



Friends of South County Senior Center, Inc.
Bus Trip and Tour Committee
2026 Trip Booklet
410-222-1927

Important Information

- Plan ahead and book only those trips that you want to attend. It is important that you read, understand and agree to trip rules.
- Many trips require a considerable amount of walking. Please take this into consideration when signing up for trips.
- Destinations are handicapped accessible whenever possible.
- Please make any special needs known when signing up. We will attempt to meet those needs, but cannot guarantee this for all venues that we visit.
- Arrival times back to the center are approximate.
- Anyone requiring physical assistance (for example, needing someone to push a wheelchair) **MUST** have a caregiver with them at all times. The caregiver must sign up and pay for the trip as well. The trip leaders are unable to provide physical assistance to trip participants.
- Be sure to make note of when trip balances are due. Balances unpaid by the due date may result in a loss of deposit money.
- Where applicable, consider purchasing travel insurance. Procuring insurance can save you money if you need to cancel a trip. Ask the Trip Committee representative about travel insurance when you sign up.

- The center is not open on weekends. The operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Both front seats on the bus are reserved for the trip leaders. They need to be able to easily communicate with the driver and should be first off, last on the bus.
- Trip participants should park at the back of the parking lot located at the side of the center, especially on overnight trips. Please try not to take up spots closer to the center as those are needed for center members attending classes and activities.
- We do not call you to remind you that a trip is imminent. It is your responsibility to remember that you have signed up for a trip and the date and time of departure. The bus cannot wait for late arrivals due to travel schedules.
- Suggestions are welcome. Please share your ideas with the Trip Committee.

Trip Office Hours

Trip business (phone calls and in-person) will only be conducted during trip office hours. Trip office hours are:
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Payment may be made by cash or check. Checks are preferred. Checks should be made payable to: SCSCCTC (South County Senior Center Trip Committee). Please indicate on your check memo line which trip(s) you are paying for.

Trip #1	Hunterdon Hills Playhouse “The Irish Cabaret” Hampton, New Jersey Wednesday, March 18, 2026			
Depart: 6:30 a.m. Return: 8:00 p.m.	Total Cost: \$175.00	Deposit: \$25.00	Final Pymt Due: 2/18/2026	

Come celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, located on a 90-acre country estate in picturesque Hampton, New Jersey. Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is New Jersey’s premier dinner theatre specializing in matinee and dinner performances that range from Broadway shows and comedies, to vibrant musicals, special music events & concerts. The sights and sounds of Ireland come alive in “The Irish Cabaret,” starring Andy Cooney. “The Irish Cabaret” is a celebration of Ireland’s music, song, comedy, and dance. The show features Eimear Reynolds, Ireland’s most beautiful voice; Gary Wilson, Ireland’s crown prince of comedy; the Guinness Irish Band, made up of some of the greatest Irish and Irish American musicians on the music scene today; and world class Irish dancers, who are decorated with some of the most prestigious awards in the dancing world. Before the show enjoy a delicious luncheon served at your table. Please note beverages included are water, hot tea, and coffee. Iced Tea is considered a bar beverage and is not included with your meal. A day spent at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse will truly be one to remember, creating dazzling and unforgettable memories for you to enjoy! **Note:** Fast food stops will be made both en route to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, and on the return trip home.



Included: Transportation, luncheon, reserved seats for the show, and all taxes and tips including the driver.

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Trip #2	Sunny Portugal		
	Lisbon, Alentejo, Algarve & Portuguese Riviera March 29–April 7, 2026 (Sunday–Tuesday)		
Departure and arrival times TBD	Contact Collette for pricing	Deposit: \$698.00 due upon reservation	Final Pymt Due: 12/29/2025

Join us for a tour of Sunny Portugal. From the Portuguese capital, Lisbon, to the sunny cliffs of the Algarve and the Portuguese Riviera, venture along Portugal's stunning shoreline. Ancient castles and Roman ruins, groves of orange and almond trees, quiet whitewashed village and welcoming locals await you!

Encounter picturesque resort towns, winding cobblestone streets, oceanfront promenades, and quaint villages. Visit UNESCO World Heritage Sites, experience walking tours through historic and picturesque cities, enjoy local food, wine and music.

In the Algarve, postcard-worthy coastlines brushing against crystal clear water, stunning cliffs plunging into the rocky waves below, and awe-inspiring vistas that will leave you speechless. The southernmost region of Portugal, the Algarve is home to a perfect combination of historical architecture and sandy beaches. Although every area of the Algarve offers unique charms and is a perfect setting for a relaxing getaway, some of the favorite cities of this region include Lagos and Portimao, for their charm and good food. While in the Algarve, be sure to sample some of the fresh seafood, indulge in local figs and oranges, and maybe even buy a piece of intricately painted pottery.

