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## WELCOME!

Dear Travelers,

The leaves have changed, the kids have dressed up and collected their candy and that only means one thing....the next 2 months are going to fly by! With the holidays approaching, I am sure we are all getting excited to spend the time celebrating with our family and friends, both near and far. And at this time of year, we all need to be thankful for the blessings we have and the people we can share that with.

Traveling is a wonderful way to create memories with families and friends, so why not plan that special vacation for next year! We have a lot of offerings in this newsletter, from cruises to pubs, islands and mountains, there is something for everyone. And if you need some help, we have 2 in-person tour shows.... one for Alaska and one for Avalon Waterways. Let us help sort through all the information and make that dream vacation happen!

It's no secret....this has been a difficult couple of years for the travel industry. But we are thankful for all of you, our clients and friends, that have stuck with us through this all. And now that a lot of you are ready to get back out there, we are happy to help navigate this new world. We all love what we do and because of loyal clients like you, we get to do what we love every day!

-Burkhalter Travel



## AVALON WATERWAYS EUROPEAN CRUISING



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By Michelle Dent, Travel Advisor – Baraboo

I just got back from my first river cruise and it was on the Rhine River with Avalon Waterways. This ship was beautiful and the staff was out of this world! When you cruise, you see other river cruise ships parked next to yours, and let me tell you, the others had nothing on Avalon. Here are some reasons I will always recommend Avalon over the others:

1. Ships that are maintained so well, they look brand new
2. Staff that makes you feel like family
3. Fantastic guides, sightseeing tours and very comfortable motor coaches for the included excursions

Since this was my first post-Covid trip, it was definitely more work to figure out all the new rules. However, Avalon made it so easy and almost effortless. We did have to take the covid test before going overseas, but Avalon provided one on board before we came back, which is currently

required, at no cost. The ship was constantly sanitized, all employees are vaccinated, as well as all passengers. The staff always wore their masks unless they were at a safe distance from you. There were hand sanitizing stations all over the public areas and they checked temperatures every morning before you went to breakfast. None of the travelers ever felt like they were in danger of picking up covid because of all the Avalon precautions.

By the time we left to come home, many of us felt like we were leaving our families behind as the staff became family. In my opinion, there has never been a better time to go on an Avalon River Cruise!



## GET TO KNOW BURKHALTER TRAVEL



We love getting to know all of our clients and now it is time to get to know us. Meet Angie Harter, Branch Manager at our Dubuque office, Travel Headquarters.

1. **How long have you been in travel industry?** 35 years and counting. I love my job, I love helping people and I love traveling around the world.
2. **What is your favorite travel destination so far?** Too many to list, but a couple are Egypt for the Pyramids, Ireland for the countryside, people, pubs and everything in between and Kenya for the people and the animals.
3. **What is your top travel tip?** Pack light
4. **What is the top destination on your travel bucket list?** Peru

5. **What can't you travel without?** A small crossbody purse, big enough for my passport, money, room key and pen. It's light to wear and small enough to slip under my jacket to keep out of site.
6. **What is the top priority for accommodations when traveling?** Location, location, location. I prefer a hotel in the center of things. Walkable to sites and public transportation.

Are you ready to get back out in the world and visit that destination you have been dreaming about for awhile? Whether it is a European River Cruise, all-inclusive beach stay in Mexico or seeing the Big 5 on a safari, Angie would love to help you make that dream come true! Contact her at [angie@travelheadquarters.travel](mailto:angie@travelheadquarters.travel) and 563-588-3456 ext. 1.





## NATURAL WONDERS OF COSTA RICA

**February 5-13, 2022**

As you make your way through Costa Rica, lava trails, cloud forests and high-in-the-sky suspension bridges invite you to take a walk on the wild side while scenic boat rides, nature walks and natural hot springs beckon you to leisurely soak in the views.

**\$2,269 per person**

## BEST OF THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

**February 7-16, 2022**

Enjoy the highlights of Maui, Hawaii and Oahu, including the black sand beaches, Pearl Harbor, Volcanoes National Park and a traditional luau. Plenty of free time will let you truly soak in the Island spirit. On this Hawaiian getaway, life's a beach!

