

First Gold Club NEWSLETTER

SPRING/SUMMER 2019

Mansions, Music & the Home of Mardi Gras

April 1-6, 2019 — Travel with First Gold Club to a destination with southern flair, where time slows down and the music heats up! On the way to New Orleans, we'll stop in Memphis to visit Bass Pro Shops, which is way more than a store. Housed in the iconic Memphis Pyramid, the 535,000-square-foot facility has a 28-story free-standing elevator and glass observation deck, providing spectacular views of the Mississippi River and the Memphis skyline; a sprawling indoor cypress swamp; multiple aquariums that offer public fish-feeding times; and the Ducks Unlimited Waterfowl Heritage Center. We'll have dinner at Uncle Buck's Fishbowl and Grill inside Bass Pro Shops.

In the Big Easy, we'll explore Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter, named for Battle of New Orleans hero Andrew Jackson. For more than 50 years, artists have displayed their works on the square's iron fence. We'll spend some time in the French Market district, six city blocks packed with unique shops, New Orleans-style restaurants and live music. A step-on guide will join us for tour of the city, including a stop for coffee and beignets at Cafe du Monde and a tour of the lavish Mardi Gras Museum.

At the World War II Museum, we'll have lunch and see the Victory Belles vocal trio performing hits of the 1940s at BB's Stage Door Canteen. And what trip to Louisiana is complete without an excursion to Bayou Country on the Mississippi Delta for a Cajun swamp tour and some great Cajun food.

Then it's on to Natchez for dinner and the soul-stirring *Southern Road to Freedom* musical tribute to the African-American experience in

Mississippi. The next day we'll head out on the Natchez Spring Pilgrimage for a tour of three historic Antebellum mansions followed by lunch at the Carriage House Restaurant, famous since 1946 for its southern cuisine. In Memphis, there'll be time to explore the sights and sounds of Beale Street and sample the local dining scene. On our way home, Lunch at Lambert's, complete with "threwed rolls," is included.

Cost per person: \$1,281 double; \$1,614 single; \$1,170 triple; \$1,115 quadruple

Mystery Trip

March 14, 2019 — We can't reveal where we're going but we can tell you we always have a good time on our Mystery Trip. It's an opportunity to make new friends, maybe try something you've never done before and travel with a group of fun-loving people. So, throw caution to the wind and make your reservations now — this trip will fill up fast. Reservation forms are available in all of our banking center lobbies.

Cost per person: \$89



Look inside for more 2019 trips and events



SPECIAL EVENTS

We request that you submit a reservation form for any First Gold Club activity. Forms are available in all First banking centers.

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

May 22, 2019, 10 a.m. to noon — Planning for the future, whether it's your own or your loved ones, can be complicated and a bit overwhelming if you try to do it yourself. But expert help is available from the Trust professionals at First Financial Bank.

Join us on Wednesday, May 22 at the First Conference Center in Terre Haute for practical

information you can use to simplify the planning process. Our representatives will talk about common estate-planning issues, including wills, trusts, and estate and gift taxes. The seminar is free and open to any guests you might want to bring. Your questions are welcome. Advance reservations are requested.

Location: First Conference Center, 4353 South 7th Street in Terre Haute

Cost: Free

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE

July 12, 2019, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with one-hour break — First Gold Club and AARP co-sponsor this classroom refresher course for people 50 and older

who would like to sharpen their driving skills. It covers topics such as interacting with traffic, accident prevention, driving under adverse weather conditions and the effects of physical changes on driving.

A workbook will be provided. Some insurance companies offer a discount to people who complete this course so check with your agent. Cheryl Huey, the AARP representative, will be our instructor.

Location: First Conference Center, 4353 South 7th Street in Terre Haute

Cost: \$15 for AARP members; \$20 for non-AARP members. Bring your valid driver's license to class. AARP members: Bring your AARP card to class.

OH, THE PLACES WE'VE BEEN!



TRAVEL PACKAGES

First Gold Club offers a variety of opportunities to travel, from regional day trips to national destinations. Come and see the world with your First Gold Club friends. Remember to complete a new reservation form for each trip. Forms are available in all First banking centers. You can see trip cancellation policy details on the reservation forms.

SPEEDWAY IN MAY

May 15, 2019 — It's time for our annual trip to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Come watch the drivers practice from our suite on the second turn while enjoying lunch compliments of First Financial Bank. Afterwards, we'll tour Gasoline Alley, where you may be able to get an autograph or two. Remember to reserve early as this trip fills up fast.

Reservations are limited to First Gold Club and OLLI members only.