Please ask for a brochure with a detailed itinerary and additional travel information. Trip booked on your own through Collette Tours. For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1326570> or call 800-852-5655 and ask for Group Sales.

Included: Round trip air from Washington, D.C., air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers



Trip #3	Murder Mystery at Mount Hope Mansion An Interactive Dinner Theater Manheim, Pennsylvania Wednesday, April 1, 2026		
Depart: 10:00 a.m. Return: 7:30 p.m.	Total Cost: \$ 150.00	Deposit: \$ 25.00	Final Pymt Due: 3/13/2026

Travel to the Mount Hope Estate & Winery in Manheim, Pennsylvania for a fun, interactive, culinary “Who-Done-It?” Upon our arrival, we enter Mount Hope Mansion, a thriving historic estate, for a theatrical dining experience. Feast on a delicious four-course meal while playing detective, interrogating the suspects, connecting the clues and uncovering the truth! You will meet and mingle with intriguing guests inside the Mansion. Be sure to take notes as they visit you tableside while you dine. After your meal we will assemble in the Mansion’s Theater Room for additional interrogation, hilarity and to reveal the answer to the question on everyone’s mind! Who done it? Following our murder mystery adventure, we will visit the Mount Hope Estate Winery & Gift Shop. Our knowledgeable winery host will guide us through seeing, sniffing, swirling, sipping, and savoring a tasting of selected Mount Hope wines. Before departing for home you will have time to visit the gift shop for some last-minute shopping. In addition to Mount Hope’s award-winning wines, the shop offers a wide selection of wine accessories, event souvenirs, children’s items, and gourmet food items for purchase. Please provide a meal choice when making your reservations. Your choices are Mount Hope Pot Roast (served with mixed vegetables and whipped potatoes) or Cauliflower Steak (served with mixed fingerling potatoes).



Included: Transportation, four-course meal, an interactive dinner theater show, a visit to Mount Hope Estate Winery & Gift Shop, wine tasting, and all taxes and tips including the driver.

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Trip #4	Baltimore Symphony Orchestra “Broadway Standing Ovations” & Family-Style Lunch at Sammy’s Trattoria Baltimore, Maryland Sunday, May 10, 2026			
Depart: 11:15 a.m. Return: 6:15 p.m.	Total Cost: \$154.00	Deposit: \$ 25.00	Final Pymt Due: 4/3/2026	

Join us at the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall for a spectacular Mother’s Day celebration as the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, led by the incomparable Conductor Jack Everly, presents “Broadway Standing Ovations.” Let Jack Everly be your guide on a journey through modern Broadway’s greatest hits, brought to life by a lineup of supremely talented guest vocalists. From the soul-stirring melodies of “Dear Evan Hansen” and “Waitress,” the glitz and glamour of “Moulin Rouge!” and “The Greatest Showman” to the iconic showstoppers from “Wicked,” this concert relives the Broadway moments that bring audiences to their feet. Experience the lush, cinematic power of a live orchestra as it amplifies the emotion, drama, and energy of your favorite Broadway tunes. Each song is reimagined with stunning orchestra arrangements, offering a fresh and thrilling perspective while preserving the heart of the originals. Before the show, enjoy a delicious family-style lunch at Sammy’s Trattoria, located in the historic Mount Vernon neighborhood on North Charles Street. Known for its hearty, freshly prepared southern Italian cuisine, Sammy’s offers a warm and elegant setting with high vaulted ceilings – perfect for a special day out!

Included: Transportation, family-style lunch, reserved seats for the show, and all taxes and tips, including the driver.

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Trip #5	Hudson Valley, New York June 22 - June 26, 2026 (Monday-Friday)		
Departure and Return times TBD	Deposit: \$200.00	Final Pymt Due: 4/13/26	
Total Cost (Per person): Single \$2390, Double \$1986, Triple \$1851 (This price is based on a minimum of 25 travelers. For fewer than 25 travelers, price will increase and will be determined by final number of travelers.)			

