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Travel News by Keiko Hatakeda

*Clovis Chamber Trips: Next slide presentation date:
Tuesday—July 20, 2010 at 5:30pm RSVP 323-3027*

Sunny Portugal—Estoril Coast & Algarve
February 11-21, 2011 \$2,799—double

Explore sunny Portugal, with its miles of dramatic shoreline and legacy of global discovery. Enjoy a four night stay in the beautiful resort town, Estoril, with time to meander the narrow cobblestone streets and soft sand beaches. In Evora you'll find a medieval walled city with roman ruins. Travel to Algarve on Portugal's "Silver Coast," dotted with charming villages, castles and miles of scenery. Find a wealth of Portuguese hand-made crafts, like azulejos, hand painted tiles. Indulge in Portugal's fresh cuisine and be swept away by Fado tunes.



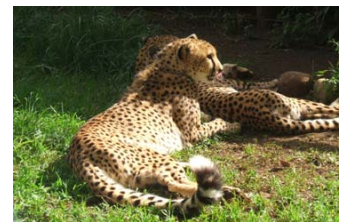
Costa Rica: A World of Nature featuring
Tortugero National Park, Sarapiquí Rain
Forest & Manuel Antonio National Park
November 6-17, 2011 \$2,929—double

Spend 11 days immersed in this vibrant, living Eden on the Central American isthmus. Visit the Green Turtle Research Station. Settle in for two nights in Tortuguero National Park which protects 13 of Costa Rica's endangered species. Behold the spectacle of Arenal Volcano on the Hanging Bridges tour. Visit plantations growing pineapples, bananas, and coffee. Explore the white sandy beaches of Manuel Antonio National Park and the pristine Carara Biological Preserve.



Plains of Africa—Kenya Wildlife Safari
April 6-20, 2011 \$5,999—double

Spend an unforgettable 15 days exploring the scenic vistas and magnificent wildlife of Kenya. Search for lion, leopard, elephant, buffalo and rhinoceros on numerous game drives. Enjoy a traditional bush dinner complete with Masai entertainment. Visit the Sweetwater Chimp Sanctuary and the Rothschild Giraffe Sanctuary. Spend two nights in a luxurious tented camp, with all the amenities of a five star resort. Enjoy a stay at the world-famous tree lodge, the Ark, for once-in-a-lifetime game viewing!



*Peru: Ancient Land of Mysteries
September 6-17, 2011—\$4,714—double*

Fantastic archeological treasures set amidst the soaring Andean peaks — this can only be Peru! Ride through the mountains to the fabled Incan city, Machu Picchu, aboard the Vistadome train. Meet the indigenous Uros people of the floating islands on Lake

Titicaca. Spend two nights in Paracas National Reserve, Peru's only coastal wildlife sanctuary. Cruise the Ballestas Islands and see the fantastic wildlife. Discover Lima's colonial heritage and see why the "City of Kings" is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



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The Very Best of America's Southwest

September 15, 2010; 8 days

\$1689, twin—escorted

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July is AAA Sojourns

**During July Sojourns
Month, Members receive
up to \$100 off per person
on Sojourns Land Tours
booked and deposited July
1-31, 2010.**

In the American Southwest, you can watch fountains dance in Vegas one day, then float down the Colorado River the next. From the otherworldly hoodoos of Bryce Canyon to the colorful lights, sights and architecture along the Strip, there's always something unique to witness. On this escorted vacation you'll take a scenic drive through Zion National Park and maneuver through the deep narrows of Antelope Canyon. Then board the historic Grand Canyon Railway, for a scenic train journey to a canyon so vast it's hard to grasp the staggering scale. Make sense of it on Grand Canyon Skywalk's 70 transparent feet, nearly 4,000 feet above the canyon floor. Later, you your part to preserve the Grand Canyon, a UNESCO World Heritage site, with a brief volunteer service project.

Highlights:

- Ride Grand Canyon Railway "Observation Dome Car"
- Walk the Grand Canyon Skywalk
- Visit Bryce Canyon, Zion & Grand Canyon National Park
- Tour Antelope Canyon Slot Canyon
- Float Trip on the Colorado River

Trip location Start and Finish : Las Vegas, Nevada

2011 Tournament of Roses Parade

December 30, 2010; 4 days

\$1294, twin—escorted

Every year, high-stepping marching bands and creative floral artistry converge at one of the nations' most beloved parades, the Tournament of Roses. Celebrating 122 years in 2011, the parade is the main event on an escorted vacation that's an annual AAA Member favorite for AAA Sojourns. You'll view floats interpreting the 2011 theme, "Building Dreams, Friendships and Memories," from prime parade route seats. At Victory Park, examine the floats up close in the Showcase of Floats. In addition to a special New Year's Eve dinner, you will also see the "Glory of Christmas" pageant at the Crystal Cathedral and view world-class art exhibits at the J. Paul Getty Museum.

New England Autumn Rail Adventure

October 2, 2010; 7 days

\$1,740, twin-escorted

In a color explosion that rivals any fireworks show, New England pops with crimson, gold and orange each fall. Enjoy the display from the large picture windows of several regional trains. From Boston, Amtrak's *Downeaster* heads to Portland, Maine, for lighthouses and a lobster dinner. Roll past New Hampshire's White Mountains, including Mount Washington, on the Conway Scenic Railroad. The color parade continues along vintage tracks used by the Lake Winnepesaukee Scenic Railroad. At Quechee Gorge, Vermont's "Little Grand Canyon," its mile-long gorge, churning white-water river and steep grades promise an unforgettable photo opportunity. Complete the rail portion of your journey on the *Green Mountain Flyer*, a fully restored 1930's passenger train pulled by a vintage diesel locomotive.

Best of Branson

October 16, 2010; 7 days

\$1,569, twin-escorted

Dixieland jazz aboard a replica 19th-century steamboat sets the tone for a fun-filled tour in Missouri. Begin in St. Louis, where you gain a bird's-eye view at the Top of the Riverfront revolving restaurant, tour the Gateway Arch and cruise the Mississippi River. The entertainment continues in Branson with shows by Bill Haley's Original comets, Mickey Gilley, Yakov Smirnoff and others. Additional Branson stops include the Titanic Museum and a second Bid Muddy cruise, this time aboard a showboat.