

# ALEX TRAVEL UTOPIA TOURS

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**JULY / AUGUST 2020  
TAKE A PEEK INSIDE:**

Utopia Tours tour listing & info

Alex Travel tour listing & ideas

## From our travel agents

Our travel agents have been keeping up with the ever-changing policies and availability of the airlines, cruiselines, and destinations. They've been booking customers on vacations to Mexico, the Caribbean, and other destinations in the United States, and abroad for 2021.

As always, if there's a vacation you're dreaming of, just let us know dates, where, how many people, and we'll keep an eye on the prices and keep in touch with you by phone or e-mail. If you'd like to stop in and visit in person, we're prepared for that too!

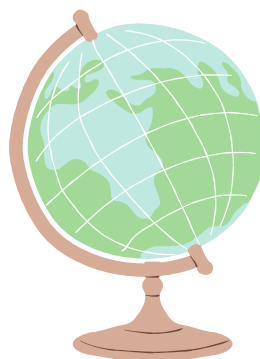
We're here to help make your travel dreams a reality!

Have a happy & safe 4th of July!  
Our offices will be closed Fri., July 3rd.



## WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

It's been a few months now since COVID-19 made it's impact on the tour and travel industry, plus so many other businesses and people. We've been watching and listening as the updates change from day-to-day, and more destinations and attractions are opening up. Mexico and the Caribbean are open for sale, and other places are slowly opening too. Our office is open daily from 10 am -3 pm. We are sanitizing between customers. You are also free to e-mail us, or call us with your questions and travel ideas. We're still here for you, and LOVE what we do. So, when you're ready, stop in or give us a call to plan your next land, sea, or air vacation with Alex Travel & Utopia Tours.



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*on an  
adventure*

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# UTOPIA TOURS

## MOTORCOACH TOURS ACROSS THE U.S. AND CANADA

Utopia Tours started in 1971 in Garfield, MN, by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Angen. Over the years this family-run tour company, now owned by Ralph's son Steve, and his wife Elaine, has provided the opportunity for passengers to experience the landscapes, history, and culture of many destinations throughout the U.S. and Canada, while enjoying the fellowship of the travelers they meet along the way.

Tours include: motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations, a Utopia Tours tour guide, baggage handling (on most tours), most / all breakfasts, meals as listed in individual tour brochures, plus admission to attractions as noted in individual tour brochures.

### DOOR COUNTY & MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR

*Includes S.S. Badger Car Ferry across Lake Michigan*

Sun., Oct. 4 - Fri., Oct. 9 ~ 6 Days

Price p.p.: Double Occ: \$1,075; Triple Occ: \$1,045

Quad Occ: \$1,015; Single Occ: \$1,350

*Early Bird Discount: \$25 OFF per person  
if pay full deposit by June 26, 2020.*

#### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

*8 Meals (5 Breakfasts / 3 Meals\*)*

Door County, WI

-Sister Bay, WI -2 nights at Open Hearth Lodge

-Bjorklunden Chapel

*\*Lunch at Al Johnson's Sod-roofed Restaurant*

-Farmer's Market

-Cheese Shop

-Winery

*\*Fish Boil Meal*

-Door County Maritime Museum

S.S. Badger Car Ferry 4-Hour Cruise crossing

Lake Michigan from Manitowoc, WI to Ludington, MI

Ludington, MI

Shepler's Ferry to/from Mackinac Island

Mackinac Island, MI

-1 night at the Island House Hotel

*\*Grand Buffet Lunch at the Grand Hotel*

-Horse Drawn Carriage Tour of Mackinac Island

Cross the Mighty Mac Bridge

Marquette, MI

Duluth, MN

States you'll visit on this tour: MN, WI, MI

*Deposit due upon sign-up: \$100 per person*

**A ride on the S.S. Badger carferry will take you across Lake Michigan from Manitowoc, WI, to Ludington, MI. During this 4-hour cruise relax on the outside decks, or explore inside while shopping, dining, playing Bingo, and other amenities onboard. A unique vacation experience.**

