



Redstone Goes is a travel club of Redstone Highlands Communities. We are dedicated to helping seniors stay adventurous and enjoy travel with a great group of people. Modest proceeds from our trips support charitable care programs at Redstone.

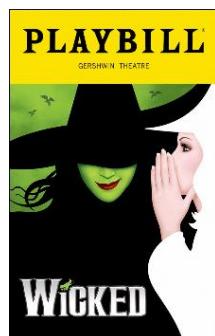
As we put together our plans for 2026, it has been a struggle to pin down hotels, activities, etc., which has made pricing our trips challenging. Tourism offices closed for the season are frustrating, but we have been able to plot out our plans for next year. We have set the schedule for 2026 and we want to share the plans with you so that you can save the dates on your calendar! It will be possible to make a deposit to hold your spot immediately even before final cost is determined, and then once the full prices are updated you can choose to either continue to hold your spot or cancel and receive your deposit back. As you know, Redstone trips are very price competitive, and we try to provide good trip packages at fair prices. Please make sure you read through to the end for some updated policies and registration information. Our goal is to have final prices for all trips by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Because 2025 has been a great year for us and most of our trips have sold out and had waiting lists, we are making a few changes to our practices for next year to better accommodate our guests and deal with the volume of travelers we have experienced.

### And now... The Redstone Goes 2026 Schedule of Trips

**January:** We will enjoy a Winter Gathering at Bella Terra Winery! Join us at the beautiful Bella Terra in New Stanton on Friday, January 9th from 6:30 – 9 pm for a gathering of old and new friends. Visit with fellow travelers from past trips. Bring your favorite picture from a past trip printed out to share on our memory table and you might win a prize! Hear about our 2026 adventures and sign up on the spot with cash, check or card! Looking for a roommate for trips? A quick round of “speed roommating” will give you an opportunity to meet others who are looking for the same. This event is free, but please plan to purchase food and beverage from Bella Terra in return for their hospitality. No outside food or beverage is permitted.



**February:** We'll be celebrating Galentine's Day (February 13<sup>th</sup>) in style this year. Join us for a trip to the Grand Concourse at Station Square for dinner, followed by orchestra seats to see Wicked at the Benedum! This event is for the ladies, in honor of Galentine's Day which gives us an opportunity to celebrate our women friends. Pickups will be available on the Greensburg and Murrysville campus and the price for this wickedly fun adventure is \$245 per person including bus, driver gratuity, dinner, and show ticket. Participants are also encouraged to bring a white elephant gift of up to \$10 in value for a Galentine's Gift Exchange during dinner.



**March:** As we move through the season of Lent and approach Holy Week, we've got a special day adventure planned to celebrate Holy Pittsburgh on Tuesday, March 24th! Departing from our North Huntingdon campus at 8 am, we will visit and tour the Heinz Chapel in Oakland, East Liberty Presbyterian Church, followed by lunch at the Church Brew Works, a stop at Calvary United Methodist Church to see the Tiffany windows, and ending the day at St. Anthony's Chapel, with the largest collection of relics in the Pittsburgh area. After a day full of amazing church history, architecture, and food, we will make our way back to Redstone. Price includes bus, driver's gratuity, fees/donations to churches, and lunch.



**April:** We'll have a big adventure as we go cruising again on the Vision of the Seas! We will depart North Huntingdon by motorcoach on Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> and make our way to the port of Baltimore where we will board Redstone's favorite ship, Royal Caribbean's Vision of the Seas. Our 9-night adventure will include stops in Bermuda, Nassau and Bimini in the Bahamas. We return home on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This smaller ship is easy to navigate and a perfect match for our Redstone travelers. Just a couple of oceanview cabins are available at \$2313.24 for TWO people and include cruise, port fees, taxes, gratuities, and trip protection. Inside cabins for two people are available for \$2075.24. An additional \$175 per person will be payable to Redstone for roundtrip transportation and baggage handling. If you choose to drive on your own, a \$25 administrative fee will be payable to Redstone for trip coordination. Optional group excursions will also be available at our port stops!



