.S. AND CANADA

Utopia Tours started in 1971 in Garfield, MN, by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Angen. Over the years this family-run tour company, now owned by their son Steve, and his wife Elaine, has provided the opportunity for passengers to experience the landscapes, history, and culture of many destinations throughout the U.S. and Canada, while enjoying the fellowship of the travelers they meet along the way.

Tours include: motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, a Utopia Tours tour guide, baggage handling (on most tours), breakfasts & meals as listed in individual tour brochures, plus admission to attractions as noted in individual tour brochures.



Tentative brochures are available on most tours. See our website, or contact us for a brochure to be mailed or e-mailed to you. A more detailed brochure with prices, and other info will be available at a later date. If you are interested in holding a space on a tour, no deposit is due at this time.

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UTOPIA TOURS:

Information (dates, inclusions, prices, etc) subject to change without notice.

Deposits due upon sign-up.

Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance available with Travel Guard.

Pick-ups and drop-offs:

*Fargo

/ Fargo-Mrhd Visitors Ctr

*Fergus Falls / Wal-Mart

*Alexandria / Perkins;

*St Cloud

/ Country Inn & Suites

(and others depending on route of tour)

Cancellation penalties apply.

Contact us, or check out our website

utopiatours.com

for more details

& tour brochures.

We will update with current COVID-19 motorcoach tour policies and procedures as the industry evolves and as we get closer to our 2021 tours.

We look forward to traveling with you again in 2021!

AMERICA'S WASHINGTON, DC, TOUR

Fri., April 9-Mon., April 19 ~ 11 Days

Highlights: Gettysburg Battlefield Tour; Washington, DC (3 nights) -Guided City Tour -National Cathedral -White House Visitors Center -Many Memorials, Monuments and Museums; Capitol Building-Guided Tour; Arlington Cemetery; Kennedy Center; Mt. Vernon; Fredericksburg, VA - Visitors Center & National Cemetery; Charlottesville, VA -Monticello -Michie Tavern; Dayton, OH -Air Force Museum; Wisconsin Dells, WI

SPRING NASHVILLE TOUR

Tues., April 20-Mon., April 26 ~ 7 Days

Highlights: Paducah, KY -Nat'l Quilt Museum; Nashville, TN (3 nights) - General Jackson Showboat Lunch Cruise -Visit Opryland Resort -Guided Tour -Johnny Cash Museum -Country Music Hall of Fame -Free Time Downtown -Hermitage -Grand Ole Opry at Opry House; Rockford, IL

ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM TOUR

Mon., April 26-Fri., April 30 ~ 5 Days

Highlights: Indianapolis, IN -Speedway; Erlanger, KY (2 nights); BB Riverboat Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River; Ark Encounter with Lunch Vouchers; Creation Museum with Lunch Vouchers

DOOR COUNTY & MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR

Sun., June 20-Fri., June 25 ~ 6 Days

Highlights: Door County / Sister Bay, WI (2 nights) -Bjorklunden Chapel - Lunch at Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant -Farmers Market -Cheese Shop -Winery -Pelletier's Traditional Door County Fish Boil Meal; Ferry to/from Mackinac Island; Mackinac Island, MI (2 nights) -Meal -Horse-drawn Carriage Ride Tour of Island -Lunch at Grand Hotel; Colonial Fort Michillimackinac; Rhinelander, WI

NIAGARA FALLS & MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR

Sat., July 24-Sat., July 31 ~ 8 Days

Highlights: Dearborn, MI -Henry Ford Museum; Niagara Falls, ON (2 nights) -Hornblower Niagara Boat Ride to Base of the Falls -Dinner at Skylon Tower's Revolving Restaurant; Lockport, NY -Lunch -Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruise; Frankenmuth, MI; Dinner at Zehnder's Restaurant; Ferry to/from Mackinac Island; Mackinac Island, MI -Lunch at Grand Hotel - Horse-drawn Carriage Ride Tour of Island; Rhinelander, WI

**ALASKA TOUR
ROUND TRIP AIR**

**Anchorage
to Fairbanks**

Fri., July 30

-Fri., Aug. 6 ~ 8 Days

Highlights:

