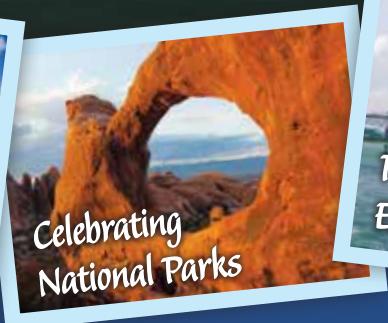
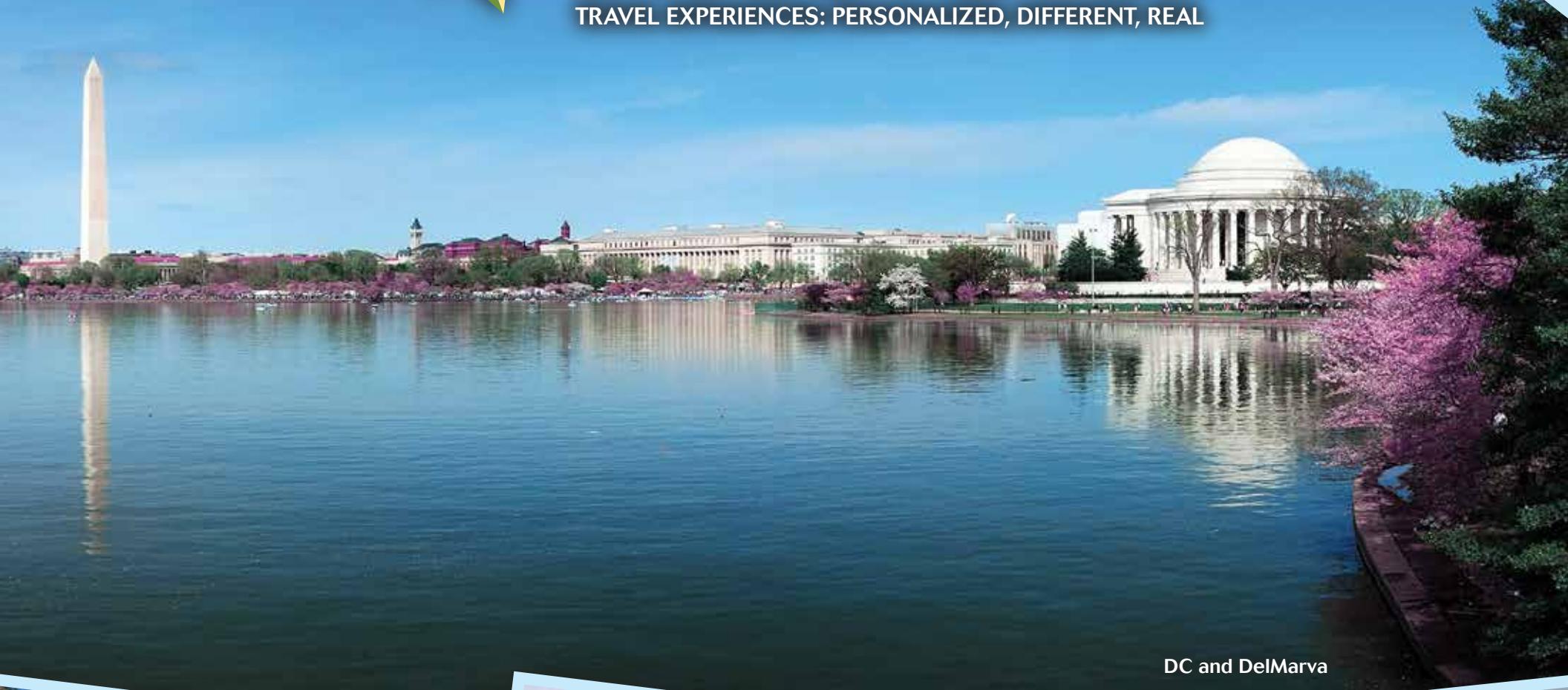




Country Travel DISCOVERIES

TRAVEL EXPERIENCES: PERSONALIZED, DIFFERENT, REAL

2016
CALENDAR



DC and DelMarva

*“I travel a lot; I hate having
my life disrupted by routine.”*
—Caskie Stinnett



JANUARY 2016

What better way to ring in the New Year than being immersed in the world famous Tournament of Roses, right up close, and a sunny SoCal winter getaway in fashionable Huntington Beach?

