August 2021



It has been a busy month here back in the branches! All CAA Niagara branches are open to the public with limitations on capacity in accordance with the Provincial reopening plan. It is wonderful to hear the phones ringing and the office buzzing with excitement as individuals start to rebook their celebration trips, reunion get togethers and just because tickets!

The Journeys team has updated our Safe Travel Commitment for our group tours. As of August 1, 2021, for the health and safety of all our passengers and tour directors, we have added a vaccination policy. This decision is in line with the requirements of most provinces and international destinations we visit. This is an ever-changing policy depending on updates to government policies. At this time for all 2021 tours, passengers are required to be fully vaccinated, receiving two doses of a Canadian approved vaccine at least 14 days

prior to departure and when requested, provide documentation. \*Exceptions may apply to children who do not qualify for vaccination, depending on destination regulations. The CAA Tour Director will require to see their vaccination confirmation on the day of departure of the tour, before boarding the coach. Our Safe Travel Commitment also includes reduced coach capacity, face coverings at all time on the coach and completion of a personal well-being waiver prior to departure. Please reach out to the Journeys team if you have any questions.

August was also an exciting month with the re-start of our Day Tour operations! We are advertising day tours into the fall months under our new Safe Travel standards. As the surrounding environment improves, we will continue to add new day tours into the Winter and next year. We are very excited to start seeing you again and to get back on the road!

- Erin Clarke

# **Virtual Travel Presentations**



#### **Virtual Travel Show**

#### September 19 to 24, Evening Presentations

Whether your dreaming of cruising the Rhine, venturing through the African Savannah or strolling down Europe's cobblestone streets, the CAA Niagara Travel Show can get you there. All week long, attend virtual presentations from tour operators to learn about the various travel options and Memberexclusive benefits. Register online at:

caaniagara.ca/events



### Danube Dreams River Cruise Virtual Presentation

#### Thursday, September 30 @7:00pm

The Danube Dreams River Cruise is sure to make your dream a reality and fulfill your wish to experience the river's legendary beauty and remarkable destinations along the way. Join Journeys by CAA Niagara for a virtual information session on their Hosted Avalon Waterways group sailing, departing September 2022.

Register online at:

caaniagara.ca/danubepresentation

# Safe Travel Stamp Certified



The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) in partnership with the Travel Industry Association of Ontario (TICO), Safe Travels Stamp is the world's first-ever global safety and hygiene stamp.

This stamp is specifically designed to allow travellers to recognize businesses around the world that have adopted a globally standardized health and hygiene protocol to ensure you experience Safe Travels. Learn more about this self-certification

caaniagara.ca/safetravelstamp

# **Upcoming Tours**



### Churchill, Manitoba – Polar Bear Capital

November 2 to 5, 2021 - Limited Availability



Located on the western shore of Hudson Bay, Churchill, Manitoba is famous for the many polar bears that move towards the shore from inland in the autumn. Discover the capital city of Winnipeg and travel to Churchill, which is only accessible by air or rail for a full day polar bear excursion.



# Winter Caribbean Getaway: Jamaica February 19 to 26, 2022



Feel the rhythm of Jamaica! A land of unique culture, engaging activities, and warm welcoming people. Come and explore the most authentic corners of Jamaica, and let yourself be surprised by its tasty cuisines, enchanting rhythms, and spectacular landscapes. Catch warm sun rays at the beach at *Bahia Principe Grand Jamaica - All Inclusive*.



### **Danube Dreams River Cruise**

September 5 to 15, 2022



The Danube River cruise is sure to make your dream a reality. Cruise the peaceful Danube River through Germany, Austria, Slovakia, and Hungary—stopping at Central Europe's most splendid capitals and charming town. Along the dreamy Danube River, Avalon offers included shore excursions, mouth-watering cuisine, and unmatched service to offer the perfect degree of relaxed luxury.



## The Okanagan Grape Getaway

September 10 to 16, 2022



**A Solo Exclusive departure** - Sip and savour your way through the Okanagan Valley, one of Canada's greatest wine and food regions located in British Columbia. Start lakeside in Osoyoos for the beginning of your palate-pleasing adventure. Head north to Penticton visiting a local brewery and winery. In Kelowna, take your taste buds for a walk on a guided foodie tour. End your getaway with a train ride through Davison Orchard.



# **Celebrating 25 Years**

As some of you may know 2022 is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our group tours. Originally starting with day tours and short over-night trips in Ontario to offering international destinations and moving over 5,500 passengers in 2019, we are excited to continue the Journey. In celebration we have organized three CAA Member Appreciation Cruises! The three cruise destinations are the Caribbean with host Peter Van Hezewyk, President & CEO of CAA Niagara, Hawaii with host Marrianne Wilson, Vice President, Marketing, Strategy and Member Engagement and a Rhine River cruise with our very own Lois Sarkisian, Group Tours Manager. Please contact Journeys or your travel agent for additional details.

Caribbean Cruise - March 17 to 28, 2022

Hawaiian Islands Cruise - March 28 to April 10, 2022

Rhine River Cruise - August 10 to 20, 2022