



First National Bank of Waterloo Classic 55 Club Newsletter January—February 2025

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Notes and things...

Cancellations & Refund Process— Please contact Darcy as soon as possible to cancel your reservation. The stand by list will be utilized to try and fill your reservation. **Feel free to contact friends or family to take your spot.** If we cannot find a replacement, a refund will be given in the amount returned from our tour company, usually live performance tickets, meals, prepaid tours are non-refundable.

Motorcoach Seating—Motorcoach seating is on the first come/first seated basis. Assigned/reserved seating will be at the front of the coach for those travelers who have mobility or medical issues. Please mention your needs when making your reservation. Otherwise it is first come/first seated. Remember access to the coach will start **10-15 minutes** prior to departure. **In Waterloo, please wait for the bank representative to invite you to load the coach.**

Payment Options—Payment is required to secure your day trip reservation. Payment can be made by check, cash or debiting an FNB account.

Entrée Choices—If entrées are listed in the trip description, please provide your choice when making your reservation. Also, please give any food allergies or meal restrictions (i.e.: gluten free, vegetarian, vegan)

Newsletters—Our newsletters are published & mailed to be received on the 1st day of the odd numbered months of the year (January, March, May etc.) If you do not receive your copy by the 5th of the month, feel free to ask for a copy at your local banking center or go to our Classic 55 Club page www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/ to view online. If you would like to receive your newsletter by email only, please contact Darcy with your email address.

Email Newsletter— An electronic newsletter is sent out during the even months that a paper newsletter is not mailed. There are times that a new trip announcement will be made in this E-newsletter. While I understand not every customer utilizes email, there are occasions that an event needs to be promoted prior to the next newsletter. Watch our website for any new or upcoming trips. www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/.

Activity “Sneaker” Rating—Please make sure to review our sneaker rating for each trip & call Darcy if you have concerns. **Everyone must be able to board the motor coach without assistance. If you are more comfortable using a walking stick, cane or walker we encourage you to bring it along. Wheelchair users must travel with a companion.** We want to make sure everyone is safe & can enjoy the destinations we visit.



Holiday tours are some of my favorite! Seeing cities all decked out in their finest decorations is always such a treat!

This year Chicago, IL did not disappoint!

Our motorcoach was decorated and our members donned Christmas sweaters and hats to help spread Christmas Cheer! The Christkindlemarkt, local guided Downtown Chicago Bakery Bus Tour of 6 local bakeries and the Odyssey Dinner Cruise of the Chicago Skyline really put us in the holiday spirit! Free time was spent viewing the decorations in Macy’s (formerly Marshall-Fields), exploring the Theater District, Millennium Park and strolling the Magnificent Mile! There may have been a visit (or 2) to Garrett’s Popcorn, TJ MAXX and the Billy Goat Tavern! We ended our tour with a relaxing Amtrak ride home to Alton. There were lots of laughs and new friendships made on our trip to the Windy City.

Watch for details for our 2025 holiday tour to Nashville, Tennessee and the Gaylord Opryland Resort. We will enjoy 2 shows, tours and all that Nashville & Broadway have to offer! I hope you can join us for our holiday tour to Music City.

Thank you for making 2024 such an exciting year for the Classic 55 Club! It has been a blessing to travel with you and make so many memories. Plans for 2025 are almost complete and I look forward to not only traveling with you but seeing you at community events including Waterloo Mundy Band Concert and our Annual Classic 55 Dinner (details announced in our March 2025 newsletter).