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 <i>AK Statehood 1959</i>	28  <i>Jim Leuenberger</i>	29  <i>Jim Leuenberger</i>	30	31	1 127th Tournament of Roses Parade New Year's Day	2 <i>GA Statehood 1788</i>
3 <i>UT Statehood 1896</i>	4	5	6 <i>NM Statehood 1912</i>	7 Orthodox Christmas	8	9 <i>CT Statehood 1788</i>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 <i>Freya Stark born 1893</i>	25	26 <i>MI Statehood 1837</i>	27 <i>Panama RR completed 1855</i> <i>National Geographic Society established 1888</i>	28	29 <i>KS Statehood 1861</i>	30 <i>Around the World in 80 Days published 1873</i>



*“Travel is the only thing you buy
that makes you richer.”*

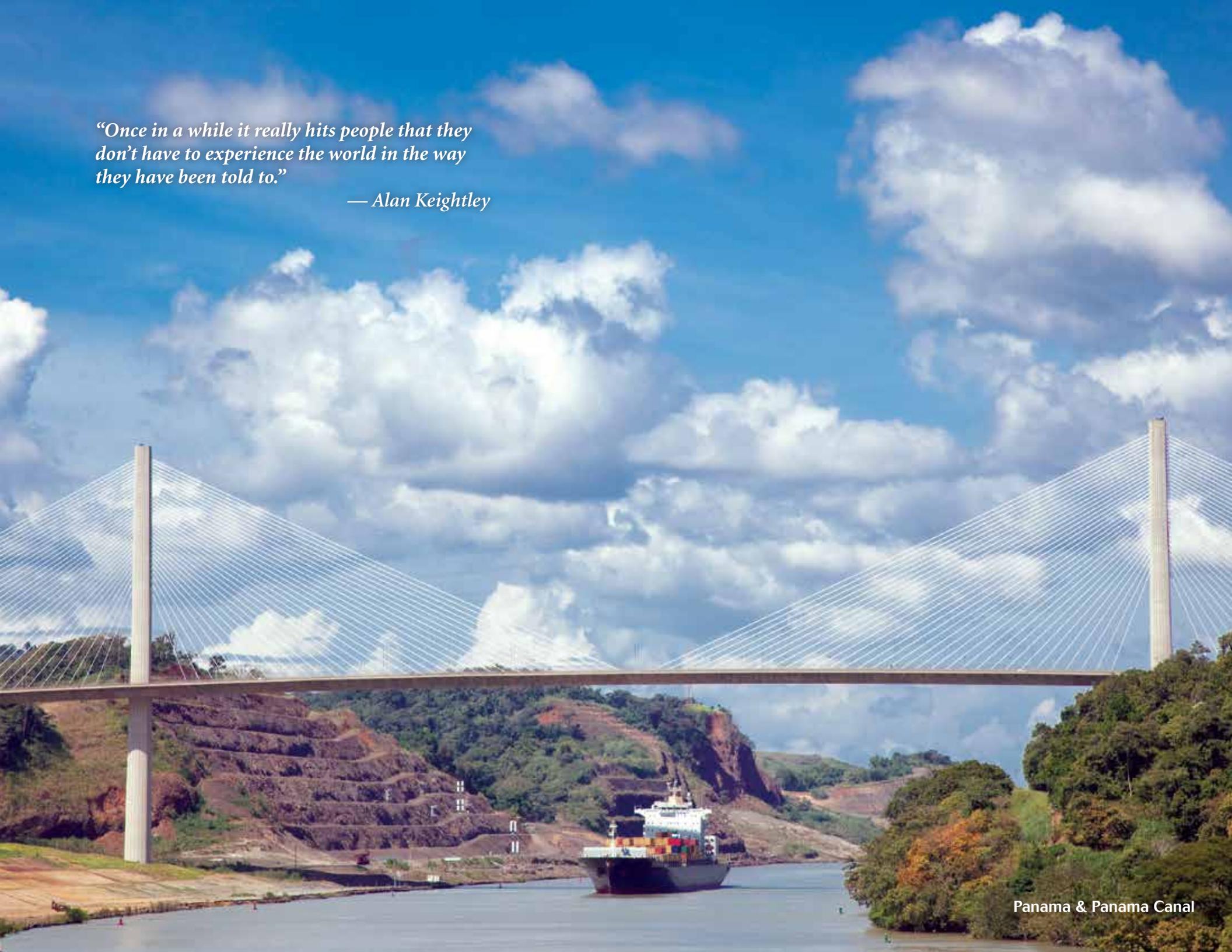
—Anonymous

FEBRUARY 2016



Sanibel Island's unique conditions make it renowned for its bountiful seashells, and an ideal home for the only museum in the U.S. dedicated solely to shells and mollusks—as seen on Florida: Sunshine State of Mind.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 <i>Country Travel DISCOVERIES founded 2012</i> National Freedom Day	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 <i>Launch of Cunard's RMS Britannia starts first trans-Atlantic steam ocean liner service 1804</i>	6 <i>MA Statehood 1788</i>
7	8 Chinese New Year	9 Mardi Gras	10 Ash Wednesday	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 <i>AZ Statehood 1912</i> <i>OR Statehood 1859</i> Valentines Day	15 Presidents Day	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>World's first steam locomotive journey occurs in Wales 1804</i>	22 George Washington's Birthday	23	24	25 <i>Ibn Battuta born 1304</i> <i>Bryce Canyon NP established 1928</i>	26 <i>Denali NP established 1917</i> <i>Grand Canyon NP established 1919</i>	27
28	29	1	2	3	4 	5