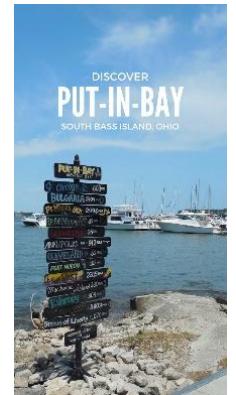
**June:** We're going on a long-requested adventure to the beautiful state of Maine! Join us for Mainely Maine, as we enjoy some of the highlights of New England and especially, Maine. Our adventure will begin on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, when we travel to just West of Boston. On Saturday a step-on-guide will join us for a tour of the historic city of Boston and there will be some free time for lunch and shopping. That evening we will make our way up the coast, overnighting in New Hampshire before spending Sunday exploring Kennebunkport. Then it's on to Portland where we'll have a day to explore this beautiful coastal city, including a lobstering tour by boat. From here we'll make our way to Bar Harbor where you will enjoy two nights in one of the most beautiful towns in the US. We'll spend one day exploring Acadia National Park and another day enjoying this lovely town. An optional harbor excursion will be offered in Bar Harbor. On Thursday we will bid farewell to Bar Harbor and make our way to Freeport for some outlet shopping, including LL Beane's flagship store. On Friday we'll make our way back to Wellsworth, MA for an overnight in a past favorite hotel, before continuing our trip back to Redstone on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>. We anticipate having all activities and inclusions (including meals) and firm pricing available for this trip very soon! We anticipate prices being similar to last year's trip to Cape Cod.



**July:** This overnight adventure will include everyone's favorite activity: a train ride! We will leave Redstone in the morning of Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, making our way to Titusville, PA. We'll visit the oil museum and have a little shopping time before enjoying the evening murder mystery dinner theater on the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad. Those who wish may choose to attend an early Sunday morning worship service in town. Mid-morning we will make our way to the Grove City area where you will choose between a couple of hours of shopping time at the Outlets, or the charming town of Volant, before we head home to Redstone.



**August:** Last year's trip to Lake Erie was so much fun that we want to do it again, but this time we're heading to Ohio! On Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll make our way from Redstone to Port Clinton, Ohio to catch a ferry to Put-in-Bay. Our afternoon will include lunch, "train" tour, and shopping time, before we return to the mainland for dinner and overnight. The next day we will make our way again by ferry to the more relaxed Kelley's Island State Park for some exploration, before we make our way back to Redstone. This trip will include motorcoach, driver gratuity, ferry, lunch, tour, dinner, and hotel on Monday, and ferry, lunch, and tour on Tuesday.



**September:** Once again our biggest adventure of the year, as we take to the skies to head back out west to national parks. We'll fly into Salt Lake City and enjoy tour services by LeBus Company who did our Utah trip last year, but this time we're heading north to the Grand Tetons, Jackson, and Yellowstone! We will depart Pittsburgh on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, and return on Monday, September 21. This trip will include airfare, motorcoach, gratuities, lots of meals and touring, and more. There will be opportunities to enjoy the scenery with minimal walking, or some hiking for those who are able. In addition to the nonrefundable \$25 deposit, a \$500 to cover the airfare will be needed for this trip within 30 days of booking. We anticipate this trip being similar in price to last year's trip to Utah.



**October:** Let's head to Europe to enjoy fall scenery! Just kidding! We're going to stay in Pennsylvania but enjoy the "European Highlights" of our home state. We'll enjoy Allentown, as our home base for three nights from Friday, October 9 – Monday, October 12! We'll spend an afternoon in the German style village of Stoudsburg, visit the Harry Potter-ish medieval Fonthill Castle and Museum, and then spend a full day in the Switzerland of Pennsylvania, Jim Thorpe. Our time in Jim Thorpe will include a train ride and time to explore this lovely town. An evening at the Casino for those who wish and a night of dinner theater will be thrown into this trip, too! This trip will include motorcoach, driver gratuity, hotel, a variety of activities, and several meals.



**November:** For our annual trip to New York City, we're going to maximize our time and lower our costs by using motorcoach travel. While we love the comfort and relaxing vibe of the train, we've had requests to offer a "no-frills" option for NYC so we're going to try that this year! We will depart Redstone early on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. The bus will drop us at our midtown hotel for the next two nights. We will offer an optional dinner and show package on Friday evening, and an optional activity on Saturday afternoon and evening. We know that a lot of people prefer a weekend to explore independently, while others like to be with a group – so we will try to offer the best of both worlds. Final details are still in the planning process. To give you time to enjoy the city on Sunday, we will depart for home at 4 pm, arriving back to Redstone before midnight. This trip will include bus, driver gratuities, and hotel for everyone – with optional activities, shows, and meals as add-ons.