- *Round Trip Air from Minneapolis
- *Anchorage, AK
- *Alaska Railroad from Anchorage to Seward
- *Seward, AK
- Iditarde Sled Dog Tour
- Kenai Fjords Tour
- *Luxury Dome Rail from Anchorage to Denali
- *Denali Nat'l Park
- *Luxury Dome Rail from Denali to Fairbanks
- *Fairbanks, AK
- El Dorado Gold Mine
- Tanana Valley Railroad
- Gold Dredge #8 (pan for gold)

**ALASKA TOUR
ROUND TRIP AIR**

**Anchorage to Juneau
July 19-30 ~ 12 Days**

Highlights: Anchorage; Denali; Fairbanks; Whitehorse; Skagway; Juneau

PLUS...

See our Air & Cruise Section for more info on the below Alaska Tours!

Alaska Denali Explorer Cruise Tour Princess 3-Days Land & 7-Day Cruise June 20-30, 2021

Alaska Yukon & Double Denali Land & Sea Journey Holland America Aug. 4-15, 2021



**GREAT PARKS OF THE WEST TOUR
Wed., July 28-Wed., Aug. 4 ~ 8 Days**

Highlights: Wall, SD - Wall Drug; Black Hills; Mt. Rushmore; Casper, WY; Rocky Mtns; Teton Mtns; Jackson, WY (2 nights) -Visit Jackson Hole Mtn Ski Resort -Town Square Shootout -Dinner -Jackson Hole Playhouse (play t.b.a.); Yellowstone National Park -Old Faithful -Lunch at Old Faithful Dining Room -Mammoth Hot Springs; West Yellowstone, MT; Grand Canyon of Yellowstone - Falls of the Yellowstone River -Fishing Bridge; Cody, WY - Dinner at Irma's Restaurant -Cody Night Rodeo; Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument; Medora, ND -Pitchfork Steak Fondue Meal -Medora Musical -Breakfast -Painted Canyon Visitors Center / Theodore Roosevelt National Park

**CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER PARK TOUR
Fri., Aug. 6-Fri., Aug. 13 ~ 8 Days**

Highlights: Minot, ND; Medicine Hat, AB; Canadian Rockies; Calgary, AB - Lunch; Victoria Glacier; Chateau Lake Louise; Banff, AB (2 nights) -Banff & Jasper National Parks -Columbia Icefields Parkway -All Terrain Vehicle Ice Explorers out to Athabasca Glacier -Bow Falls -(Option (not included in price): Gondola Ride up Sulpur Mtn); Kootenay National Park; Whitefish, MT -Glacier National Park; Tourmobiles from Lake McDonald to St Mary on the "Going to the Sun Highway;" Great Falls, MT; Medora, ND -Pitchfork Steak Fondue Meal -Medora Musical -Breakfast

**NEW ENGLAND FALL COLORS TOUR
Thurs., Sept. 23-Fri., Oct. 8 ~ 16 Days**

Highlights: Monroeville, PA; Gettysburg Battlefield Tour; Washington, DC (3 nights) -Arlington National Cemetery -Many Monuments, Memorials, & Museums -White House Visitor's Center -Washington National Cathedral - Guided Tour of Capitol Building -Mt Vernon -Holocaust Museum; New York, NY (2 nights) -Battery Park / Manhattan Island -Ferry to Statue of Liberty & Museum and Ellis Island -Guided Tour (including Rockefeller Center & Central Park) -National 9/11 Memorial & Museum -One World Trade Center / One World Observatory; Plymouth, MA -Plymouth Rock - Tour of Mayflower II; Boston, MA -Guided Tour (including U.S.S. Constitution, Old North Church, Freedom Trail) -Quincy Market; Kennebunkport, ME; Portland Headlight; Kancamagus Hwy; Littleton, NH; Lake Champlain Ferry from Charlotte, VT to Essex, NY; St. Lawrence River - Thousand Islands Cruise with visit to Bold Castle on Heart Island; Niagara Falls, ON -Dinner at Skylon Tower's Revolving Restaurant -Hornblower Niagara Boat Ride to Base of the Falls; Wisconsin Dells, WI

**SOUTHERN CAJUN TOUR
Wed., Sept. 15-Fri., Sept. 24 ~ 10 Days**

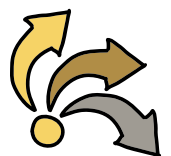
Highlights: Watch for more info.

