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Spring-Summer 2019

RESERVE SEATS RIGHT AWAY FOR TRIPS WITH STAGE PERFORMANCES

1. "Sleeping Beauty" Join us at Lincoln Center for the **New York City Ballet's** stunning performance of this classic fairy tale. You will be enchanted by Peter Martins's choreography and Tchaikovsky's 1888 score, one of the finest ever composed for a ballet. To arrive at his version, Martins has blended the majesty of Marius Petipa's original French/Russian staging with the energy of the current American company. We'll have a French feast at **Le Rivage**.
Entrees: a) coq au vin (chicken/wine sauce) b) seafood crepe (scallops/shrimp) c) ratatouille d) vegetarian platter
Saturday, February 23 DEADLINE: JANUARY 22 \$225
Depart: S 9:00 F 9:15 W 9:30 D 9:45 G 10:00 Return approx. 6:00



Sleeping Beauty



Pyotr Tchaikovsky



NYC Ballet Troupe

2. Shen Yun Don't miss this spectacular matinee at NYC's Lincoln Center. Weaving a dazzling tapestry of ancient legends and heroic tales, Chinese acrobats will lead us on a breath-taking journey through 5,000 year of Chinese culture. Shen Yun performances feature classically trained dancers in brilliant traditional costumes, a blend of Eastern and Western music, and exquisite rainbow-colored Asian backdrops. We'll lunch at **Pappardella**.
Entrees: a) chicken parmesan b) broiled salmon c) pappardella buttera/sausage/vodka sauce
Thursday, March 7 DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 6 \$219
Depart: S 8:00 F 8:30 W 8:45 D 9:15 G 9:30 Return approx. 7:30

3. BROOKLYN: Museum of Art and Botanical Garden The **Brooklyn Museum of Art** will mount the exhibit "Frida Kahlo: Appearances Can Be Deceiving," the largest U.S. exhibition of the artist's work in ten years. Along with paintings, drawings, and photographs from the collection of Jacques and Natasha Gelman, we'll see a display of her clothing, personal possessions, pre-Colonial jewelry, and hand-painted corsets. Our visit is an opportunity to explore her creative vision and self-crafted identity.



Tree peonies



Frida Kahlo



allium



Frida Kahlo



bleeding hearts

After lunch, on our guided tour of the **Brooklyn Botanical Garden** we'll see spring blooms of purple allium, climbing roses, tree peonies, rhododendrons, magnolias, lilacs and more.

Lunch choices: a) salad w/wild rice/quinoa b) reuben sandwich c) beef cheeseburger d) tacos w/mushrooms
Friday, April 26 \$144
Depart: S 8:00 F 8:30 W 8:45 D 9:15 G 9:30 Return approx. 6:00

4. **“Kiss Me, Kate”** Talented Kelli O’Hara will play the dual roles of Kate and Lilli Vanessi in this musical comedy masterpiece, based on Shakespeare’s “Taming of the Shrew.” This Broadway show is enriched by the lyrics of Cole Porter at his sophisticated best, onstage romance, backstage passion, and high and low comedy. Unforgettable songs include “Too Darn Hot,” “So in Love,” and “Always True to You in My Fashion.” Lunch at **Pappardella**.

Entrees: a) chicken parmesan b) broiled salmon c) pappardella buttera/sausage/vodka sauce

Saturday, May 4

\$215

Depart: S 9:00 F 9:15 W 9:30 D 9:45 G 10:00

Return approx. 7:30



Stars Kelli O’Hara/Will Chase



“So In Love”



Kate ready to explode



Kathryn Grayson

5. **Philadelphia/Brandywine Valley** Accommodations: Best Western, King of Prussia 610-265-4500

● **Wednesday, May 8** We’ll visit the handsome 18th-century Georgian **Powel House**, once home to the Mayor of Philadelphia, Samuel Powel. John Adams enjoyed “a most sinful feast” in the house and George and Martha Washington often visited and danced there. Next, we’ll tour the **Barnes Foundation** with its outstanding collection of Impressionist and post-Impressionist works---including 181 Renoirs, 69 Cezannes, and 59 Matisses--amassed by Dr. Barnes from 1912-1951; our day will end with dinner aboard the **Mosholu** on the Delaware River.