Day 1: We depart for the Hudson Valley in New York. When we arrive in NY, we'll discover the rich history and scenic beauty of the United States Military Academy at West Point on a guided bus tour. After checking into our hotel, enjoy dinner at Shadows on the Hudson, a waterfront restaurant located on a cliffside overlooking the Hudson River. **Day 2:** We take a relaxing sightseeing cruise and enjoy a clear view of historic Hudson River lighthouses, waterfront mansions, and other notable locations from the decks of the Rip van Winkle II. Lunch is on your own in Kingston Stockade District, a charming historic neighborhood known for its beautifully preserved 17th and 18th century architecture. After lunch, enjoy a guided tour of the Staatsburgh State Historic Site, the elegant Hudson River estate of Ruth Livingston Mills and Ogden Mills. **Day 3:** Our day begins with a guided tour of the Rockefeller Estate, Kykuit. This beautifully preserved hilltop mansion overlooks the Hudson River in Sleepy Hollow. Lunch will be on your own in Tarrytown. Enjoy Main Street with its cozy, small-town vibe and a delightful selection of cafés. Following lunch, we'll visit the Union Church of Pocantico Hills, a historic and architecturally stunning church built in 1921 by John D. Rockefeller Jr. Dinner tonight will be at Blu Pointe, a waterfront fine dining restaurant offering locally influenced, seasonal dishes while boasting stunning views of the Hudson River. **Day 4:** Visit the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum, the first presidential library in the nation, designed by FDR himself. Then, tour Springwood, FDR's lifelong home, where guides share insights into his personal life and legacy in the very rooms where he lived and led the country. For lunch, the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park offers a memorable dining experience at its acclaimed American Bounty Restaurant, where seasonal Hudson Valley ingredients are transformed into gourmet dishes by CIA students under the guidance of expert chefs. After lunch, take a guided tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site, a striking example of Gilded Age architecture and luxury followed by a visit to Millbrook Vineyards & Winery, hailed by The New York Times as the "Flagship Winery of the Hudson Valley." En route to our final destination of the day, Rhinebeck, enjoy a brief stop at the Richard B. Fisher Center for the Performing Arts at Bard College, a striking architectural landmark designed by Frank Gehry. Rhinebeck Village, with its historic architecture and charming, walkable streets, is an excellent stop for dinner on your own. **Day 5:** We begin our journey home, but not without a final stop to visit Lyndhurst, a stunning Gothic Revival mansion overlooking the Hudson River. This historic estate offers a glimpse into 19th-century architecture and lifestyle.



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Trip #6	The Kennedy Center – “Moulin Rouge!” The Musical & Family-style Lunch at Carmine’s Restaurant Washington, D.C. Thursday, July 2, 2026		
Depart: 9:30 a.m. Return: 6:00 p.m.	Total Cost: \$222.00	Deposit: \$25.00	Final Pymt Due: 5/22/26

Travel today to our nation’s capital, Washington, D.C., and spend a delightful afternoon with the cast of “Moulin Rouge!” The Musical at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Pop the champagne and prepare for the spectacular spectacle . . . Welcome to “Moulin Rouge!” The Musical! Enter a “euphoric, gasp-inspiring” (The New York Time) world of splendor and romance, of “eye-popping spectacle and off-the-charts energy!” (The Hollywood Reporter). Baz Luhrmann’s revolutionary film comes to life onstage, remixed in a new musical mash-up-extravaganza. The show follows Moulin Rouge star performer, Satine, and American man, Christian, as they navigate through a tumultuous love affair, and the complicating actions of Harold Zeigler, the Moulin Rouge owner, who is willing to do whatever necessary to not go bankrupt and save his beloved show and the jobs of all involved. This high spirited and lavish musical with a talented cast, incredible score, excellent choreography, stunning costumes, and jaw-dropping sets is a spectacular celebration of truth, beauty, freedom, and – above all – love! Before the show enjoy a delicious family-style lunch at Carmine’s Restaurant, serving up classic Italian fare since 1990 in Washington, D.C.



Included: Transportation, family-style lunch, reserved seats for the show, and all taxes and tips including the driver.

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Trip #7	Dorothy Megan Crab Feast Suicide Bridge, Hurlock MD Wednesday, August 12, 2026			
Depart: 10:00 a.m. Return: 6:00 p.m.	Total Cost: \$109.00	Deposit: \$25.00	Final Pymt Due: 7/22/26	

Welcome aboard the Dorothy-Megan, a working replica of an authentic paddlewheel riverboat, for a crab feast cruise. Enjoy a delicious crab feast consisting of steamed crabs, crab soup, fried chicken, clam strips, corn-on-the cob, coleslaw, dessert, ice tea, soda. Relax and take in the splendor of the Choptank River as the Dorothy-Megan cruises along the river.



Included: Transportation, luncheon and all taxes and tips, including the driver.