### FALL NASHVILLE & PIGEON FORGE TOUR

*Includes 2 nights at the Opryland Resort in Nashville!*

Thurs., Oct. 8 - Thurs., Oct. 15 ~ 8 Days

Price p.p.: Double Occ: \$1,690; Triple Occ: \$1,660

Quad Occ: \$1,630; Single Occ: \$2,110

*Early Bird Discount: \$30 OFF per person  
if pay full deposit by July 6, 2020.*

#### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

*11 Meals (7 Breakfasts / 4 Meals\*)*

Oglesby, IL

Nashville, TN

**-2 nights at the Opryland Resort**

-Grand Ole Opry at the Opry House

-Free Time in Downtown Nashville

*\*General Jackson Lunch Cruise*

Pigeon Forge, TN

-2 night stay

*\*Hatfield & McKoy Dinner Show*

-Country Tonite Show

-Incredible Christmas Palace

*\*Lunch at the Old Mill Restaurant*

-Dollywood

Williamstown, KY

-Ark Encounter

*\*Lunch*

Erlanger, KY 1 night stay

Petersburg, KY

-Creation Museum

Schaumburg, IL

States you'll visit on this tour: MN, WI, IL, KY, TN, IN

*Deposit due upon sign-up: \$100 per person*

**Spend 2 nights at the Gaylord Opryland Resort while in Nashville. The hotel boasts 9 acres of indoor luxury and fun from indoor gardens, cascading waterfalls, a flatboat ride, and a variety of restaurants, cafes and bars to choose from. All under their glass atrium roof.**

## **FALL BRANSON TOUR**

*Enjoy 6 fabulous shows on this fun fall tour!*

**Mon., Oct. 12 - Sat., Oct. 17 ~ 6 Days**

Price p.p.: Double Occ: \$980; Triple Occ: \$950

Quad Occ: \$920; Single Occ: \$1,260

*Early Bird Discount: \$25 OFF per person  
if pay full deposit by July 20, 2020.*

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

*9 Meals (5 Breakfasts / 4 Meals\*)*

Kansas City, MO (first night)

Cheese Shop in Osceola, MO

Branson, MO

-3 nights at the Holiday Inn Express

-6 SHOWS

--Yakov Smirnoff

--the Haygoods

--Down Home Country Morning Show

--NOAH at Sight & Sound Theatre

--Showboat Branson Belle

--Presleys' Country Jubilee

-OTHER INCLUSIONS & MEALS

*\*\*Dinner at Pasghetti's Italian Restaurant*

*\*\*Dinner at McFarlain's Restaurant*

*\*\*Lunch on the Showboat Branson Belle*

*\*\*Kickback at the Drury Inn in Des Moines*

--Option (not included in price):

Visit the Veterans Museum or the Titanic Museum

Bass Pro Outdoor World

Des Moines, IA (last night)

States you'll visit on this tour: MN, IA, MO

*Deposit due upon sign-up: \$100 per person*



## **NOTES ABOUT BRANSON**

Known as the

*Live Music Capital of the World*

*Has over 50 theatre venues*

*Has more theatre seats*

*than Broadway in New York City*

*Presleys' Country Jubilee*

*and the Baldknobbers still perform*

*at their original theatres on Hwy 76*

*The Sheperd of the Hills* book by Harold

Bell Wright was published in 1907

*Table Rock Lake has more than*

*745 miles of shoreline*

## **FALL CAROLINAS & GEORGIA TOUR**

Spend 2 nights in Myrtle Beach & Savannah!