*“Once in a while it really hits people that they
don’t have to experience the world in the way
they have been told to.”*

— Alan Keightley

MARCH 2016

It's been called "Monument of the Millennium" and one of "Seven Wonders of the Modern World" and now it's getting BIGGER with the historic Panama Canal Expansion Project, planned to double the capacity of the Canal by 2016!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28		29 <i>OH Statehood 1803 NE Statehood 1867 Yellowstone NP established 1872 St. David's Day (Wales)</i>	1 <i>Texas Independence Day</i>	2	3 <i>Mackinac National Park established 1875 FL Statehood 1845</i>	4 <i>VT Statehood 1791</i>
6	7 <i>Guam Discovery Day (Guam)</i>	8 <i>International Women's Day (UN)</i>	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	14	15 <i>ME Statehood 1820</i>	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18	19 <i>Breitling Orbiter 3 first balloon circumnavigation 1999</i>
20 <i>Vernal Equinox International Happiness Day (UN)</i>	21	22	23	24 <i>Purim</i>	25 <i>Good Friday</i>	26
27 <i>Easter</i>	28 <i>Seward's Day (AK)</i>	29	30	31 <i>Transfer Day (U.S. Virgin Islands)</i>	1 	2



“Travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent, in the ideas of living.”

— Mary Ritter Beard

APRIL 2016



Windmills and Dutch Masters, treasures of the Netherlands we'll visit in this year's Holland & Belgium in Bloom, and at the start of our Romantic Rhine River & Switzerland.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
					April Fools Day	Pascua Florida Day (FL)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
			Tartan Day (U.S./Canada)			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Arches NP established 1929	Thomas Jefferson Birthday	Pan American Day	Emancipation Day Observed (D.C.)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Patriot's Day (MA, ME)		Chinese Language Day (UN)	San Jacinto Day (TX)	Earth Day	Passover Begins
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
			<i>Led by Thor Heyerdahl, Kon-Tiki sets sail from Peru 1947</i>	<i>MD Statehood 1788</i>	<i>Arbor Day (NE)</i>	<i>LA Statehood 1812</i> <i>NY State Park at Niagara Falls established 1885</i>
King's Day (Holland)						



“We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.”

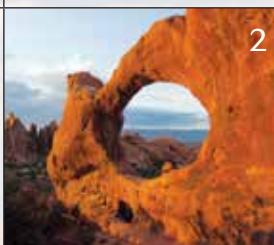
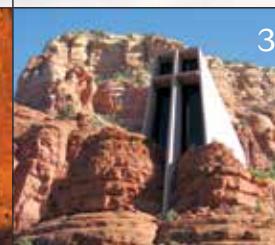
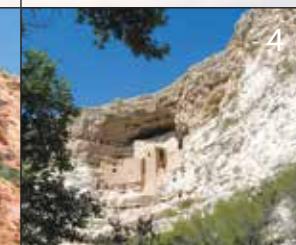
— Jawaharlal Nehru