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Trip #8	Elvis: Aloha from Vegas <i>"The Ultimate Elvis Tribute"</i> Tropicana Casino - Atlantic City, New Jersey Thursday, September 24, 2026		
Depart: 6:45 a.m. Return: 9:45 p.m.	Total Cost: \$164.00	Deposit: \$25.00	Final Pymt Due: 8/26/2026

For a special day of entertainment and gaming excitement, travel to Atlantic City, New Jersey to see Elvis: Aloha from Vegas – “The Ultimate Elvis Tribute.” Elvis: Aloha from Vegas traces The King’s journey through the 70s, from a seven-year annual residency at the International Hotel in Las Vegas, running through the sold-out shows at Madison Square Garden, and culminating in a historic international live satellite broadcast from Hawaii, all set to unforgettable songs including “Burning Love,” “Suspicious Minds,” and of course, “Can’t Help Falling in Love.” The show features some of Elvis’s most popular songs, along with backup singers and a 7-piece band. Join us for an electrifying tribute show featuring mesmerizing performances that transport audiences back in time, bringing Elvis’s legendary music and charisma to life on stage. Before the show visit the Casino where you will receive a \$25.00 slot play and a delicious buffet lunch compliments of the Tropicana Casino. Try your luck, enjoy some time gaming, and hopefully experience the thrill of winning! **Note:** All passengers must travel with valid government-issued photo identification (such as an unexpired driver’s license or state ID) as required by the casino. You will not be issued a Rewards Card (slot play and food credit) without it. Fast food stops will be made both en route to the Tropicana Casino, and on the return trip home.



Included: Transportation, buffet lunch and \$25.00 slot play from the Tropicana Casino, and all taxes and tips, including the driver.

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Trip #9	Georgia's Bavarian Village & 56th Annual Oktoberfest Helen, Georgia October 19-24, 2026 (Monday-Saturday)		
Depart: 6:00 a.m. Return: 8:00 p.m.	Deposit: \$200.00	Final Pymt Due: 8/26/26	
Total Cost (per person): Single: \$1987.00, Double: \$1,387.00, Triple: \$1,197.00			

Travel to Helen, Georgia for an exceptional six-day motor coach vacation! Helen, Georgia started as a home to the Cherokee, and then to European settlers who came for the gold and the timber. Today, people come for the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Southeast's finest Bavarian Village. Enjoy breathtaking fall foliage scenery along every turn as we travel towards the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Georgia.

Highlights of our trip include: a guided tour of historic Helen, Georgia, a re-creation of a Bavarian Alpine village; the Billy Graham Library and lunch at the Graham Brothers Dairy Bar; visits to the Old Sautee Store; Nora Mill Granary, a working granary built in 1876 on the banks of the Chattahoochee River where we will see the original 1500 pound, forty-eight millstones turn and grind the grains sold there; and Babyland General Hospital, voted one of the Travel Channel's Top Ten Toylands, located in Cleveland Georgia, which is situated on 650 acres in the North Georgia Mountains. We will travel to Clarkesville, Georgia and the home of Mark of the Potter, where potters from around the southeast create hand-crafted, functional stoneware. We'll join in the fun at Helen's biggest yearly celebration, the 55th Annual Oktoberfest, where we will enjoy German music, food, drinks, and dancing. Don't forget your camera for a stunning photo-stop at Tallulah Gorge. One of the most spectacular canyons in the eastern U.S., Tallulah Gorge is two miles long and nearly 1,000 feet deep. A suspension bridge sways eighty feet above the rocky bottom, providing you spectacular views of the river and waterfalls. As we head for home with pleasant memories of Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains, scenic byways and brilliant landscapes highlighted with the colors of fall, and the rich treasures found in this unique region of the south, we will stop at Michie Tavern, an authentic 1784 pub in Charlottesville, Virginia for a buffet lunch.

Included:

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Trip #10	Christmas on the Potomac & ICE! Luncheon at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant National Harbor, Maryland Wednesday, November 18, 2026		
Depart: 12:30 p.m. Return: 7:30 p.m.	Total Cost: \$140.00	Deposit: \$25.00	Final Pymt Due: 9/30/2026

Start your holiday adventure in Alexandria, Virginia at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant with a delicious luncheon. A U.S. National Historic Landmark, Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant has been offering fine dining since 1770. Please provide a meal choice when making your reservations. Your choices are Ale Battered Codfish, Butternut Squash Ravioli, Chicken Salad, or Monte Cristo Virginia (puff pastry stuffed with Smithfield ham, smoked turkey, and Swiss cheese with a fresh berry sauce). Relax and relish the fellowship of friends old and new while you enjoy your meal! Following our luncheon, we depart for National Harbor, Maryland and the Gaylord National Hotel. National Harbor is a 300-acre waterfront destination located in southern Maryland along a panoramic stretch of the Potomac River. Upon our arrival, we visit ICE! the Gaylord National's signature holiday attraction. Unlike anything you have ever seen before, ICE! is a fantastical, indoor winter wonderland created by forty international artisans. Explore this unique world of imagination entirely hand-carved out of ice and celebrating the spirit of Christmas! We conclude our visit to the Gaylord National Hotel with some free time to explore the lavish and elaborate holiday décor of this fabulous hotel. Happy Holidays!