**Sat., Oct. 17 - Tues., Oct. 27 ~ 11 Days**

Price p.p.: Double Occ: \$1,999; Triple Occ: \$1,969

Quad Occ: \$1,939; Single Occ: \$2,255

*Early Bird Discount: \$40 OFF per person  
if pay full deposit by July 10, 2020.*

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

*16 Meals (10 Breakfasts / 6 Meals\*)*

Schaumburg, IL

Indianapolis, IN

-Indy 500 Speedway

Williamstown, KY

*\*Dinner*

-Ark Encounter

*\*Lunch*

Asheville, NC

-Biltmore Estate with House Tour

Myrtle Beach, SC

-2 nights at the Hampton Inn & Suites

-Barefoot Landing

-*"ONE" the Show*

-Broadway At the Beach

-Legends in Concert

*\*Meal*

Charleston, SC

-Historic Fort Sumter Cruise

-Charleston City Market

-Guided City Tour

-Boone Hall Plantation Tour

Savannah, GA

-2 nights

*\*Dinner at the Pirate's House*

-Guided City Tour

*\*Lunch*

-Savannah's City Market

Nashville, TN

-Free Evening in Downtown Nashville

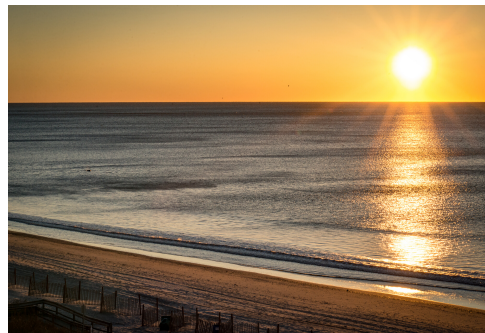
Rockford, IL

*\*Pizza Party*

States you'll visit on this tour:

MN, WI, IL, IN, OH, KY, TN, NC, SC, GA

*Deposit due upon sign-up: \$200 per person*



# **Myrtle Beach**

## **CHRISTMAS BRANSON TOUR**

*Enjoy 6 fabulous shows on this festive holiday tour!*

Mon., Nov. 16 - Sat., Nov. 21 ~ 6 Days

Price p.p.: Double Occ: \$980; Triple Occ: \$950

Quad Occ: \$920; Single Occ: \$1,260

*Early Bird Discount: \$25 OFF per person  
if pay full deposit by Aug. 24, 2020.*

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

9 Meals (5 Breakfasts / 4 Meals\*)

Kansas City, MO (first night)

Cheese Shop in Osceola, MO

Branson, MO

-3 nights at the Holiday Inn Express

-6 SHOWS

--Daniel O'Donnell

--the Haygoods

--Showboat Branson Belle

--Presleys' Country Jubilee

--Down Home Country

--NOAH at Sight & Sound Theatre

-OTHER INCLUSIONS & MEALS

\*\*Dinner at Welk Resort

\*\*Lunch on Showboat Branson Belle

\*\*Dinner at Pasghetti's Italian Restaurant

\*\*Kickback at the Drury Inn in Des Moines

--Option (not included in price):

Visit the Veterans Museum or the Titanic Museum

Bass Pro Outdoor World

Des Moines, IA (last night)

States you'll visit on this tour: MN, IA, MO

*Deposit due upon sign-up: \$100 per person*

## **NEW YORK CITY**

### **& MACY'S THANKSGIVING PARADE**

*With Premier*

Tues., Nov. 24- Sat., Nov. 28 ~ 5 Days

Price p.p.: Double Occ: \$3,649 including air

*Booking Discount: Make your final payment by check  
prior to Sept. 2, 2020, and receive \$100 off per person.*

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

7 Meals (4 Breakfasts / 3 Dinners)

Professional Tour Director

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

4 Nights in Manhattan

New York City Tour

Rockefeller Center

One World Observatory

9/11 Memorial & Museum

Broadway Show, Central Park

Macy's Thanksgiving Parade Balloon Inflation

Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

*Thanksgiving Dinner*

Manhattan Landmarks Cruise & More!

Premier World Discovery policies apply.

*Deposit due upon sign-up: \$300 per person*

## **PACIFIC ROSE TOUR**

### **including the ROSE BOWL PARADE**

*With Al Brooks Rose Bowl Tours*

Dec. t.b.a.~ 5 Days

Watch for more details!