● **Thursday, May 9** After a visit to the **National Constitution Center** to see the film “Freedom Rising,” we’ll drive to **Longwood Garden** for a guided tour through colorful spring azaleas, peonies, tulips, and daffodils, all bursting into bloom. The elegant soaring conservatory is a treat in every season. In late afternoon, we’ll stop at the **Brandywine River Museum** renowned for its collection of works by W.C., and Andrew Wyeth. Dinner at historic **General Warren Inne** in Malvern, PA.

● **Friday, May 10** During our guided tour of the exhibit “**The Impressionist’s Eye**” at the **Philadelphia Museum of Art**, we’ll see a broad range of drawings, watercolors, sculptures, and pastels by Monet, Cassatt, Degas, and Van Gogh, who made indelible marks on canvas, paper, and bronze; lunch on your own in the cafeteria.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 8, 9, and 10

single rm \$661

double rm \$533/person



Philadelphia Museum of Art



Powel House



Longwood Garden display



“Ballet Rehearsal” by Degas

Wednesday dinner entrees: a) roasted chicken breast b) pan-seared salmon c) braised short ribs

Thursday dinner entrees: a) grilled Scottish salmon b) steak frites c) grilled chicken breast

Depart: S 6:45 F 7:00 W 7:30 D 8:00 G 8:15

Return approx. 6:00 May 10

6. **New Britain, “Hardware City,” CT** Join us at the **New Britain Museum of American Art** for a guided tour of the exhibit “**Georgia O’Keeffe and Contemporary Art.**” Art lovers have been intrigued by O’Keeffe’s paintings for generations, and here, we’ll see her enormous flowers, luscious colors, and desert landscapes alongside works by 20 emerging artists whose vision she has influenced. Later, we’ll enjoy a Polish lunch at **Belvedere** before visiting the **New Britain Industrial Museum**. From the blacksmith forges of the 18th century, the town created 5 major hardware industries that fueled daily life in America for most of the 20th century. From the lock on your front door to your kitchen appliances and the parts in your car, all were made in New Britain or contained New Britain parts.



“Jimson Weed”



Portrait by Steiglitz



S. Huget, NB Industrial Museum Dir



Portrait by Steiglitz

Wednesday, May 22

\$133

Depart: G 8:30 D 8:45 W 9:00 F 9:15 S 9:30

Return approx. 7:30

7. Providence History In Rhode Island, we'll step back in history on our tour of the imposing Georgian-style brick mansion (shown below) built in 1788 by **John Brown**, merchant, patriot, statesman, and slave trader. Both Adams and Washington visited the house. One of the wealthiest and most influential colonial families, the Browns not only founded nearby Brown University, but they also owned furniture crafted by Newport's Townsend and Goddard. Our tour guide will introduce us to the pressing issues of that time—slavery, the Revolution, and the China trade.



John Brown House



Benefit Street



John Brown House

After lunch at **Hemenways**, we'll visit the excellent **Rhode Island School of Design Museum** for a tour of "Visions and Revisions," an exhibit of prints with works by Albrecht Durer, Mary Cassatt, and Rembrandt.

Entrees: a) turkey wrap b) citrus glazed salmon c) hamburger

Wednesday, May 29

\$175

Depart: D 8:00 W 8:15 F 8:30 S 8:45

Return approx. 7:00

8. "The Music Man" **Goodspeed's** rousing production will make us fall in love all over again with this great American musical, winner of 5 Tonys. Professor Harold Hill will always promise to save the residents of an Iowa town by starting a boys band, and, Marian, the Librarian, will always be the only town skeptic...at first. Favorite songs include "76 Trombones" and the poignant "Till There Was You." Lunch at the **Copper Beech Inn**.