**December:** It's become a Redstone tradition to do a Christmas themed trip and 2026 will be no exception. This trip will combine some delightful Christmas activities with some great shopping! We will depart Redstone Greensburg at 8 am on Tuesday, December 1. Our first stop will be in the Hallmark-like town of Bedford where you will have some time for shopping and lunch on your own. From there we will make our way to our hotel in Hagerstown, MD with some time to freshen up. Our evening will be spent at the Antietam Christmas Experience. This attraction provides a unique combination of live theater, drama, comedy, holiday activities, and down-home cooking. On Wednesday our first stop will be at the Hershey Chocolate World for a little chocolate shopping for the holidays. Then it is on to the incredible PA Christmas and Gift Show at the farm show complex. Enjoy entertainment, over 500 vendors, and more. Take a break in the shopper's rest area and check your packages to be picked up at the exit. We will enjoy a dinner buffet mid-afternoon before leaving the show to make our way home to Redstone.



## Questions and Answers

### How do your deposits, payments, and refunds work?

We have made a big change to our deposit process. In 2026, a \$10 deposit will hold your spot for a one-day trip, and a \$25 deposit will hold your spot for multiple day trips. These deposits, however, will be nonrefundable. We find it necessary to take this step because we are incurring credit card fees with every cancelation, in addition to the processing time required for our team here at Redstone. The only time the deposits will be refundable is if you make a deposit before a final trip price has been determined, and then once the final price is announced you find you need to cancel. You will have 14 days from the time final prices are announced to ask that your deposit be refunded.

Fifty percent of your trip must be paid for by 60 days before departure, and full payment must be completed 30 days prior to departure. Should you need to cancel, all payments are fully refundable (except for the deposit) if the cancellation is requested more than 30 days prior to departure. If you must cancel within the 30-day window before the trip, we will work with you to try to fill your spot and provide you with as much of a refund as possible. If tickets, hotel rooms, etc. have already been purchased and we are unable to fill your spot, you will most likely not receive much of a refund. If you are concerned that you might need to cancel a trip, we recommend purchasing a trip insurance policy at the time of your original reservation. Purchasing the insurance as soon as you make your reservation lowers the price of the insurance. Insurance prices vary based on age, price of trip, and if you wish to include pre-existing condition coverage in the insurance policy. Squaremouth.com is a good place to shop for travel insurance, or you may speak with your personal insurance agent for suggestions. We are always happy to help you, too, if you would like assistance with travel insurance.

We also offer an EZ pay program for our travelers. By providing your credit card at the time of your deposit, we will divide the price of your trip into monthly payments that will be applied to your credit card in time to have your trip paid in full by the 30 day marker. Unpaid trips at the 30 day mark may result in cancellation if there is a waiting list for the trip. We will always give you a final notice that your payment is due and will work with you to complete your payments before cancelling your reservation.

If you wish to pay by cash or check, we will provide you with a final balance due that reflects a 2.5% discount since your payments won't be reduced by credit card fees.

### Do you assign seats on the bus?

We do assign seats to keep small groups seated together. We do not rotate seats throughout the trip out of concerns for infection control and the benefit of settling into your space. If you are traveling as a single or with an odd numbered group of friends, it is likely that you will be seated with someone else on the bus. If you wish to have an extra seat for yourself, please let us know and we will work up a price to tell you how much of an additional fee it would be to provide you with the empty seat next to you. Our most popular trips sell out completely, so the cost of the extra seat would have to fully offset any loss of revenue.

This year we are also planning to standardize the practice that we have been using to assign seats as full payments are received. Therefore, if you are in need of a seat in the front, it is in your best interest to complete your payments as soon as possible. If you prefer to sit in the back, let us know and we will be happy to assign you there from the beginning. We are no longer able to reserve sections of the bus for special needs such as motion sickness due to the volume of these requests that we receive. If you have a special need, check with your doctor for advice. You may wish to make your reservation and pay as soon as possible to secure your desired seat.

## **Who can go on a Redstone Goes trip?**

Anyone! Please note that registration priority is given to Redstone residents, employees, and those on our prospect list. All ages are welcome, but most of our travelers are 55 and better. Children may participate but must pay the adult rate. About 80% of our travelers are women on most trips, but men are absolutely welcome to participate!

## **Why is the price for a single so much higher?**

Hotel rooms are frequently the most expensive piece of our trips. By sharing a room with a roommate, the cost for the room is divided between two people. By choosing a single room, you will incur the full cost of that hotel room. This can add up to a significant difference in price. If you are interested in finding a roommate, let us know and we can introduce you to others who might also wish to share a room.

## **Concerns about Physical Ability**

Please note that wheelchair lifts are not available to board the bus, but collapsible wheelchairs may be stored in the luggage bay. A limited number of lightweight travel scooters can also be stored under the bus. Full size scooters cannot be accommodated. Sometimes it is possible to rent a scooter at our destinations.

