The Center for Lifelong Learning of Northwest State Community College presents

Spring in Memphis

Sunday, April 19 through Thursday, April 23, 2015

Price is all-inclusive. Yes, that means your motorcoach seat, all meals, admissions, lodging, tips, taxes – the works!

Per person based on double occupancy $975
Single, triple, and quad rates available upon request.

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Day 1   Sunday, April 19, 2015   Archbold, OH to Ste. Genevieve, MO
7:30am  Depart East Entrance, Northwest State
9:30am  morning break.
Noon    Lunch
2:30pm  afternoon break.
4:30pm  Arrive at Chaumette Vineyards & Winery at Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Established in 1990 by Hank and Jackie Johnson, Chaumette Vineyards & Winery is located in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, home of the first colonial settlement on the west side of the Mississippi River by the French in the early 1730’s. Chaumette sits on 310 acres of land, 30 acres of which are grapevines, approximately seventy miles south of St. Louis, in the Ozark Mountain American Viticultural Area. The region is distinguished by rolling hills and the Saline Creek River Valley.

Visit Chaumette’s Tasting Room to sample the harvest and then enjoy a delicious family style Sunday Supper at the Grapevine Grill Restaurant.

6:30pm - Depart for the Hampton Inn & Suites Suites in Farmington, MO. Remain overnight.

Day 2   Monday, April 20, 2015   - Rhythms of Memphis Tour
Breakfast at the hotel & check out.
8:00am   Depart for Memphis.
11:30am  Meet your Sweet Magnolia tour guide at the TN State Welcome Center as you exit I40 in downtown Memphis. Your guide will hop on the bus and give the group a good “ole” southern welcome and take “y’all” to “Tug’s” restaurant at the River Inn at Harbor Town on Mud Island.

Tug’s is a very popular restaurant in a lovely setting on the Mississippi River featuring casual fare. You will be presented with a group menu featuring sandwiches, soups & salads... Lunch reservations will be for 11:45am which is reserved for group bookings.
1:00pm  Depart for journey to the second most visited home in the USA, Graceland, home of Elvis Presley! NOTE: Since you will be visiting many popular Memphis attractions during your stay in Memphis your guide will be incorporating a **Memphis City Windshield Tour** along the way. Sites included the Mississippi Riverfront & new Beale St Landing, Mud Island River Park, the Pyramid, Historic Cotton Row, Gibson Guitar Factory, South Main Historic District, Victorian Village, St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, Lauderdale Courts where Elvis and his family lived in 1939.

1:30pm  **Graceland Platinum Tour**—Mansion Tour, all Graceland attractions with Imagine the experience of riding through the most photographed gates in the world as you journey to the estate of Elvis Presley, one of the most popular entertainers of all time. Your audio tour of Graceland Mansion is full of music and interesting stories about how Elvis lived in the home he loved so much. You will see the largest privately owned collection of gold records in the world and Elvis’ elaborate stage costumes and jewelry. The mansion tour ends with a quiet visit to Meditation Garden where Elvis and members of his family are buried. On the Platinum Tour you will see Elvis’ famous 1955 pink Cadillac in the Elvis Presley Automobile Museum and the new Elvis Archives Experience exhibit.

4:00pm  Depart Graceland for the Peabody Hotel.
4:30pm  View the “**March of the Peabody Ducks**”. Time will be allowed to visit the gift shops and enjoy the lovely lobby in this historic hotel before departing for dinner.

Peabody Duck March began in the 1930s, when the general manager placed his live hunting decoys in his lobby fountain and started a tradition. Today the Peabody Ducks have become a world-famous symbol for The Peabody and for Memphis hospitality. Every day at precisely 11 a.m., the ducks arrive marching on their own red carpet to John Philip Sousa's "King Cotton March.” The fanfare repeats at 5 p.m. when they retire to their penthouse pond. Throngs of spectators gather daily in the mornings and evenings to witness this charming tradition in the spectacular Grand Lobby of The Peabody Hotel.

5:45pm  **Explore Beale St**.....as you stroll down the "Walk of Fame" on Beale St you will be following the footsteps of world famous Bluesmen and Soul singers who are known throughout the world. Beale St is where W.C. Handy first penned the Blues music of the Mississippi Delta. The world-famous street offers many entertainment venues, Handy Park, where local musicians play in the park each evening, a statue of W.C. Handy, and Church Park, built by the South’s first Black millionaire, Robert Church. Shops and boutiques throughout the district provide visitors with the opportunity to purchase souvenirs memorabilia, and novelties.

6:45pm  **Dinner and entertainment at King’s Palace on Beale St** – King’s Palace Café is not your traditional “Juke Joint, as it reflects a more elegant style of dining and entertainment. Weathered wood floors and tin ceilings lend warmth to the dining rooms and remind you of days gone by. You can hear the authentic sound of the Memphis Blues & Jazz that is offered nightly while you enjoy an exciting dining experience.

Kings Palace Menu Choices:
Hickory Smoked BBQ Ribs
  - Blackened Catfish
  - Grilled Chicken
- Chicken Pasta
- All above served with Baked Potato, Dinner Salad, Dessert and coffee, tea or soft drink.

