



**First National Bank of Waterloo
Classic 55 Club Newsletter
March—April 2024**



San Antonio & Fredericksburg Christmas
December 13—17, 2023

To say our members are having **FUN** traveling is an understatement! The time we spend together is filled with old & new friends, beautiful views, lots of laughter, great meals & nice hotels! Did you know that Classic 55 Club tour pricing usually includes airfare, airport shuttle from Monroe County, taxes, a bank escort (ME), gratuities for hotel baggage handling, tour guides & any included meals and step on guides? **We make our trips stress free so you can enjoy EVERY MINUTE!** We are finalizing our remaining schedule for 2024 and are already working on some amazing destinations for 2025. Take a look at our upcoming day trips & tours and call me to make your reservation or with any questions. Our country is so beautiful and I cant wait to explore more of it (and the world) with you.

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Electronic copies of our newsletter & trip brochures available at www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club

Notes and things...

Cancellations & Refund Process— Please contact Darcy as soon as possible if you need to cancel your reservation. The stand by list will be utilized to try and fill your reservation. **Feel free to contact friends or family to take your spot. If we cannot find a replacement, a refund will be given in the amount returned from our tour company,** usually live performance tickets, meals, prepaid tours are non-refundable.

Safety Protocol Update— **We ask that you please stay home or wear a mask if you aren't feeling well on travel days.**

Motorcoach Seating—Motorcoach seating is on the first come/first seated basis. Assigned/reserved seating will be at the front of the coach for those travelers who have mobility or medical issues. Please mention your needs when making your reservation. Otherwise it is first come/first seated. Remember access to the coach will start **10-15 minutes** prior to departure. In Waterloo, **please wait for the bank representative to invite you to load the coach.**

Payment Options—Payment is required to secure your day trip reservation. Payment can be made by check, cash or debiting an FNB account. If you would like to hold off on payment until closer to the travel date, you can be added to the standby list & if there is space available, you will be contacted for payment.

Entrée Choices—If entrées are listed in the trip description, please provide your choice when making your reservation.

Newsletters—Our newsletters are published & mailed to be received on the 1st day of the odd numbered months of the year (January, March, May etc.) If you do not receive your copy by the 5th of the month, feel free to ask for a copy at your local banking center or go to our Classic 55 Club page www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/ to view online. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email only, please contact Darcy with your email address.

Sneaker Rating—Please make sure to review our sneaker rating for each trip & call Darcy if you have concerns.

Everyone must be able to board the motor coach without assistance. If you are more comfortable using a walking stick, cane or walker we encourage you to bring it along. Wheelchair users must travel with a companion. We want to make sure everyone is safe & can enjoy the destinations we visit.

ACTIVITY LEVEL RATING

1 Sneaker = Easy, pace, mostly ramps, few or no stairs
2 Sneakers = Moderate pace, 1 flight of stairs, few inclines
3 Sneakers = Steady pace, 1-2 flights of stairs, some inclines