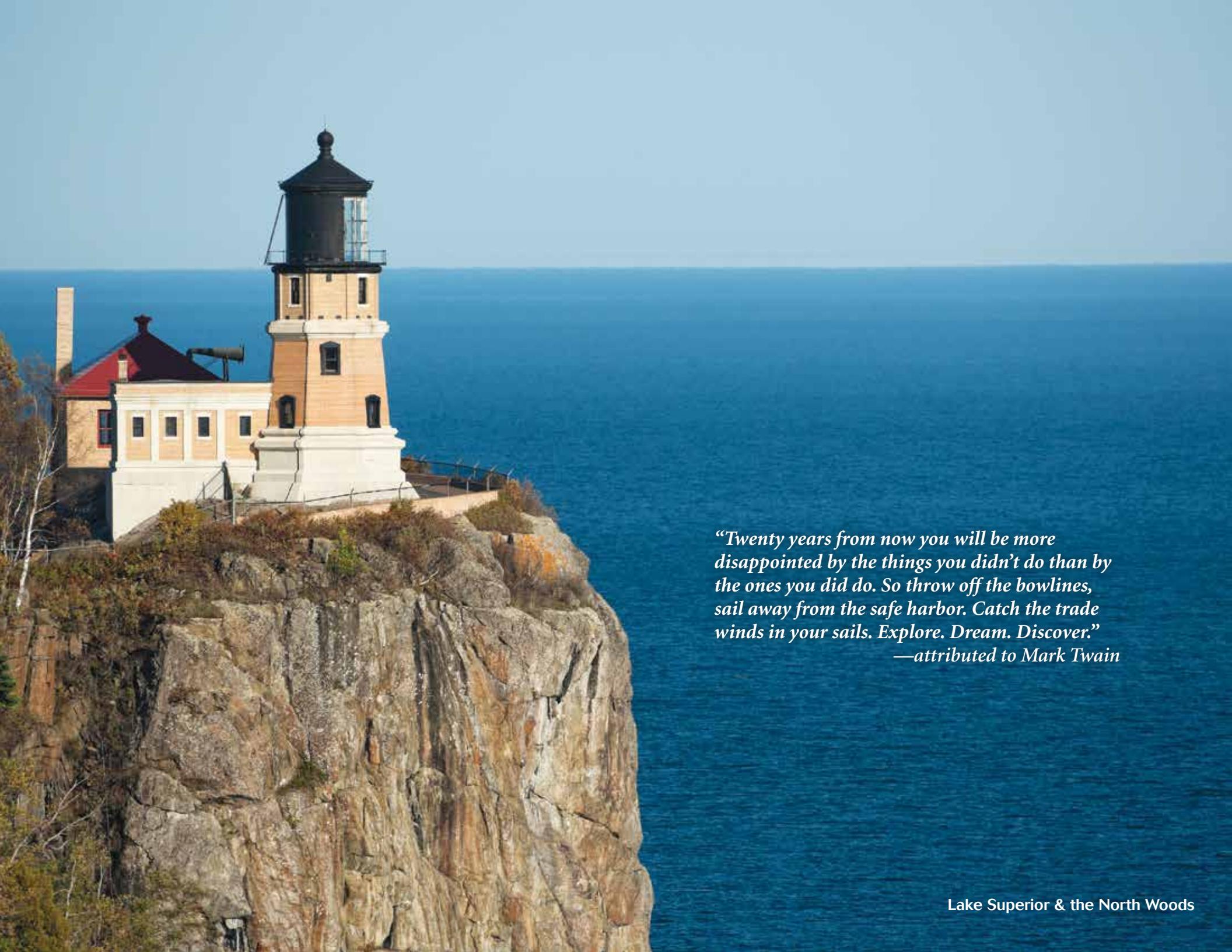
Grand Canyon & Red Rocks

MAY 2016



In 2016, when the U.S. National Parks Service marks its 100th anniversary, we will explore breathtaking desert treasures in Grand Canyon & Red Rocks, including Grand Canyon, Arches, Bryce, Zion and Capitol Reef national parks.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 National Travel Week Begins (U.S.) May Day	2	3 U.S. Travel Rally Day	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9 Europe Day (EU)	10 <i>Transcontinental RR completed 1869</i>	11 <i>MN Statehood 1858</i> <i>Glacier NP established 1910</i>	12	13	14 <i>Lewis & Clark expedition starts 1804</i> National Train Day
15 Pentecost (Western)	16	17	18	19	20 <i>Christopher Columbus born 1506</i> Vesak (Buddha's Birthday) (UN)	21 Armed Forces Day
22 <i>Crater Lake NP established 1902</i> National Maritime Day (U.S.)	23 <i>SC Statehood 1788</i> Victoria Day (Canada)	24 <i>Ontario Niagara Parks established 1888</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>Sierra Club founded 1892</i>
29 <i>RI Statehood 1790</i> <i>WI Statehood 1848</i>	30 Memorial Day	31	1	2 	3 	4 



“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

—attributed to Mark Twain

JUNE 2016



From the pristine shores of the greatest Great Lake to Mississippi River vistas to fertile farm lands, a wealth of beauty awaits in Lake Superior & the North Woods.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	29	30	31	1	2	3
				<i>TN Statehood 1796 KY Statehood 1792</i>		4
5 <i>Orient Express begins service 1883</i>	6 <i>Ramadan Begins (approx.)</i>	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Kamehameha Day (HI)</i>
12 <i>Shavuot</i>	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 <i>Smoky Mtn. NP established 1934 AR Statehood 1836</i>	16	17 <i>Icelandic Republic Day</i>	18 <i>Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park established 1932</i>
19 <i>Pentecost (Eastern) Father's Day</i>	20 <i>WV Statehood 1863 June Solstice</i>	21 <i>NH Statehood 1788</i>	22	23 <i>Canada's first national park, Rocky Mountains Park, established at Banff 1887</i>	24	25 <i>VA Statehood 1788</i>
26	27 <i>Ady Gil breaks record for powerboat circumnavigation in 61 days—2008</i>	28	29 <i>Launch of Prinzess Victoria Luise, considered the first pleasure cruise ship 1900 Mesa Verde NP established 1906</i>	30		1
						2



“Nobody can discover the world for somebody else. Only when we discover it for ourselves does it become common ground and a common bond and we cease to be alone.”