Included: Transportation, luncheon, admission to ICE!, and all taxes and tips, including the driver.

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Trip #11		Christmas Markets of Montreal & Quebec City December 2–8, 2026 (Wednesday-Tuesday)	
Departure and Arrival Times TBD.		Deposit: \$698.00	Final Pymt Due: 9/3/2026
Total Cost (per person) for bookings made by June 2, 2026: Single: \$4299.00, Double: \$3599.00, Triple: \$3549.00 For bookings made after June 2, 2026, please call Colette for rates, 800-852-5655 and ask for group sales.			

Enchanting winter experiences and magical Christmas markets await in Quebec City and Montreal, each with its own unique charm and character. Set out on a festive journey to two French Canadian cities in the heart of the holiday season. Inviting winter cityscapes await on this seven-day sojourn through the dazzling French-Canadian cities of Montreal and Quebec City. The trip features Quebec City’s German Christmas Markets, Montreal’s Christmas Markets, Montmorency Falls, Maple Sugar Shack and a Buche de Noel workshop.

Please ask for a brochure with a detailed itinerary and additional travel information. Trip booked on your own through Collette Tours.

For more information visit
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Included: Round trip air from Washington, D.C., air taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers

Trip #12		Stone Gables Estate Holiday Including a Christmas Dinner, Holiday Show & National Christmas Center Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania Thursday, December 3, 2026		
Depart: 7:45 a.m. Return: 5:45 p.m.		Total Cost: \$181.00	Deposit: \$25.00	Final Pymt Due: 10/21/2026

Welcome to Middletown, Pennsylvania and the National Christmas Center for the start of a “New Holiday Day Tour!” Upon our arrival, take a self-guided tour through the center and discover the whimsy and fantasy, the magic and memories, and the history and traditions of Christmas. With over 18,000 square feet of vintage Christmas décor featuring lights, trees, replicated store fronts decked out in 1950’s Christmas themes and much more the National Christmas Center is a wondrous nostalgic Christmas experience that will definitely take you back to fond memories of childhood and bring a smile to one’s face! Next, we take a short drive to Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania and the Stone Gables Estate for a delicious Christmas buffet dinner including hors d’oeuvres, beverages, and a medley of seasonal desserts. Since 1877, the majestic Gothic Revival-style Star Barn has been a landmark in the Central Pennsylvania landscape. The Barn has towering cupolas, four dominant louvered star ventilators, 56-foot-long vaulted stone tunnel, and other rare architectural features that make it a cut above the standard Pennsylvania bank barn. Following dinner, be dazzled and delighted with musical merriment during a special holiday show. Stocked with apple cider and candy canes and plenty of yuletide cheer onboard, South County Senior Center wishes you an enjoyable holiday get-away!



Included: Transportation, National Christmas Center, cocktail hour, appetizers, Christmas buffet dinner, reserved seats for the show, and all taxes and tips, including the driver.

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Bus Trip and Tour Committee Rules

- Trips are open to all Anne Arundel County Senior Activity Center members. Current key tags must be shown when registering for trips.
- Participants must be self-sufficient to go on trips. A physician's certification of approval for travel may be requested by the Bus Trip Committee.
- Anyone who has exhibited inappropriate behavior must be approved by the Bus Trip Committee before traveling.
- Registration will commence upon receipt of the required deposit. Checks are preferred. The Bus Trip Committee is unable to take credit cards as payment for most trips.
- All monies are non-refundable once final payment is made. If a participant cancels for any reason after final payment is made, no refund will be issued unless a replacement can be found from the waiting list. Certain exceptions will be handled on a case by case basis by the Bus Trip Committee. Refunds will not be issued until after the trip has taken place.
- Participants must furnish their own transportation to and from departure points.
- Absolutely no smoking or alcoholic beverages are allowed on the buses.
- Trip participants will sign a Release of Liability form for each trip.
- Buses will not wait for anyone. Participants must adhere to scheduled arrival and departure times.
- Participants should avoid contaminating others on the day of a trip by staying home when suffering from communicable illnesses (e.g. flu, colds, Covid, etc.)
- Participants should avoid using strong or excessive fragrances while on the bus to avoid causing allergic or other adverse reactions in other passengers.

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