4 Sneakers = Periods of intense pace, uneven terrain
5 Sneakers = Periods of strenuous pace, rough terrain conditions



UPCOMING DAY TRIPS WATERLOO & COLUMBIA PICK UPS

TRIP	DATE	PICK UP/DROP OFF LOCATIONS & TIMES	COST/PERSON
Historic Homes of St. Louis	03/21/2024	Waterloo 9:00 AM/5:00 PM Columbia 9:20 AM/4:30 PM	\$131
<p>(3 sneakers) We start our day with a costumed, docent led tour of Benoist Mansion known as The Oakland House. A catered lunch will be enjoyed at the Oakland House. The afternoon will find us shopping at The Hill Antique Market and then a visit and tour of the Magic Chef Mansion. Pricing includes private tours of both properties, motorcoach transportation, catered lunch, gratuity to driver & tour guides. This is a 3 sneaker tour due to touring old homes with stairs and walking at the antique market. STAND BY ONLY</p>			
Courthouses & Cathedrals	4/4/2024	Waterloo 8:45 AM/5:00 PM Columbia 9:00 AM/4:30 PM	\$119
<p>(2—3 sneakers) Today we tour the Thomas F Eagleton United State Courthouse, the largest single courthouse in the US. Included lunch will be at Chris' at The Docket. Enjoy an in-depth tour of the Cathedral Basilica and marvel at the 83,000 square feet of mosaic tile inlaid in the interior. We end the day at Ices Plain & Fancy, a local ice creamery serving the finest quality ice cream. Price includes motorcoach transportation, lunch at Chris' at the Docket, tours of the Eagleton Courthouse & Cathedral Basilica, dessert at Ices Plain n Fancy, gratuity to driver, guides, & meals. If you have reservations for this tour, the courthouse requires showing an official drivers license or state ID upon entry. If you have reservations for this tour, please contact Darcy with your lunch entrée choice—BLT, Club, or Chicken Avocado Sandwich with choice of fries or fruit. Maximum 34 travelers on this tour. STAND BY ONLY</p>			
Jewish in St. Louis	6/12/2024	Waterloo 8:30 AM/4:30 PM Columbia 8:45 AM/4:15 PM	\$97
<p>(2 sneakers) Linda Koenig's tour 'The Kosher Konnection' is an introduction to Judaism for non-Jewish groups. We will visit Temple Israel Synagogue, Ohave Jewish Cemetery, the newly renovated St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum and a kosher lunch at a Kohn's Kosher Deli. The St. Louis Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum opened its doors after an extensive renovation on November 2, 2022. Its mission is to "Use the history and lessons of the Holocaust to reject hatred, promote understanding, and inspire change." Linda will introduce us to Jewish history and traditions as we travel through St. Louis to each destination. Pricing includes motorcoach transportation, lunch, and all gratuities. Maximum 35 travelers on this tour. STAND BY ONLY</p>			
Hermann Garden Tour	6/1/2024	Waterloo 7:00 AM/6:00 PM Columbia 7:20 AM/5:35 PM	\$168
<p>(3 Sneakers) Spring flowers, wine tasting or shopping and a delicious lunch! Join us for a fun day enjoying Hermann & the 29th Annual Gardens of Hermann Tours sponsored by the Hermann Garden Club. We will explore 5-6 private gardens throughout town including the Topiaries Garden which combine form and function with a focus on bird habitat. Our transportation for the day will include an Amtrak ride to Hermann from Kirkwood Station and a motorcoach to get us to and from Monroe County. Tin Mill Brewing will be our lunch stop and entrée choices are: Tin Mill Salad with chicken, Waldorf Chicken Salad, Roast Beef Sandwich, BLT, Crispy Catfish Fillet Sandwich. Sandwiches are served with fries and of course dessert for all! After lunch a visit to Hermannhof Winery for a tasting is a great way to end our beautiful day in Hermann. Pricing includes: Amtrak and Garden Tour tickets, lunch, wine tasting, motorcoach transportation & all gratuities including guides, driver, tasting & meal. Please provide entrée choices with reservation. Maximum 34 travelers. Only Partial refunds will be issued after May 8, 2024.</p>			
FNB Night at the Ballgame Cardinals vs Padres	8/27/2024	Waterloo 4:30 PM/10:45 PM Columbia 4:45 PM/10:15 PM	\$157
<p>(3 sneakers) We had so much fun last year, we decided to do an All Inclusive ticket in the National Car Rental Pavilion again! Catch the game in style. One great price includes a great view of the field in your reserved seat in Section 259 with club access and an upscale buffet that includes ballpark fare, all the fixings & cookies & brownies. Full-service bar that includes mixed drinks, wine, Budweiser products, Shock Top, Goose Island IPA & Coca-Cola products. Price includes all inclusive ticket, motorcoach from Monroe County with stadium drop off & pick up & driver gratuity. 40 tickets available.</p>			
Save the dates !	2025 MULTI-DAY TRIPS		Brochures coming soon!
<p>Backroads of Ireland April 22—May 3, 2025</p> <p>Enjoy the scenic drives of the Beara & Dingle Peninsulas, a farm visit and overnight on Inishbofin, the Island of Bofin. This customized tour has been created specifically for our Classic 55 Club. You will see the Republic of Ireland like no one else.</p>			
<p>Alaska! By Land & Sea August 4-15, 2025 4 Night Land Adventure + 7 Night Alaska Cruise</p> <p>Join us as we experience the "final frontier" - Alaska. Thrill to the sight of soaring eagles. Watch for breaching whales. Cruise past magnificent glaciers that have helped form this wild land. Visit fascinating ports of call during the day and explore the amazing amenities aboard Celebrity's <i>Summit</i> at night. All of this and more awaits you in Alaska!</p>			



2024 MULTI-DAY TRIPS

Reservations close
March 12, 2023

Eight Countries Without a Passport

A trip around the world, in Omaha, Nebraska!
April 16—19, 2024



This four day motorcoach trip takes us to Omaha, NE to experience a 'worldwide tour' with out leaving the states!
Brochure & registration form—<https://www.fnbwaterloo.bank/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/INB-Omaha-2024-flier-1.pdf>
Tour Cost per person—\$1049/Double Occ., \$1279/Single Occ., and \$955/Triple Occ.

California Dreamin': Monterey, Yosemite & Napa

SOLD OUT!

June 17-24, 2024 (8 days with 12 meals)



90% Booked

Train Me Out to the Ballgame!