All travelers must be able to go up and down the 3 – 5 steps on the bus independently when getting on and off the bus. Please note that coaches stop on average 6 – 7 times a day during which you will be required to disembark and then return to the bus. With group bookings, many hotels do not offer accessible rooms. If you request an accessible room, we will make that request to the hotel, but we cannot guarantee your request will be honored.

We recommend that all participants be able to go up and down short flights of 8 – 12 stairs, walk about ½ mile (10 blocks) in approximately 15 minutes, and be able to stand in one place for up to 45 minutes. A rollator with a seat or a chair cane are options that you might wish to consider if standing in one space is challenging. If you have any concerns about agility, dietary issues, etc., please share those with us at the time of your registration so that we can work together to address your challenges. Part of Redstone's philosophy is that we want to help anyone who wishes to travel have that experience – so if it is possible we will work with you to make it happen.

## **Personal Space & Hygiene**

Because it is so hard to find a volume level that is agreeable throughout the bus, we seldom show movies or listen to music over the bus PA system. Occasionally a tour will be presented over the bus PA system so if you are sensitive to sound, please plan to bring your own ear plugs. You are welcome to use your personal devices to listen to music or watch videos, but you must wear ear buds or headphones to do so. Please plan to dress in layers so that you can adjust your clothing if you are too warm or cold. Maintaining a temperature that is pleasing to everyone throughout the bus is challenging. You are encouraged to bring socks, hats, etc. even in warm weather in case you find yourself cold on the bus. Practice restraint in the use of perfume, cologne or scented products to accommodate those with allergies. At this time, we have no requirements related to vaccines or masking, but if you are feeling unwell we ask that you do consider wearing a mask while on the bus in order to reduce spread of germs to fellow passengers. If you are immune compromised, we also suggest that you consider wearing a mask.

## **Cancellations and Schedule Changes**

Trips not having at least 30 registered participants 30 days prior to departure may be cancelled. In this case, those who have registered will receive a full refund. We have not had to make any cancellations over the past year. Itinerary changes may occur that are beyond the control of Redstone Goes. Such changes may include a hotel or

restaurant change, or a shift in the order of events. Passengers will only be notified of these changes in advance in the case of an extreme change in itinerary. The cancellation/refund policy will not be affected by modest changes to the itinerary.

## **Food, Beverage, and Smoking**

No smoking or vaping is permitted on the bus. Please make sure that you have moved at least 20 feet away from the bus before smoking and extinguish cigarettes well before approaching the bus to reboard. Food and beverages may be consumed on the bus. Make sure that beverages have closed lids on them. Alcohol is not permitted on the bus because we have not paid an additional alcohol fee.

## **Looking to the future....**

- If there is enough interest, we may add a trip to Sight and Sound in 2026, along with some additional day trip opportunities to Pittsburgh events.
- We are also considering a “tiny tour” of no more than 18 persons to Iceland in 2026 or 2027. (We love it when you send us notes and tell us what your bucket list includes!) 😊

Looking ahead to 2027... life is uncertain and all things change, but we are already researching some big adventures:

- Ireland (and possibly England) in the Spring of 2027 (passport required)
- Montreal and Quebec Canada in September of 2027 (passport required)
- A return to Mackinac Island
- A beach trip somewhere on the eastern shore (again because you've asked!)

And in 2028.... We're already looking for prices for a cruise/land tour in Alaska/Denali!

Your trip suggestions are always welcome and appreciated. EVERY trip planned in 2026 was suggested by one of our travelers. We love making your adventure dreams possible!

To hold a spot for any trip, use our online registration form at

<https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E341188&id=253>

You may also call Gia at 724-832-8401 X 3378 to register over the phone or make arrangements to send a check. Gia can also help you with questions related to the trips. Gia Bartram is an Admin Assistant in Redstone's Mission Support Office, and she serves as our trip registrar and payment coordinator. In addition to the phone number above she can be reached via email at [gbartram@redstone.org](mailto:gbartram@redstone.org).

Trips are organized by Lisa Dormire, Redstone's VP for Mission Support. Proceeds from trips and tours support Redstone's charitable care programs. Lisa has been organizing group travel for over 25 years. We work with several local companies to charter our buses, and work with a group broker for hotel rooms. Lisa can be reached at [ldormire@redstone.org](mailto:ldormire@redstone.org) or 724-832-8401 X 3353.

A member of Redstone's team accompanies each of the trips and a cell phone number for that person and a final itinerary are provided for the trip two to three weeks before departure.

We look forward to staying adventurous with you in 2026!