**\$3,783 per person**

## QUILTING AT SEA - EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE

**March 5-13, 2022**

Enjoy an 8-night cruise on Royal Caribbean's Allure of the Sea while also practicing your sewing skills! Join Christine Hampton of Hampton Quilt Designs for 3 days of sewing on board and then enjoy 4 days of port visits, including St. Maarten, Dominican Republic, St. Thomas and St. Kitts & Nevis. There is so much to see and do on this trip, you won't want to come home! Starting at **\$1,519 per person**

## SOUTHERN CHARMS

**April 8-15, 2022**

Sweet tea, magnolias and pillared porches await you in the South. Visit Atlanta, Columbia, Charleston, Savannah and Jekyll Island on this tour of the charming South. Enjoy a trolley tour, horse-drawn carriage ride and city tours as you learn about the history and culture of the area.

**\$2,409 per person**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MOROCCO

**April 28-May 8, 2022**

Join Burkhalter Travel Host, Mary Kay Harmon, as we explore the exotic and fascinating country of Morocco. This itinerary takes in the Imperial cities of Morocco including Fez, Marrakesh, Meknes and Rabat, as well as some more inspiring cities such as Ouazazate, Casablanca and Erfoud. The culture and scenery truly make this a once-in-a-lifetime adventure!

**\$2,759 per person with estimated air**

## BEST OF SPAIN

**May 13-22, 2022**

From Madrid to Barcelona and everything in between, experience the highlights of Spain on this 9-day tour. Stops include Cordoba, Seville and Granada and have the opportunity to try paella and sangria.

**\$2,289 per person**

## OBERAMMERGAU'S PASSION PLAY

**May 18-27, 2022**

Enjoy this once-in-a-decade experience! Explore the wonder of old-world castles and three of Europe's most spellbinding cities. A seat at this decade's only performance of the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany is truly a highlight. Come and celebrate this centuries-old tradition!

**\$5,548 per person with air included**

## EMERALD ISLE

**May 26-June 5, 2022**

This tour of Ireland not only takes you to some of the most famous sites, but also leads you to the lesser-known gems. Cliffs, castles, famous crystal, pubs and, of course, the sheep....this tour of Ireland will steal your heart away! **\$2,629 per person**

## ALASKA'S BEST

**June 16-26, 2022**

See the highlights of Alaska on this tour! Start with one night in Anchorage before boarding the luxurious domed railcar of the McKinley Explorer for a trip to Denali National Park. Overnight for 2 nights before embarking on your 7-night Holland America southbound cruise, ending in Vancouver. See glaciers, wildlife and beautiful scenery. A trip you will not forget! **Starting at \$4,029 per person with estimated air**



### BE GREEN & READ IT ON THE SCREEN!

Did you know that you can receive this same great newsletter in digital form? Plus, it comes linked with all of our tour's detailed itineraries. Email [tours@burkhaltertravel.com](mailto:tours@burkhaltertravel.com).



## **DIRECT TO DENALI**

**June 22-July 3, 2022**

Only 30% of Alaska visitors ever see the peak of Denali and with a 3-night stay in Denali National Park, you will maximize your chance of joining the club. After exploring the park (with an included tundra wildlife tour), see the glaciers and wildlife from your balcony on your Holland America 7-night cruise. The cruise ends in Vancouver, so perhaps extend your stay to experience this beautiful city. **Starting at \$3,059 per person**

## **ROMANTIC RHINE**

**June 24-July 2, 2022**

One of Europe's most legendary rivers takes you across Germany and touches in Holland, France and Switzerland! Cruise on the famous canals of Amsterdam, sail through the dramatic Rhine Gorge and make stops in Rudesheim, Strasbourg and Cologne. There is no shortage of things to do and see on this spectacular Avalon Waterways cruise! **Starting at \$3,795 per person**

## **BRITAIN TO PARIS**

**June 26-July 8, 2022**

Join Burkhalter Advisor, Michelle Dent, on a summer getaway! This popular tour has a little bit of everything...history buffs, music lovers, literary fans, and beer and whisky connoisseurs will find something to love. After enjoying what Britain has to offer, head south to the City of Lights and take in the French food, customs and culture. **\$4,389 per person with estimated air**