August 8-11, 2024

(4 days including 6 meals)

Ride the Rails to Baseball & Brews in KC



Join us in Kansas City for four days/3 nights including tickets to 2 Red birds vs KC games. We will depart Columbia and Waterloo onboard our motorcoach and catch Amtrak at the **Kirkwood Station** to arrive in Independence to meet our coach. Accommodations will be in the heart of **The Country Club Plaza** area and within walking distance to 120 retail shops and restaurants. Enjoy a tour of **Kauffman Stadium** plus watch St. Louis take on the Royals twice. Included tours and visits: **Boulevard Brewing Company**, the largest specialty brewer in the Midwest; the **Harry S. Truman Presidential Library & Museum** in Independence, MO renovated for the first time in 20 years, the **Arabia Steamboat Museum**, a working history museum housing artifacts salvaged from the 1856 wreck in the Missouri River, and the **National World War I Museum and Memorial** opened in 1926 as the Liberty Memorial. *Don't worry!* We have included time to shop Country Club Plaza. Our group will enjoy two delicious meals at **Jack Stack's** and **Hereford House** along with breakfast daily at the hotel. Pricing includes—3 nights at **Hampton Inn in Country Club Plaza** including breakfast, listed meals, Group Travel Protection, a luxury motorcoach round-trip from Waterloo and Columbia, one way train ticket, luggage handling, gratuities to guides, drivers and admissions to tours and games.

Double Occupancy— \$1,522 per person and Single Occupancy \$1,824 per person

New England Fall Foliage Tour

September 29 - October 6, 2024

STAND BY ONLY



\$4,580 double occupancy	\$6,204 single occupancy
Triple & Quad occupancy is based on availability	

4 Sneaker Tour**

<https://www.fnbwaterloo.bank/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/New-England-Fall-Foliage-Website-Packet.pdf>

See the best of New England, including 2 nights in Maine! From the White Mountains of New Hampshire to the Green Mountains of Vermont, the scenic beauty will take your breath away. Explore unique New England institutions like a Maple Syrup Farm, see the lighthouses of Portland and stay at the Trapp Family Lodge. PLUS, enjoy great dining experiences like a Lobster Bake and a Prime Rib cooked over a wood fire just like in colonial days. And, since we fly rather than drive, you can see the best of New England in less time! **** This is a 4-sneaker tour, which means there will be periods of intense pace, and uneven terrain. Gentle walkers and those traveling with them need to be aware that the historic homes and locations may not have an elevator or ramp, nor may we be able to drop off and pick up in front of certain locations.**

Christmas in Chicago

December 3-6, 2024



(3-4 sneakers) After our motorcoach ride up north, we start our time in Chicago with a visit to the **Driehaus Museum** where we will enjoy a private tour and the current special exhibits, which are presented in an immersive experience within the restored Nickerson Mansion. We will stay in the Theater District's **Cambria Loop** Hotel located a block from **Daley Plaza**, where the **Christkindlmarket** is held. There will be time to walk to and explore the market, Macy's (formerly Marshall Fields), Block 37 and other stores near of hotel. We will enjoy lunch at **Teatro ZinZanni** which is an original form of entertainment combining a unique fusion of cirque, comedy, cabaret, spectacle, and live music all the while serving up a multi-course feast. We have planned a **Chicago Bakery Tour**, a dinner cruise aboard the **Odyssey** & a visit to the **Red Apple Buffet**, a Polish Buffet with incredible home-made favorites such as sweet and savory pierogis, delicious kielbasas, homemade breads, kolaczki & more. We will end our trip with an Amtrak ride back to Alton. Final details will be coming soon (we won't disappoint you!).

CURRENT MOTORCOACH PICK UP LOCATIONS

Pick up locations (unless otherwise noted)

Waterloo VFW (406 Veterans Drive) - please park on the west side of the building near the dumpster.

Columbia Schnuck's Market Place (1000 Columbia Center) between the Post Office & Schnucks.

Annual Classic 55 Club Dinner & Dance

When: Wednesday April 24, 2024,
Doors open at **5:00 pm** (no early entry)

Where: **Columbia Turner Hall, 211 East Cherry Street, Columbia, Illinois**

What: Buffet Dinner, Dessert, Non Alcoholic Drinks, Attendance Prizes & Dancing

Cash Bar Available

Fun!
Friends!
Dancing!

Music by: **Butch's Polka Kings**

Cost: \$15 per person

Payment due with reservation

Mail payment & contact information to

Classic 55 Club, Post Office Box 507, Waterloo, IL 62298
or drop at your nearest banking center. No refunds after April 10, 2024.

Our convenient ATMs are accessible 24/7. Find all of our banking center locations
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