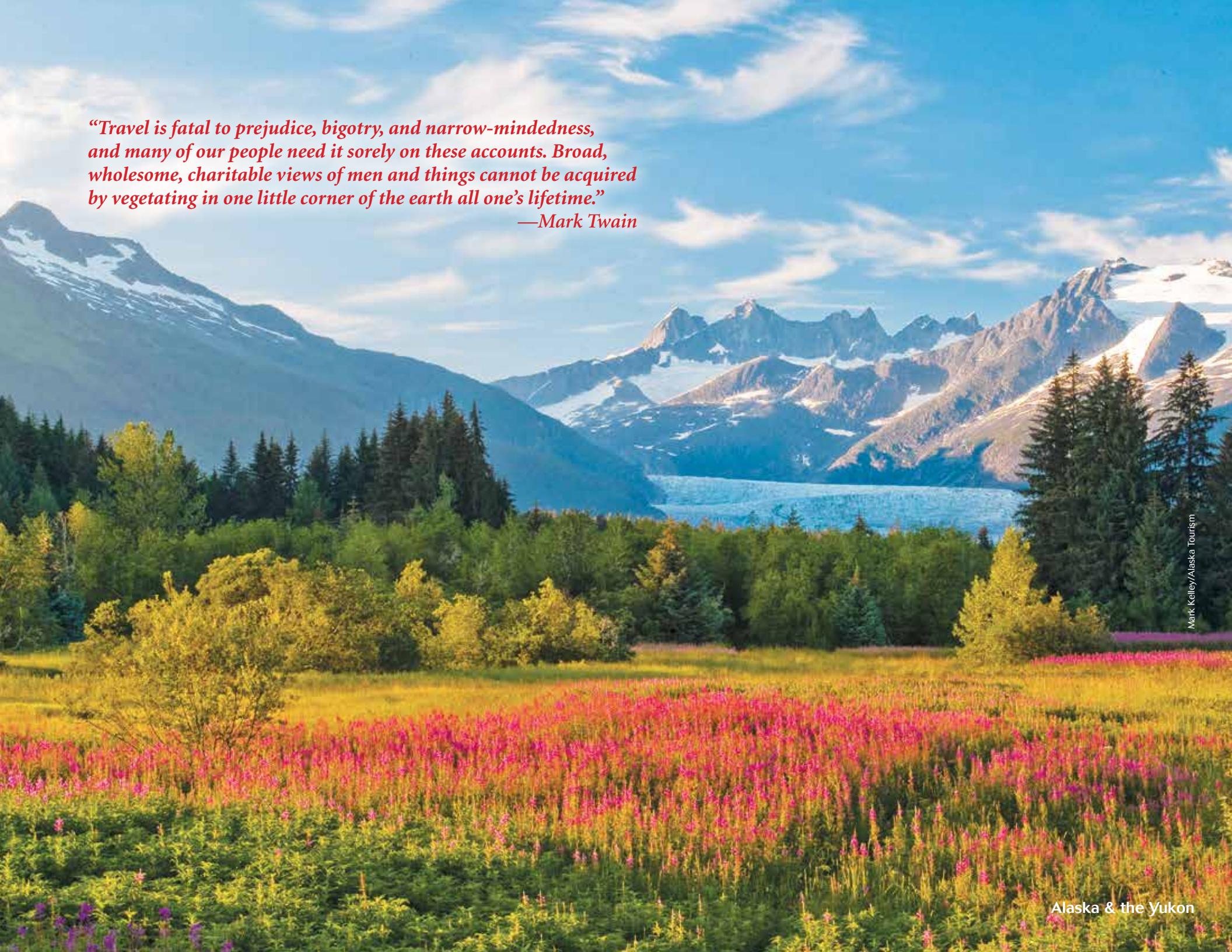
— Wendell Berry

JULY 2016



We'll discover the natural and cultural riches of British Columbia's Pacific Coast, from Vancouver's lively downtown to Victoria's classic gardens to the stunning forests and mountainscapes surrounding these twin jewels of western Canada.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28 Tourism Vancouver 	29	30	1	2 Canada Day
3 <i>ID Statehood 1890</i>	4 Independence Day	5 <i>Travel agency pioneer Thomas Cook arranges his first travel group by rail 1841</i>	6	7	8	9
10 <i>WY Statehood 1890</i>	11	12 <i>Expedition 360 sets off on human-powered circumnavigation quest 1994</i>	13	14	15 <i>NY Reservation State Park at Niagara opens 1885</i>	16 <i>Washington, D.C. declared the U.S. capital 1790</i>
17	18	19	20	21 Bastille Day (France)	22	23
24 Pioneer Day (UT)	25	26 <i>NY Statehood 1788</i>	27	28 Belgian National Day	29	30
31 <i>Jack London sails for the Klondike 1897</i>						

A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, a field of vibrant pink and yellow wildflowers stretches across the frame. Behind the flowers is a dense forest of green coniferous trees. Further back, a massive mountain range with several peaks covered in snow and ice rises against a bright blue sky with wispy white clouds. A large, blue, ice-covered body of water, likely a glacier, is visible in the middle ground between the forest and the mountains.