## **AUSTRIA & SWITZERLAND**

**June 28-July 9, 2022**

The hills are alive with the sound of music, the aroma of strudel and the taste of schnitzel! Explore two of Europe's most scenic countries on this 12-day tour. Take in palaces and castles, peaks and glaciers, moving scenery and famous movie scenes as you visit Vienna, Zurich, Zermatt, Lucerne and so much more. Also enjoy a ride aboard the Glacier Express as you ride through the Swiss Alps. **\$3,979 per person**

## **BEST OF EASTERN EUROPE**

**July 1-15, 2022**

Centuries-old palaces, castles and cathedrals transport you to another era on this spectacular tour! Tracing the steps of kings, queens, emperors, presidents, soldiers and prisoners, history buffs will relish revisiting the most gripping chapters of the past. And music lovers will enjoy visiting some of the most important musical European cities...Warsaw and Vienna. **\$2,939 per person**

## **ALASKA EXPLORER**

**July 8-15, 2022**

This tour is perfect if you are short on time, but want to see the beauty of Alaska! Enjoy a pre-night in Seattle before boarding your Holland America 7-night cruise, including stops in Sitka, Ketchikan, Juneau and Victoria. Sit back, relax and look for the wildlife from your verandah stateroom. And once the sun goes down, explore the cruise ship and take in the entertainment, great food and casino. **Starting at \$2,546 per person with estimated air**

## **ALASKA & THE YUKON**

**July 22-August 3, 2022 - only 4 seats left!**

**July 29-August 20, 2022**

This tour is favorite of our travelers! In just two weeks, enjoy a triple-night stay at Denali National Park and a double-night stay in colorful Dawson City, the heart of the Yukon's wild frontier and the center of the famed Klondike Gold Rush. Follow up your land adventure with a relaxing cruise to see the glaciers on your 4-night Holland America cruise. **Starting at \$5,089 per person with estimated air**



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Danube Dreams



Northern Italy Highlights

## GREAT RESORTS OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES

**July 25-31, 2022**

The Canadian Rockies is not just rugged terrain...it is home to some of the most fabulous resorts in the world! This vacation is the perfect marriage of peaks and pools, conifers and concierge, and sparkling lakes and spas. **\$3,588.57 per person**

## DENALI ADVENTURE

**August 3-14, 2022**

Only 30% of visitors to Alaska see Denali (the mountain) and with 3 days in the park, you will have multiple opportunities to hopefully become part of that club! Enjoy 3 nights in Denali National Park and choose from optional excursions including golf, fishing, photography, white-water rafting and hiking. After enjoying the park, board your Holland America ship for a 7-night southbound cruise to see glaciers and wildlife. Ports include Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. **Starting at \$4,599 per person with estimated air**

## NORWEGIAN FJORDS

**August 5-16, 2022**

This exciting tour of Norway focuses on the country's natural beauty with its glistening mountains, fjords, waterfalls and glaciers. Starting in Oslo, you will explore the idyllic Norwegian landscapes and harbor towns – rich in the folklore of pirates, Vikings and smugglers, you'll fall in love with Norway's beauty, culture and history! **\$2,329 per person**

## DANUBE DREAMS

**August 8-18, 2022**

Five countries in 10 days...it can be done on the Danube River! Begin with 2 nights in Prague before boarding your Avalon ship. Enjoy gliding down the river and enjoying visits to Passau, Linz, Melk, Vienna and Hainburg. There are plenty of castles, promenades, museums and music to enjoy. And with Avalon Waterways, you will be pampered on board and have all the amenities of home....you may never want to leave the ship. **Starting at \$4,224 per person**

## NORTHERN ITALY HIGHLIGHTS

**August 11-21, 2022**

Parmesan and prosciutto, Ferraris and Fiats. Ruins and the Riviera. Some of Italy's greatest indulgences can be found up north. Visit Modena for balsamic vinegar, Busseto for parmesan cheese, Gabbiano for risotto and wine, Portofino for Ferraris and Milan for the fashion. Leading you to the fabulous, the famous and the fashionable, this tour is the way to see Northern Italy in style. **\$2,869 per person**