Cost per person: \$50

FRENCH LICK & WEST BADEN

May 23, 2019 — Come see where the rich and famous used to play! French Lick and West Baden in southern Indiana is where the past comes alive. For over two centuries, the Pluto Mineral Springs and its medicinal waters have drawn visitors to

French Lick and this legendary resort. Our first tour will take us to the West Baden Springs Hotel, the crown jewel of French Lick Resort's \$550 million restoration. The turn-of-the century National Historic Landmark offers 243 exquisitely appointed rooms, a world-class spa, championship golf and a wide array of dining and entertainment options. Experience the European spa hospitality that attracted the social elites of the early 1900s. We'll continue to French Lick Hotel, which includes indoor and outdoor resort pools, a six-lane bowling alley, extensive fitness center, casino, horseback riding and over 30 miles of hiking trails. After some time free time for shopping and lunch on your own, we'll head to the 1,100-acre Wilstem Ranch for an Elephant Encounter. Meet their gentle giants — Makia, Lou and Lovie — to learn about them, feed them and even help give them a bath. Our destination for dinner is the legendary buffet at the Gastof Amish Restaurant, offering a feast of home-cooked entrees and side dishes, freshly baked breads and made-from-scratch pies, cobblers, cakes and assorted desserts.

Cost per person: \$131

Cost per guest: \$141

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK & ILLINOIS RIVER CRUISE

June 3-4, 2019 — Let's spend a couple of days relaxing and enjoying some of the most scenic areas in Illinois. Our first day will take us to Starved Rock State Park, a wilderness area on the

Illinois River known for its sandstone canyons, seasonal waterfalls and tree-covered bluffs. We'll stay at the Starved Rock Lodge, constructed in 1933 by the Civilian Conservation Corps and located in the middle of the park. We'll arrive in time to enjoy a hot lunch buffet and see a performance by Rick Lindy and the Wild Ones playing retro rock from the 50s, 60s and 70s. Then we'll board a big red trolley for a tour of the natural and historical attractions of the park and surrounding area. Dinner is included at the Lodge followed by "Storytelling" and an overnight stay. Day two starts with a buffet breakfast at the Lodge and then it's off to the *Spirit of Peoria* paddlewheeler for a day-long cruise on the Illinois River as we make our way to Peoria. Upon arrival, we will re-board the coach to make the journey home with great memories and some "Storytelling" of our own.

Cost per person: \$434 double; \$484 single; \$421 triple; \$415 quadruple

THE REAL CHICAGO

June 27, 2019 — Let's get to know the "real" Chicago! We'll begin at the Chicago Architecture Center, where a step-on guide will direct us to historic neighborhoods in the city. This tour includes areas that are a living legacy of Chicago's immigrant past, including Greektown, Little Italy, Chinatown, Pilsen and Bronzeville. Our guide will reveal their rich histories, cultural traditions and local landmarks

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LOTS TO DO IN LOUISVILLE

October 24, 2019 — Come with us and experience some of the top attractions in the Derby City! First stop on our agenda is a short film at the Kentucky Science Center about the history of Kentucky. Lunch will be on your own with plenty of selection at the vibrant 4th Street Live! area. 4th Street Live! is a 350,000-square-foot dining and entertainment destination located in the heart of downtown and boasting nearly 20 different venues varying in style, food and price. Next, we'll head down Main Street to visit the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience on Whiskey Row for a tour and tasting. Louisville has been home to bourbon distilleries since it was founded in 1780 and Evan Williams was the city's first commercial distiller. Our last stop in Louisville is the MEGA Cavern, which emerged from a massive limestone quarry that was mined for more than 40 years. Even though it's underground, the MEGA Cavern is

actually considered the largest building in the state of Kentucky, occupying about 100 acres with four million square feet of interior space. Attractions in the cavern include an underground tram, ziplines and bike park. It's truly mind-boggling!

We always like to finish a good day with a nice sit-down dinner. Positioned on a bluff in Leavenworth, Ind., the Overlook Restaurant offers a 20-mile panoramic vista of the Ohio River. As you enjoy your meal, watch barges churning up and down the river or the sun setting behind the wooded hills of Southern Indiana.

Cost per person: \$141

Cost per guest: \$161

SMOKY MOUNTAIN SPLENDOR

November 19-22, 2019 — Travel with us as we make our way to Pigeon Forge in the heart of the Smoky Mountains. We will start with a delicious dinner at Applewood Farmhouse Restaurant and then it's on to the Country Tonite Theater for an

entertaining and uplifting show. On day two, our step-on guide will join us for a visit to Great Smoky Mountains National Park up to Newfound Gap, where you can stand in Tennessee and North Carolina. Following a free afternoon for lunch and shopping, we'll have dinner and a show at the Dolly Parton's *Pirates Voyage*. We will also take a guided tour of the Sevierville area with plenty of Dolly Parton sites and stories. We will tour the Bush's Beans Visitor Center, housed in the original A.J. Bush & Company general store. Tonight's dinner is down-home cooking, followed by the *Smoky Mountain Opry*, Pigeon Forge's premier musical variety show. There will be plenty of time for shopping in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg. Before we leave on the last morning, we'll head to the Titanic Museum, with a First Class Captain's Buffet included. You won't want to miss this trip!

Cost per person: \$764 double; \$981 single; \$692 triple; \$655 quadruple

ACCOUNT REQUIREMENTS

There is no monthly fee when an average daily collected balance of \$3,000 is maintained in a First Gold Club checking account. If the balance falls below the required minimum, there is a monthly maintenance fee of \$15.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about First Gold Club or its activities, contact First Gold Club Coordinator Sally Whitehurst, First Financial Bank, **812-238-6427**, or toll free, **800-511-0045, ext. 6427**.