Entrees: a) hamburger b) salmon on a bed of lettuce c) chicken sandwich

Thursday, June 6

\$176

Depart: G 9:15 D 9:30 W 9:45 F 10:00 S 10:15

Return approx. 6:00



9. "Tootsie" In his **Chicago Tribune** review, critic Chris Jones praised this Broadway newcomer: "If you want a hit show, you provide a moment when the audience opens its heart to what is to come...The lead, Santino Fontana, earns that moment for 'Tootsie' not just by his otherworldly voice but by old-fashioned comedic acting, rooted in the pain of his out-of-work persona." He adds, "'Tootsie' is an incredibly funny show...an actor pretends to be woman to get a (stage) part, only to see the deception spiral further and further out of his control." Lunch at **Carmines**.

Saturday, June 29

\$239

Depart: S 9:00 F 9:15 W 9:30 D 9:45 G 10:00

Return approx. 7:30

10. Cloisters Join us at the Metropolitan's medieval branch, dramatically situated high above the Hudson River and dedicated to displaying the architecture, decorative arts, and gardens of medieval Europe. Financier John D. Rockefeller, Jr. bought the core structures from collector George Grey Barnard in 1925. Constructed between 1935 and 1939, the building is composed 5 French cloisters and 2 gardens and contains 5,000 works dating from the Middle Ages, or 12th-15th centuries. Stars of the collection are the Flemish "**Hunt of the Unicorn**" tapestries and the Netherlandish **Merode Altarpiece**. Lunch at the **New Leaf Café** before our afternoon guided tour.



J.D. Rockefeller, Jr.



stained glass



the Cloisters



"Merode Altarpiece"

Entrees: a) ravioli b) chicken Milanese c) classic cheeseburger

Wednesday, June 19

\$143

Depart: S 8:30 F 9:00 W 9:15 D 9:45 G 10:00

Return approx. 7:30

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 Permit #251
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TO:

DEPARTURE INFORMATION: Please arrive at least 5 minutes earlier than stated pick-up time.
 Our **Land/Jet** bus has a red, black, and white exterior with the outline of an airplane on the side.
Stratford: I-95 Exit 33 N., Exit 34 S., Dock Shopping Ctr. between Super Stop & Shop and gas station
Fairfield: I-95 Exit 24 The empty parking lot across Greenfield Street from Kohl's Dept. Store
Westport: I-95 Exit 18 commuter parking lot on connector between I-95 and Post Road
Darien: I-95 Exit 11 At rear of Whole Foods parking lot @ junction of Post Road & Ledge Road
Greenwich: I-95 Exit 6 End of Row E in Shop-Rite parking lot, on Stamford's Commerce Drive/Post Road

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- Telephone reservations will **NOT** be held for more than one week without payment.
- Include home & cell phone numbers, pick-up location, and entrée choice on registration form.
- **NO REFUNDS ON TICKETED TRIPS** such as B'way plays, NYC Ballet, Tanglewood, Goodspeed, etc.
- **REFUND POLICIES on other day trips:** Trip voucher less \$40 if we are notified 2 weeks or more before outings.
- **OVERNIGHTS:** Trip voucher less 20% fee plus non-refundable expenses, if notified 4 weeks or more before trip.
- Itinerary subject to change. If we cancel a trip due to bad weather, you'll receive a voucher for a re-scheduled trip.
- Trips include guided tours, admissions, gratuities, and lunches, except when stated.
- Away for the Day **GIFT CERTIFICATES** make great presents for friends, family, and neighbors.
- If you are interested in a trip, though far in the future, please let me know.

Reservation form for Spring-Summer 2019 Use a separate piece of paper for multiple trips.

Make checks payable to Away for the Day and mail to 40 Owenoke Park, Westport, CT 06880

Name/names daytime phone evening phone e-mail address

Street City State & Zip code

Circle Trip Number(s)	Date(s) of trip(s)	<u>PICK-UP LOCATION—IMPT!</u>
1 7 13		Please provide <u>E-MAIL ADDRESS</u>
2 8 14		Traveling companion(s) and phone number(s) _____
3 9 15		<u>ENTRÉE CHOICE(S)</u> _____
4 10 16		cell phone number _____
5 11 17		
6 12 18		

Please provide names, addresses, phone #s of friends & neighbors for our mailing list _____