**DOOR COUNTY & MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR +
S.S. Badger Carferry crossing Lake Michigan**
Sun., Oct. 3-Fri., Oct. 8 ~ 6 Days

FALL CAROLINAS & GEORGIA TOUR
Sat., Oct. 16-Tues., Oct. 26 ~ 11 Days

BRANSON TOURS

Mon., Oct. 11-Sat., Oct. 16 ~ 6 Days
Mon., Nov. 15-Sat., Nov. 20 ~ 6 Days
Tues., Nov. 30-Sun., Dec. 5 ~ 6 Days
1st Night Kansas City, MO; 3 nights Branson, MO; last night Des Moines





ALEX TRAVEL AGENCY

FOR ALL OF YOUR TRAVEL NEEDS

Our travel agents have decades of experience in the travel industry. This knowledge goes into helping you plan the vacation that's just right for you!

Stop in, call, or e-mail us with your ideas and we'll be happy to get you started on your next custom tour, girls getaway, guys getaway, family cruise, family vacation, or dream destination trip. Whether it's to somewhere in the United States or abroad, we can help you with your air, hotel, cruise, car rental, and more.

We love what we do, and it's rewarding when we hear of the great memories our customers have made over the years. It's time to plan your next memorable vacation!

Ken Koob, from the Alexandria area, will be traveling with you on the following tours...

Splendor of Norway *A custom tour*
June 14-24, 2021 *Escorted by Ken Koob*
 Land Only \$3,325 p.p. Dbl + Air
 Round Trip Airfare included. Oslo: Akershus Fortress, the King's Palace, the Parliament Building, Vigeland Sculpture Park, Holmenkollen Ski Jump; Lillehammer: Maihaugen; Dombas; Geiranger: Ferry from Geiranger to Hellesylt on Geiranger Fjord; Balestrand; Ferry from Flam to Gundvangen on Aurland & Sogne Fjord; Stalheim: Stalheimkleiva/Stalheim Hotel, Flam, Flam Railway to Myrdal, Stave Church of Undredal; Bergen: City Tour, Trolldhaugen-Home of Edvard Grieg

Alpine Countries Tour
Germany, Austria, Switzerland

with Ed-Ventures, Inc.

July 11-23, 2021 *Escorted by Ken Koob*
 Land Only \$3,499 p.p. dbl occ + air
 This tour presents the natural beauty, dynamic history, and special traditions found in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Highlights: OVERNIGHTS IN: Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Salzburg, Oberammergau, Lucerne, Black Forest, Rudesheim

Taste of Scotland & Ireland

with Military Tattoo with CIE

Aug. 10-19, 2021 *Escorted by Ken Koob*
 Land Only \$4,525 p.p. Dbl including air
 Includes: Overnights in Glasgow (1), Nairn (1) near Edinburgh (2), Dublin (2), Killarney (2), Bunratty (1). 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners, Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Blair Athol Distillery, Blarney Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Edinburgh Castle, Loch Ness Cruise, Skellig Experience, Titanic Belfast, Sheepdog Demonstration

See next page for Passion Play Aug of 2022!

Plus here are some more tours...

Panama Canal Cruise

plus Costa Rica & the Caribbean with Princess

Jan. 22-Feb. 1, 2021

Brochure available. Contact us for more details!



Hawaiian Adventure Oahu-Kauai-Maui

with Collette

Jan. 28-Feb. 6, 2021

Brochure available. Contact us for more details!

Alaska Denali Explorer Cruise Tour

3-Day Land / 7- Day Cruise

with Princess Ship: Coral Princess

June 20-30, 2021

Inside Cabin \$3,950 p.p. Dbl occ
 Oceanview Cabin \$4,550 p.p. Dbl occ
 Balcony Cabin \$4,975 p.p. Dbl occ
 Fairbanks (1 night), Denali (2 nights at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge), Natural History Tour, Rail Denali to Whittier, Cruise departs from Whittier: Hubbard Glacier Scenic Cruising, Glacier Bay Scenic Cruising, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Juneau, Ketchikan, Disembark Vancouver.