## Looking ahead to 2021

We are busy planning for 2021, and hope that you are too! More details will be available soon on the below...

FLORIDA TOUR with Key West in February

AMERICA'S WASHINGTON, DC TOUR in March

ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM TOUR in April

DOOR COUNTY & MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR in June

NIAGARA FALLS & MACKINAC ISLAND TOUR in July

GREAT PARKS OF THE WEST TOUR in July

ALASKA TOURS in June & July

CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER PARK TOUR in August

NEW ENGLAND FALL COLORS TOUR with DC & NYC Sept. 23-Oct. 8

Plus other fall tours tba

UTOPIA TOURS: Information (dates, inclusions, prices, etc) subject to change without notice.

Deposits due upon sign-up. Trip Cancellation & Interruption Insurance available with Travel Guard.

Pick-ups and drop-offs: Fargo / Fargo-Moorhead Visitors Center; Fergus Falls / Wal-Mart; Alexandria / Perkins; St Cloud / Country Inn & Suites (and others depending on route of tour)

Cancellation penalties apply. Contact us, or check out our website [utopiatours.com](http://utopiatours.com) for more details & brochures.





# ALEX TRAVEL AGENCY

FOR ALL OF YOUR TRAVEL NEEDS

Our travel agents have decades of experience in the travel industry. This knowledge goes into helping you plan the vacation that's just right for you!

Stop in, call, or e-mail us with your ideas and we'll be happy to get you started on your next custom tour, girls getaway, guys getaway, family cruise, family vacation, or dream destination trip. Whether it's to somewhere in the United States or abroad, we can help you with your air, hotel, cruise, car rental, and more.

We love what we do, and it's rewarding when we hear of the great memories our customers have made over the years. It's time to plan your next memorable vacation!

*Ken Koob, from the Alexandria area, will be traveling with you on the following tours...*

**Splendor of Norway** A custom tour  
**June 14-24, 2021** Escorted by Ken Koob  
 Land Only \$3,325 p.p. Dbl + Air  
 Round Trip Airfare included. Oslo: Akershus Fortress, the King's Palace, the Parliament Building, Vigeland Sculpture Park, Holmenkollen Ski Jump; Lillehammer: Maihaugen; Dombas; Geiranger: Ferry from Geiranger to Hellsøylt on Geiranger Fjord; Balestrand; Ferry from Flam to Gundvangen on Aurland & Sogne Fjord; Stalheim: Stalheimkleiva/Stalheim Hotel, Flam, Flam Railway to Myrdal, Stave Church of Undredal; Bergen: City Tour, Trolldhaugen-Home of Edvard Grieg

**Alpine Countries Tour**  
**Germany, Austria, Switzerland**

with Ed-Ventures, Inc.

**July 11-23, 2021** Escorted by Ken Koob  
 Land Only \$3,499 p.p. dbl occ + air  
 This tour presents the natural beauty, dynamic history, and special traditions found in Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Highlights: OVERNIGHTS IN: Frankfurt, Rothenburg, Salzburg, Oberammergau, Lucerne, Black Forest, Rudesheim

**Taste of Scotland & Ireland**

with Military Tattoo with CIE

**Aug. 10-19, 2021** Escorted by Ken Koob  
 Land Only \$3,750 p.p. Dbl + air  
 Includes: Overnights in Glasgow (1), Nairn (1) near Edinburgh (2), Dublin (2), Killarney (2), Bunratty (1). 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners, Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, Blair Athol Distillery, Blarney Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Edinburgh Castle, Loch Ness Cruise, Skellig Experience, Titanic Belfast, Sheepdog Demonstration

*Plus here are some more tours to choose from...*

**Panama Canal Cruise**

**plus Costa Rica & the Caribbean** with Princess  
**Jan. 22-Feb. 1, 2021**

Prices p.p. Dbl Occ: Interior \$2,375  
 Oceanview \$2,875; Balcony \$3,375  
 Price includes RT Air. Set sail on a 10-day cruise from Ft Lauderdale with Princess Cruiselines.