*“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness,
and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad,
wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired
by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.”*

—Mark Twain

Mark Kelley/Alaska Tourism

Alaska & the Yukon

AUGUST 2016



Find pristine waterways, ancient glaciers, magnificent mountain peaks, bountiful wildlife, and rich native and gold rush history in "the Last Frontier".

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 31	1 <i>CO Statehood 1876</i>	2	3 <i>Columbus sets sail from Spain 1492</i>	4	5	6
7	8 <i>Maiden trip of the Stourbridge Lion, first steam locomotive in the U.S.</i>	9 <i>International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (UN)</i>	10 <i>Ferdinand Magellan sails from Seville 1519</i> <i>MO Statehood 1821</i>	11	12	13
14	15 <i>First official Panama Canal crossing 1914</i>	16 <i>Gold found near Dawson, Yukon Territory 1896</i>	17	18	19 <i>National Aviation Day (U.S.)</i>	20
21 <i>HI Statehood 1959</i>	22 <i>John Fitch makes first steamboat voyage from Philadelphia to Burlington, NJ 1787</i>	23	24	25 <i>Happy birthday, NPS!</i> <i>U.S. National Park Service established 1916</i>	26 <i>Women's Equality Day</i>	27 <i>LBJ Day (TX)</i>
28	29	30	31  Holland America	1	2	3



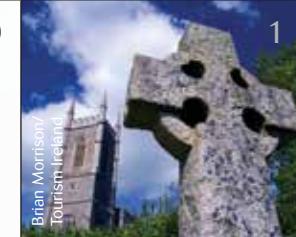
“Our happiest moments as tourists always seem to come when we stumble upon one thing while in pursuit of something else.”