Darcy



UPCOMING DAY TRIPS WATERLOO & COLUMBIA PICK UPS

TRIP	DATE	PICK UP/DROP OFF LOCATIONS & TIMES	COST/ PERSON
St Louis Blues vs Golden Knights Date Corrected on	1/23/2025	Waterloo 4:45 PM/11:00 PM Columbia 5:00 PM/10:45 PM	NEW PRICE \$199
<p>(3 sneakers) LET'S GO BLUES! Join us when The St. Louis Blues take the ice against the Vegas Golden Knights. Last year's all inclusive tickets were such a hit, that we have secured Terrace Corner Seating— Section 118T again. Tickets include: beer, wine, soda, water & stadium food (available 1.5 hours pre-game through the end of the second period), wider, padded seats with extra legroom & access to The Bud Light Sports Pub. Ticket, motorcoach & driver gratuity included. Gratuity for our in seat server is NOT INCLUDED. Please bring cash for tipping. 9 tickets remaining.</p>			
Shucked @ The Fabulous Fox	2/12/2025	Waterloo 4:15 PM/10:45 PM Columbia 4:30 PM/10:30 PM	\$184
<p>(2 sneakers) SHUCKED is the Tony Award®-winning musical comedy <i>The Wall Street Journal</i> calls "flat out hilarious!" This corn-fed, corn-bred American musical is sure to satisfy your appetite for great musical theater. Prior to the show, we will enjoy a group dining experience in a private area with a show-themed buffet. Pricing includes motorcoach transportation, buffet dinner, orchestra seat for Shucked, gratuity to driver. <i>Shucked contains adult themes, moments of adult language and a harvest of corny innuendo.</i> Join our stand by list.</p>			
Irish in St. Louis **NEW TOUR**	3/07/2025	Waterloo 9:10 AM/5:20 PM Columbia 9:30 AM/5:00 PM	\$159
<p>(3 sneakers) We start our day at the fastest growing parish in the St. Louis Archdiocesan located in the heart of the Irish neighborhood belovedly called Dogtown. Enjoy the magnificent architecture of St. James the Greater church and learn the history of its past and its future. Then it's off for lunch at John D. McGurk's, where Irish history meets Souldard tradition. This local favorite is among the top class of Irish Pubs in the St. Louis area offering great food, drink, and entertainment. Limited lunch menu will include choice of Russell Street Reuben Sandwich, McGurk's Burger with cheese, Turkey Club or Fish and Chips. All entrees served with house made chips, whiskey bread pudding for dessert. The Kerry Cottage the only Irish shop in St. Louis is a charming Irish oasis where you'll discover quality clothing, jewelry, fine crystal, and china from the Emerald Isle. We enjoy a short tour of the Campbell House Museum, home of renowned fur trader and entrepreneur Robert Campbell and his family from 1854 until 1938 and after enjoy a performance by Irish dancers from St. Louis Irish Arts. Pricing includes tours, motorcoach transportation, lunch including non alcoholic drinks, & all gratuities. Please provide your entrée choice with reservation.</p>			
CityPark & Rawlings Experience **NEW TOUR**	4/11/2025	Waterloo 9:00 AM/4:05 PM Columbia 9:20 AM/3:45 PM	\$139
<p>(3 sneakers) Our day begins with a visit & tour at the new St. Louis City SC's stadium. CITYPARK is more than just a stadium for <u>Major League Soccer's St. Louis CITY SC</u>. It's a source of civic pride and a beacon for downtown St. Louis. The 32-acre CITYPARK stadium district is the largest urban professional sports campus in the U.S. and the only one with a stadium, team headquarters, team store and practice facility all within the same footprint. Lunch will be enjoyed at the newly renovated Maggie O'Brien's an iconic, local spot for St. Louis. Lunch choices will be from a limited menu. Our afternoon will be spent visiting the brand new Rawlings Experience in Westport, which offers sports fans a truly memorable and immersive experience. Explore Rawlings' rich history with a one-of-a-kind timeline showcasing key milestones in the brand's history and the most memorable moments in the game. Experience the past, present and future of ball gloves in the 'Rawlings Glove Vault' which features current and historic Rawlings Gold Glove Awards® as well as game-day glove designs of former pro legends and modern-day MLB® superstars. Get your picture taken with the giant Rawlings Gold Glove Award® statue and mega-sized official Rawlings baseball, amongst other pieces of unique memorabilia. Price includes motorcoach transportation, guide, stadium tour, inclusive lunch, visit to the Rawlings Experience, gratuities for guide & driver. Great tour for St Louis sports fans!</p>			
Big Things in a Small Town	5/13/2025	Waterloo 7:00 AM/6:45 PM Columbia 7:20 AM/6:00 PM	\$139
<p>(3 sneakers) Today we head northeast to the small town of Casey, IL, where big things are happening, in fact, 12 of the World's Largest attractions call Casey, IL home. We'll see the World's Largest Mailbox, which stands more than 32 feet tall and can hold over 5,000 cubic feet of mail! Visitors can climb into the mailbox and watch the red flag raise! Next it's on to the World's Largest Rocking Chair. Made mostly of recycled material, all the wood was salvaged from old telephone poles and metal pipes that were once used to transfer oil. Across the street from the rocking chair, see the World's Largest Wind Chime. The beautifully landscaped steel wind chime measures a total of 55 ft in height. The four steel pipe chimes vary in length creating their own unique sound. Visitors can ring the chimes, weather permitting. Next door, you can visit and shop at Whittling Whimsy. Lunch will be enjoyed at Richard's Farm Table. In the afternoon, we visit the Illinois Amateur Softball Association Museum. Central Illinois has always been a leader in fast pitch softball activities. Casey, in particular, has been active in promotion and recognition of the game. We'll end our day at the Candy Depot for a bit of time to shop before heading home. Price includes motorcoach transportation, guide, museum, inclusive lunch, gratuities for guide & driver.</p>			
CURRENT MOTORCOACH PICK UP LOCATIONS			
<p>Pick up locations (unless otherwise noted)</p> <p>Waterloo VFW (406 Veterans Drive) - please park on the west side of the building. Do not block the dumpster.</p> <p>Columbia Schnuck's Market Place (1000 Columbia Center) between the Post Office & Schnucks.</p>			