Alaska Yukon & Double Denali

Land & Sea Journey

3-Day Cruise / 7- Day Land

with Holland America Ship: Volendam

Aug. 4-15, 2021

Inside Cabin \$3,650 p.p. Dbl Occ
 Oceanview Cabin \$3,950 p.p. Dbl Occ
 Balcony Cabin \$4,450 p.p. Dbl Occ
 Cruise: Set sail from Vancouver, Scenic Cruising Inside Passage, Juneau, Disembark Skagway. Land: Skagway, White Pass & Yukon RR to Fraser, Whitehorse, Dawson City, Paddlewheel, Pan for Gold, Denali, Wilderness Tour, McKinley Explorer Denali to Anchorage, Anchorage. Ask about tour extensions!

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Regensburg, Germany to Budapest, Hungary

with Viking River Cruises

Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2021

Standard Cabin p.p. dbl \$3,174*

French Balcony p.p. dbl \$4,174*

Veranda Stateroom p.p. dbl \$4,674*

Suite p.p. dbl \$6,674*

*+Round Trip Air from Mpls \$799 to \$4,298 p.p.

Visit historic Salzburg, explore Gottweig Abbey, one of Austria's most revered monastic centers, and make dumplings with Wachau Valley apricots. Spend two days in Vienna, celebrating the city's musical heritage at a concert featuring works by Mozart and Strauss. Soak in the healing qualities of Budapest's healing baths. With medieval towns, grand cities, and stunning scenery, this 8-day journey on the "Blue Danube" is one you're sure to love.

Romantic Danube

Classic Danube River Cruise

with Oberammergau Passion Play

with Collette

May 22-31, 2022 or Sept. 11-20, 2022

Features a 6-night Danube River Cruise, Budapest, Bratislava, Vienna, Passau, and Munich.

Alpine Glaciers

and the Glacier Express Train

with Oberammergau Passion Play

with Collette

June 17-28, 2022 or Aug. 26-Sept. 6, 2022

Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Italy, Switzerland, Austria & Germany.

From amazing railways to the thrilling Passion Play, experience the wonders only found in the heart of Europe.

Great Tastes, Sights

& Landmarks of Europe + Passion Play

With Ed Ventures Escorted by Ken Koob

Aug. 1-13, 2022

Tour Cost per person Double \$3,850 + air
Fabulous castles, magnificent alpine landscapes, historic & enchanting cities, and a great taste for European beers and Gemutlichkeit. Fly in to Frankfurt and back from Munich. Overnights are in Bamberg, Germany; Prague, Czech Republic; Freistadt, Austria; Salzburg, Austria; Mutters, Austria; Oberammergau, Germany; Munich Germany. The Passion Play in Oberammergau is included! Rescheduled from 2020. Brochure available!

Take a vacation without a flight...

American Queen Steamboat Company has a number of cruises to choose from that will take you down the Mississippi River. Our clients have been booking for 2021 and 2022!

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Here's just one of their vacations!!

American Queen Steamboat Co

Upper Mississippi River

Roundtrip Red Wing from Mpls.

9-Day Itinerary in July

1) Stay in Mpls

2) Red Wing, MNH

3) Red Wing, MN depart 1 pm

4) LaCrosse, WI

5) Dubuque, IA

6) Prairie du Chien, WI

7) River Cruising

8) Winona, MN

9) Red Wing, MN return 8 am

Highlights:

-Scenic river views & towering bluffs

-American bald eagles

& indigenous wildlife

-Extensive lock-and-dam systems

-Scandinavian, Dutch

& German heritage

Inclusions:

-One night pre-cruise hotel stay

-Guided Hop-on Hop-off shore excursions

-Complimentary unlimited beverage package

-24-hour room service

-Included prepaid gratuities

Don't see the trip you're looking for, or the dates that work for you?

Our travel agents work with many different tour companies that will take you on escorted and independent tours across the U.S. and internationally. So, you can find the trip that's just right for you.

They can also book your family or friend vacations that work with your budget and schedule.

Interested in a cruise, a Disney trip, beach vacation, or adventure vacation? They're here to help you!



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THE REAL ID: The REAL ID requirements will be implemented for travel by October 2021. Be prepared. If you have a valid Passport you don't need to also have an Enhanced Driver's License for domestic (U.S.) flights, unless you choose to do so. A Passport is required for flights out of the U.S. See dps.mn.gov for links to more info. on the REAL ID.



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