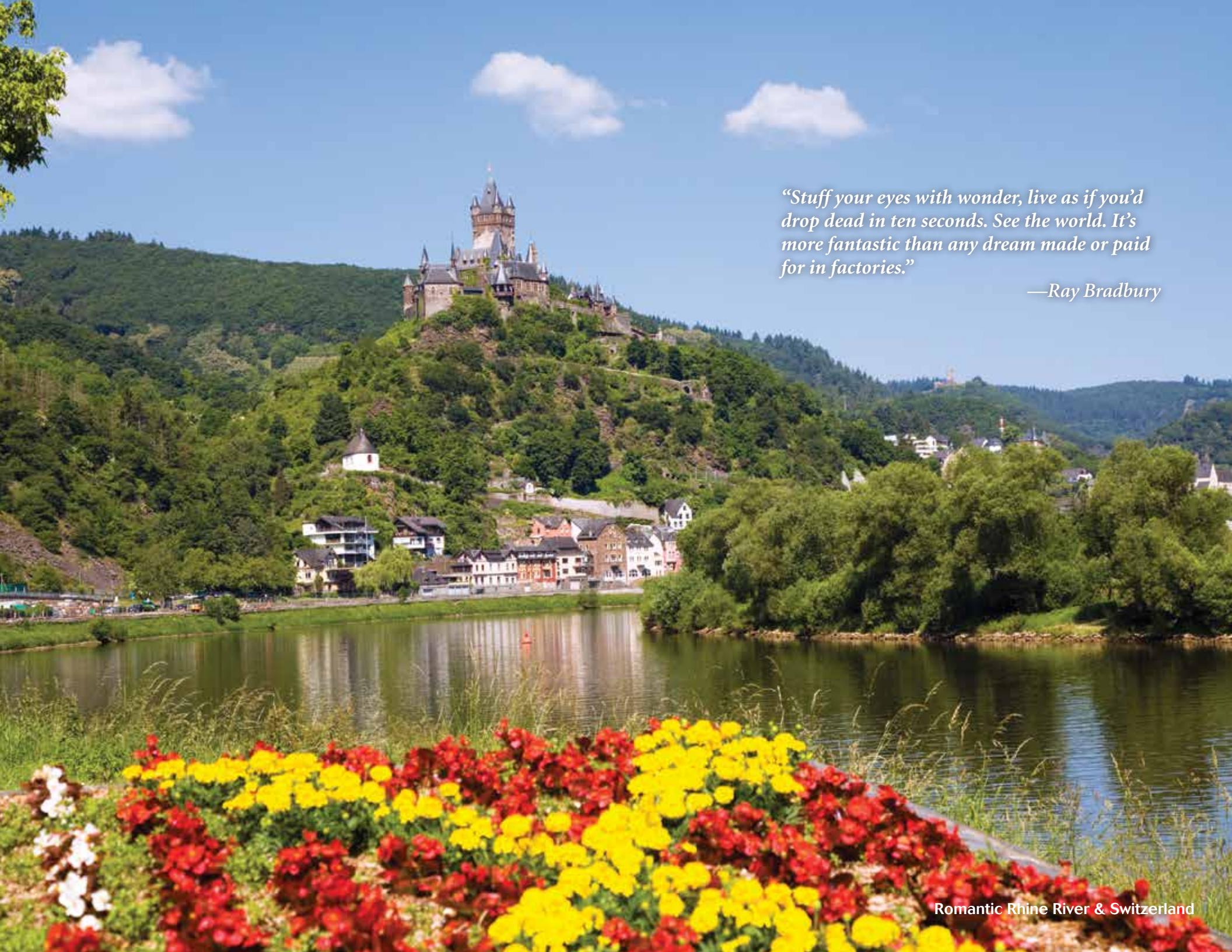
— Lawrence Block

SEPTEMBER 2016



From the legendary Cliffs of Moher to bustling Dublin, the famed Blarney Stone to a rustic sheep farm, we'll discover the colorful history and proud traditions of the Emerald Isle in Ireland: A Celtic Jaunt.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
 <p><i>David Sefton/Tourism Ireland</i></p>				<i>Conde Nast Traveler</i> first published 1987		
4	5 <i>On the Road</i> published 1957 Labor Day	6 <i>Time to watch for CTD's 2017 Catalog soon!</i>	7	8	9	10 Federal Lands Cleanup Day
11 Patriot Day (U.S.)	12	13 <i>Great Sand Dunes NP established 2004</i>	14	15 <i>Marco Polo born 1254</i>	16	17
18	19	20	21 International Peace Day (UN)	22 Autumnal Equinox	23 <i>Lewis & Clark return from 2½ year expedition 1806</i>	24
25	26	27 World Tourism Day (UN)	28 <i>U.S. pilots complete 1st aerial circumnavigation 1924</i>	29	30	1  <i>Brian Morrison/ Tourism Ireland</i>



“Stuff your eyes with wonder, live as if you'd drop dead in ten seconds. See the world. It's more fantastic than any dream made or paid for in factories.”

—Ray Bradbury

OCTOBER 2016



Rolling vineyards, cliff-top castles, charming villages and fairytale cities will surround us as we wind our way through the Romantic Rhine River & Switzerland on CTD's exclusive charter cruise in 2016.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	25	26	27	28	29	30
						1
	2	3	4	5	6	7
Rosh Hashanah Begins	German Unity Day					8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Leif Erikson Day (U.S.)	Columbus Day		Yom Kippur		Eugene Fodor born 1905	<i>U.S. National Historic Preservation Act becomes law to preserve historical sites and landmarks 1966</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<i>Alaskan territory transferred from Russia to U.S. 1867</i> Alaska Day (AK)				
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	United Nations Day					
Diwali begins	NV Statehood 1864	31	Erie Canal completed 1825			Statue of Liberty inauguration 1886
	Halloween					



"I haven't been everywhere, but it's on my list."

—Susan Sontag

NOVEMBER 2016



Verdant mountain rainforests, scenic byways, rolling horse country and majestic gardens—Blue Ridge Country & Biltmore Estate reveals the rich cultures and natural wonders of this lush region between Nashville, TN and Asheville, NC.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		<i>Maastricht Treaty establishes EU 1993</i>	<i>ND & SD Statehood 1889</i>			
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7 <i>Canada transcontinental RR completed 1885</i> <i>Capt James Cook born 1728</i>	8 <i>MT Statehood 1889</i> <i>Lewis & Clark reach Pacific 1805</i> <i>U.S. Election Day</i>	9	10 <i>Theodore Roosevelt NP established 1978</i> <i>Martin Luther born 1483</i>	11 <i>WA Statehood 1889</i> Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16 <i>OK Statehood 1907</i> <i>Convention establishing the UNESCO World Heritage Program adopted 1972</i>	17	18	19 <i>Zion NP established 1919</i>
20	21 <i>NC Statehood 1789</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1 Thanksgiving	2 	3
	<i>Panama Independence Day</i>					

“Once a year, go someplace you’ve never been before.”
—Dalai Lama



DECEMBER 2016



For festive warmth, sheer opulence and breadth of activities, nothing compares to getting a head-start on the holidays at the world-renowned Gaylord Opryland Resort in an Opryland Christmas & Nashville.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
					<i>Kenai Fjords NP established 1980</i>	<i>IL Statehood 1818</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			<i>DE Statehood 1787</i>			<i>MS Statehood 1817</i>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<i>IN Statehood 1816</i> International Mountain Day (UN)	<i>PA Statehood 1787</i>		<i>Roald Amundsen 1st explorer to reach South Pole 1911</i> <i>AL Statehood 1819</i>			<i>Wright Brothers 1st successful flight 1903</i>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>NJ Statehood 1787</i> <i>Capitol Reef NP established 1971</i>			<i>December Solstice</i>			<i>Hannukah Begins</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas Day	Kwanzaa Begins Wren's Day (Ireland)	<i>HMS Beagle voyage begins 1831</i>	<i>IA Statehood 1846</i>	<i>TX Statehood 1845</i>		<i>New Year's Eve</i>



New York, New York!