The Panama Canal is the Eighth Wonder of the World. Your cruise ship features many amenities and dining options. Ports: Falmouth, Jamaica; Cartagena, Columbia; Panama Canal New Locks; Cristobal, Panama; Limon, Costa Rica; Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands.



**Hawaiian Adventure Oahu-Kauai-Maui**

with Collette

**Jan. 28-Feb. 6, 2021**

Price p.p. Dbl \$5,799 including air from Mpls  
 Highlights: Waikiki Beach, Pearl Harbor, Oahu's North Shore, Waimea Canyon, Kauai Coffee Estate, Fern Grotto, Iao Valley, Lahaina, Polynesian Luau. Overnights: Oahu (3), Kauai 3), Maui (3)

**Alaska Denali Explorer Cruise Tour**

**3-Day Land / 7- Day Cruise**

with Princess Ship: Coral Princess

**June 20-30, 2021**

Inside Cabin \$3,950 p.p. Dbl occ  
 Oceanview Cabin \$4,550 p.p. Dbl occ  
 Balcony Cabin \$4,975 p.p. Dbl occ  
 Fairbanks (1 night), Denali (2 nights at Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge), Natural History Tour, Rail Denali to Whittier, Cruise departs from Whittier: Hubbard Glacier Scenic Cruising, Glacier Bay Scenic Cruising, Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, Juneau, Ketchikan, Disembark Vancouver.



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## **Alaska Yukon & Double Denali**

### **Land & Sea Journey**

#### **3-Day Cruise / 7- Day Land**

with Holland America Ship: Volendam

**Aug. 4-15, 2021**

Inside Cabin \$3,650 p.p. Dbl Occ

Oceanview Cabin \$3,950 p.p. Dbl Occ

Balcony Cabin \$4,450 p.p. Dbl Occ

Cruise: Set sail from Vancouver, Scenic Cruising Inside Passage, Juneau, Disembark Skagway. Land: Skagway, White Pass & Yukon RR to Fraser, Whitehorse, Dawson City, Paddlewheel, Pan for Gold, Denali, Wilderness Tour, McKinley Explorer Denali to Anchorage, Anchorage. Ask about tour extensions!

## **Romantic Danube**

### **Regensburg, Germany to Budapest, Hungary**

with Viking River Cruises

**Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2021**

Standard Cabin p.p. dbl \$3,174\*

French Balcony p.p. dbl \$4,174\*

Veranda Stateroom p.p. dbl \$4,674\*

Suite p.p. dbl \$6,674\*

\*+Round Trip Air from Mpls \$799 to \$4,298 p.p. Visit historic Salzburg, explore Gottweig Abbey, one of Austria's most revered monastic centers, and make dumplings with Wachau Valley apricots. Spend two days in Vienna, celebrating the city's musical heritage at a concert featuring works by Mozart and Strauss. Soak in the healing qualities of Budapest's healing baths. With medieval towns, grand cities, and stunning scenery, this 8-day journey on the "Blue Danube" is one you're sure to love.

THE REAL ID: The REAL ID requirements will be implemented for travel by October 2021. Be prepared. If you have a valid Passport you don't need to also have an Enhanced Driver's License for domestic (U.S.) flights, unless you choose to do so. A Passport is required for flights out of the U.S. See [dps.mn.gov](https://dps.mn.gov) for links to more info. on the REAL ID.

Don't see the trip you're looking for, or the dates that work for you?

Our travel agents work with many different tour companies that will take you on escorted and independent tours across the U.S. and internationally. So, you can find the trip that's just right for you.

They can also book your family or friend vacations that work with your budget and schedule. Interested in a cruise, a Disney trip, beach vacation, or adventure vacation?

They're here to help you!



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