8:30 pm Check in at the Spring Hill Suites for 2 nights.

Day 3 Tuesday, April 21, 2015 - Tyronza and Dyess Colony, AR
Breakfast at the hotel
9:00 am Depart Memphis on your Johnny Cash “3 Ft High and Rising Tour.”

10:00 am - Tour the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum.
The Tenant Farmers Museum tells of the story of a tragic time in American history and why Ray Cash moved his young family to Dyess Colony.

The stock market crash of 1929 brought ruin to rich and poor throughout the Delta. Tenant farmers found themselves in dire straits. Bank closings shut off financing for many Delta farmers as crop prices plunged, and need for raw materials declined. During the Great Depression, federal inspectors described the tenant farmer existence as a “picture of squalor, filth, and poverty.” The Tenant Farmers Museum tells the story of government intervention and how 11 white men and seven black men formed a union to expose the unfair distribution of government subsidies.

11:30 pm - 1:30 am Today’s lunch will be a buffet provided by the Red Hat ladies of towns of Dyess, Lepanto and Tyronza served at the Dyess Community Center with a live Rock A Billy Band performing Johnny Cash greatest hits. This will be a rare treat for your group.

1:30 pm The mayor of Dyess will be your guide at the 1934 WPA (Works Progress Administration) Administration Building. The building has been completely restored by Arkansas State University and contains history exhibits of Dyess Colony. Dyess Colony started out as an agricultural cooperative as part of the Roosevelt administration's Depression-era New Deal projects. The goal of the administration was to give poor farm families a chance to make a fresh start with homes and land that they could work towards owning.

After touring the museum the mayor will escort the group to the Boyhood home of Johnny Cash. Ray Cash moved to Dyess Colony in 1936 and moved into a government provided house that was a part of the WPA Johnny Cash went to Dyess High School in 1950 and visited throughout his career. A portion of the film “I Walk the Line” was made in Dyess. The home is owned by Arkansas State University who has appointed guides who will take you through the house and tell of Johnny's family and life in Dyess Colony.

5:00 pm - Sun Studio Tour - Well known for discovering new talent such as Johnny Cash, Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, Roy Orbison, Ike Turner and many more. This authentic tour will take you in the sound studio where these Rock 'n Roll greats first recorded. Johnny Cash lived in an apartment above the studio while he was recording is early hits.

6:30 pm - Dinner at the Cupboard Country Cooking Restaurant
Daily Specials with Meat & Three
Choose from 9 different entrees and 20 different vegetables
Dessert- Home Made Lemon Ice Box Pie, Sugar Free Apple Pie or Blackberry Cobbler
Coffee or Tea, tax and tip
8:00pm Return to the hotel.

Day 4  Wednesday, April 22, 20  ½ day Memphis; overnight in St. Louis
Breakfast at the hotel and Check out.
9:00am Depart for the National Civil Rights Museum.
9:15am National Civil Rights Museum is the world's first museum dedicated to the lessons of the American Civil Rights Movement in exhibit form. It is housed at the historic site of the Lorraine Motel. Exhibits and interactive displays trace the history of civil rights activity and leaders including Rosa Parks and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 2013-2014 the museum went under 27.5 million dollar renovations. Your admission ticket will include the original museum and the boarding house/museum where James Earl Ray the assassin fired the shot that killed Dr. King.

11:30am Lunch at Central BBQ- winners of the Memphis In May International BBQ Cooking Contest for many years. This unique restaurant is in a warehouse behind the Civil Rights Museum. A special BBQ Buffet will be set for your group in their party room.

1:00pm Tour the Cotton Museum- located in the original Cotton Exchange it tells the story of the cotton industry and how it formed the South.
1:45pm Depart Memphis.

6:00pm Arrive at Arnold, MO at the Drury Inn & Suites.

7:00pm Dinner at the Terrazza Grill near the hotel. Family owned Italian restaurant located adjacent to the hotel. Angelo Lombardo immigrated for Sicily and opened his first restaurant in 1934. His son's now manage his original restaurant in St. Louis and the Terrazza Grill in Arnold, MO. You will be served an authentic Italian entrees selected from a special menu featuring 6 entrée options, salad, Italian bread, beverage and a large scoop of vanilla ice cream (if you can fit it in!)

Day 5  Thursday, April 23 -Arnold, MO to Archbold.
Breakfast at the hotel & check out.
8:00am Depart for home.
  Morning Break
  Lunch stop.
  Afternoon Break
5:30 ish - Evening meal together
8:00 p.m. ish Arrive Northwest State
Taking reservations with $200. deposit per person now through January 30, 2015. (or until we fill the bus). Final payment of $775. due by Wednesday, February 25, 2015. Scroll on down for registration form.

Cancellation and Refunds - (Not college policy, but policy of our receptive, the folks in Memphis who have made all the arrangements.) Cancellations Mar 2-19, 2015 are subject to a $150 cancellation fee per person; after March 19, 2015 no refunds. And to that the receptive operator says, “We do recommend trip Travel Insurance that individuals may purchase on line from reliable companies like Travel Guard.”

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