## PARIS TO NORMANDY RIVER CRUISE

**August 22-30, 2022**

This fabulous river cruise combines time in France's unparalleled capital of Paris with beautiful scenery along the Seine River and the picturesque and historical region of Normandy. Enjoy wine, cheese and stops in charming and historical parts of France. And discover the true heart of Paris by taking in the iconic sites such as the Louvre Museum, Arc de Triomphe and Eiffel Tower. While you enjoy all this scenery, you will also be pampered on your Avalon Waterways cruise with all the comforts of home and more! **Starting at \$3,995 per person**

## EUROPEAN MYSTERY TOUR

**September 8-18, 2022**

Where are we going? We are not telling! Hop on the plane and get ready for this escape to a great destination in Europe with host Mary Kay Harmon. We have been to Croatia, Northern Ireland, Portugal... just to name a few. Join us in 2022 for fun, adventure and lots of memories. **\$3,029 per person with estimated air**

**Cape Cod & The Islands**  
**September 9-16, 2022**

**Paris, Normandy & Chateaux Country**  
**September 9-18, 2022**

**Lost Canyons of the Southwest**  
**September 12-20, 2022**

**Best of Greece**  
**September 30-October 10, 2022**



## HOLLAND AMERICA ALASKA TOUR SHOW

Is there any cruise line that knows Alaska better? We don't think so! Burkhalter Travel is proud to partner with Holland America to offer you some of the best itineraries and experiences as you travel by train, bus and cruise ship to Alaska. Holland America has been showing guests this "Last Frontier" for over 70 years...that is longer than it has been a state!

Join us for this in-person presentation as you learn about the right time to travel, what itinerary is best for you and what to expect to see and do on your Holland America Alaska Sea & Land Journey.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 23

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Burkhalter Travel, 6501 Mineral Point Road, Madison  
Please **RSVP** to [tours@burkhaltertravel.com](mailto:tours@burkhaltertravel.com)

**Questions?** Contact Wendy at 608-833-6968 ext. 251.



## AVALON WATERWAYS EUROPE RIVER CRUISE TOUR SHOW

It's finally time to get back out in the world and there is no better way to do that than with Avalon Waterways! It's time to enjoy moving experiences that take you along ancient cobblestone alleyways, on alluring waterways and on top of mystical, craggy hilltops overlooking incredible landscapes and landmarks. And to encounter new people and places, cultures, customs and cuisines.

Join us for this in-person presentation as you learn about Avalon Waterways and why a European River Cruise is the perfect way to start traveling again.

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 2

**TIME:** 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Burkhalter Travel, 6501 Mineral Point Road, Madison  
Please **RSVP** to [tours@burkhaltertravel.com](mailto:tours@burkhaltertravel.com)

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Unless noted, extended tours are land only and do not include the price of air or airport transfers. Your Burkhalter Travel Advisor can discuss flight options. To make a reservation or inquire about a specific tour, please contact your favorite Burkhalter Travel Advisor.

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## EXTENDED TOURS CALENDAR

Natural Wonders of Costa Rica	February 5-13, 2022
Best of the Hawaiian Islands	February 7-16, 2022
Quilting at Sea - Eastern Caribbean Cruise	March 5-13, 2022
Southern Charms	April 8-15, 2022
Highlights of Morocco	April 28-May 8, 2022
Best of Spain	May 13-22, 2022
Oberammergau's Passion Play	May 18-27, 2022
Emerald Isle	May 26-June 5, 2022
Alaska's Best	June 16-26, 2022
Direct to Denali	June 22-July 3, 2022
Romantic Rhine	June 24-July 2, 2022
Britain to Paris	June 26-July 8, 2022
Austria & Switzerland	June 28-July 9, 2022
Best of Eastern Europe	July 1-15, 2022
Alaska Explorer	July 8-15, 2022
Alaska & the Yukon	July 22-August 3, 2022 - 4 seats left
Great Resorts of the Canadian Rockies	July 25-31, 2022
Alaska & the Yukon	July 29-August 20, 2022
Denali Adventure	August 3-14, 2022
Norwegian Fjords	August 5-16, 2022
Danube Dreams	August 8-18, 2022
Northern Italy's Highlights & Cinque Terre	August 11-21, 2022
Paris to Normandy River Cruise	August 22-30, 2022
European Mystery Tour	September 8-18, 2022
Cape Cod & the Islands	September 9-16, 2022
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