2025 MULTI-DAY TRIPS

Opryland Country Christmas with Vince Gill & Amy Grant at The Ryman*

December 2-5, 2025

3-4 Sneaker Tour



During our 4 day, 3 night stay at the Gaylord Opryland Resort we will experience 9 acres of lush, indoor gardens and cascading waterfalls beautifully decorated to embrace the holiday season, along with shopping and dining under the same roof. Our group will enjoy a guided Nashville city tour, General Jackson Showboat Lunch Cruise, Grand Ole Opry Backstage Tour, a Self-Guided Country Music Hall of Fame Tour, RCA Studio B Guided Tour, breakfast daily at the hotel, & President Andrew Jackson's Home: The Hermitage. The highlight of our tour will be Amy Grant & Vince Gill's "Christmas at The Ryman" show. For many years, the "Christmas at the Ryman" shows have been the ultimate holiday tradition, with music fans from across the country and around the world, flocking to the historic venue to hear two of Nashville's most cherished performers. **Full Brochure at www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/ or by email dfausz@fnbwaterloo.bank**

***Ticket sales for The Ryman Show become available in fall 2025. The Grand Ole Opry Radio Show and dinner at Paula Deen's Family Kitchen will be substituted if the Ryman Show is unavailable.**

\$1,722-Double Occupancy, \$2,102-Single Occupancy, \$1,616-Triple Occupancy—Per Person Pricing

Travel Protection is not included but available, see brochure for pricing.



Canada's Capital Cities

October 10 -16, 2025



(5+ Sneaker Tour) Canada is full of wonderful places to explore and so much to see and do. The capital cities of Canada (**Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec**) are no exception with a wide variety of things to do in each one. Our trip is a great opportunity to fall in love with these fantastic Canadian cities and to make sure you would want visit them again.

You will see the highlights of all THREE cities and learn a lot about Canada and its exciting history.

Tour Highlights—Tours of Montreal Biodôme, Notre Dame and Basilica of Sainte Anne De Beaupre. City tours of Montreal, Quebec City and Ottawa with wonderful local guides. Dine at Chateau Frontenac, Café de Paris & the National Art Centre's 1 Elgin. Visit hidden gems like Jean Talon and ByWard Markets & Canadian Museum of History. Visit to Île d'Orléans, an agricultural island known as the Garden of Quebec. Two nights in each city! 11 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch and 4 dinners, including a Montreal dinner cruise. All gratuities to driver, guides, and servers at included meals. Luggage handling at all hotels.

Price: \$3,999 per Person, Double Occupancy Room

\$5,046 Single Occupancy (Private Room)

No triples or quad occupancy available for this tour.

Each of one of these cities are worth visiting for more than two days of course, but we will give you an opportunity to see the most they have to offer.

To view all brochures and current newsletter >> www.fnbwaterloo.bank/55-club/



Backroads of Ireland

April 22—May 3, 2025

Final payment due January 3, 2025

Join our Standby List

Alaska! By Land & Sea

4 Night Land Adventure + 7 Night Alaska Cruise

August 4-15, 2025

Join our Standby List



ACTIVITY LEVEL RATING

1 Sneaker = Easy, pace, mostly ramps, few or no stairs

4 Sneakers = Periods of intense pace, uneven terrain

2 Sneakers = Moderate pace, 1 flight of stairs, few inclines

5 Sneakers = Periods of strenuous pace, rough terrain conditions

3 Sneakers = Steady pace, 1-2 flights of stairs, some inclines

Classic 55 Club a year in pictures



Key West, Omaha, California, Kansas City, New England Fall Foliage, & Chicago

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