Holland & Belgium in Bloom



Alaska & the Yukon



Canadian Rockies & Glacier NP



Nebraska Life



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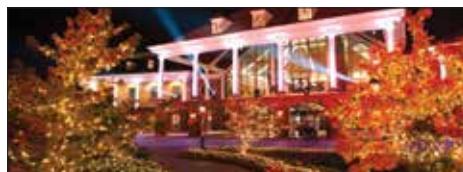
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West Virginia's Mountain Railroads



Lake Michigan Treasures & Mackinac



Opryland Christmas & Nashville



Panama & the Panama Canal



Romantic Rhine River & Switzerland



The Sonoma Experience



Colorado's Vintage Railways



North Dakota Legends



Niagara Falls & Western New York



Branson Christmas Countdown



Mighty Mississippi & Cajun Country



Rose Parade Holiday



Lake Superior & the North Woods



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About Country Travel DISCOVERIES

Headquartered in Elm Grove, Wisconsin, Country Travel DISCOVERIES (CountryTravelDiscoveries.com) was formed in 2012 by staff members of World Wide Country Tours, which was closed by its parent company after four decades.

CTDs' founding president and owner, Steve Uelner, served as WWCT's Director for 25 years. Uelner and his team of travel experts are dedicated to providing the high quality, service, and unique experiences their customers have always enjoyed in favorite destinations throughout the world.

Winter Escapes

Florida: Sunshine State of Mind Feb 5-12
Florida: Sunshine State of Mind Feb 12-19
Mighty Mississippi & Cajun Country Feb 21-28

Spring Forward

Panama & the Panama Canal Apr 6-13
Heart of Texas Hill Country Apr 10-16
Holland & Belgium in Bloom Apr 10-18
DC & DelMarVA Apr 16-22
Grand Canyon & Red Rocks Apr 18-27
Coastal Carolina & Georgia Shores Apr 22-29
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Grand Canyon & Red Rocks May 2-11
Blue Ridge Country & the Biltmore May 8-14

Summer Adventures

Our Iowa & Mississippi River Jun 12-17
Alaska & the Yukon Jul 5-18
Niagara Falls & Western New York Jul 10-16
Lake Michigan Treasures & Mackinac Jul 10-17
Nebraska Life Jul 17-23
Colorado's Vintage Railways Jul 17-24
Alaska & the Yukon Jul 19-Aug 1
Canadian Rockies & Glacier NP Jul 22-28
North Dakota Legends Jul 24-30
"Get Active" Vancouver & Victoria Jul 31-Aug 5
North Dakota Legends Jul 31-Aug 6
Canadian Rockies & Glacier NP Aug 5-11
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Our Iowa & Mississippi River Aug 14-19
West Virginia's Mountain Railroads Aug 16-22
Alaska & the Yukon Aug 16-29
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Our Iowa's Western Treasures Aug 23-29
Oregon's Natural Wonders Aug 28-Sep 3
North Dakota Legends Aug 28-Sep 3

Fall Favorites

Ireland: A Celtic Jaunt Sep 6-16
Our Iowa & Mississippi River Sep 11-16
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Lake Michigan Treasures & Mackinac Sep 11-18
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Autumn in New England Sep 30-Oct 7
Romantic Rhine River Cruise & Switzerland Oct 1-12
Blue Ridge Country & the Biltmore Oct 2-8
Our Iowa & Mississippi River Oct 2-7
West Virginia's Mountain Railroads Oct 3-9
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Autumn in New England Oct 7-14
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New York, New York! Oct 11-16
Heart of Texas Hill Country Oct 23-29

Holiday Celebrations

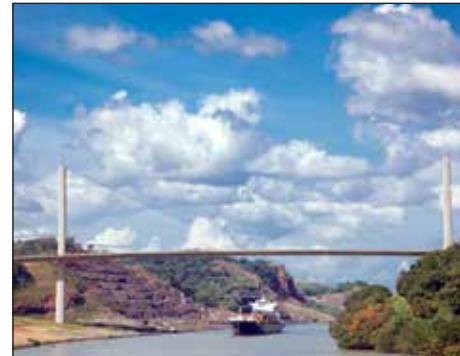
Branson Christmas Countdown Nov 9-13
Opryland Christmas & Nashville Dec 5-8
Rose Parade Holiday Dec 30, 2016-Jan 3, 2017

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