



FALL

Platinum Adventures® Newsletter

FALL 2025 | DAY TRIPS | EXTENDED TRIPS | SEMINARS | AND MORE!

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Crisp, cool days remind us that fall is in the air!

It's the perfect time of year to enjoy what's left of autumn and get into the holiday spirit. Join us on day trips, educational seminars, and extended travel opportunities, where we'll learn new things, take interesting tours, travel to exciting places, and enjoy delicious meals together. We look forward to embarking on adventures — near or far — and making memories with all our Platinum Adventures friends.

If you're curious about events happening near friends or family, visit wintrust.com/panewsletters to see Platinum Adventures events planned at all Wintrust Community Banks. Events and extended trips fill up quickly; be sure to reserve a spot right away for the activities you are interested in.

Reservations are required for all events. For reservations to be confirmed, payment must be made by credit card or check and received in my office (Village Bank & Trust, 234 W. Northwest Hwy. Arlington Heights, IL 60004) within seven days after reservations are made. Please make checks payable to Platinum Adventures. Member pricing is for current Platinum Adventures members only.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Norma Ahlstrand



For more information about any of the events you see in this newsletter or to RSVP, please contact me:

Norma Ahlstrand
847-483-6013
nahlstrand@wintrust.com



DAY TRIPS

You'll have the unique opportunity to explore the wonders we have nearby. We carefully plan each of our day trips, events, and seminars to ensure they are packed with as much adventure and education as possible. Plus, each event offers a great chance to share just what the Platinum Adventures Club is all about with friends.

Pay close attention to the means of transportation for these trips. We will often gather and transport the group by bus, but some events require you to commute on your own. As always, if you have any questions about these day trips or would like to RSVP, contact your bank's Platinum Adventures Director at the phone number or email listed in this newsletter.

For more information on these upcoming **day trips**, contact your Platinum Adventures Director.

ENERGY LEVEL SCALE:

LEISURELY

MODERATE

ACTIVE

CHALLENGING

VIGOROUS



Holiday Dessert Cooking Demonstration

Wintrust Financial Center
9700 W. Higgins Rd. | Rosemont

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

LEISURELY

Looking for a new dessert to serve at your next holiday celebration? Join Chef Susan Maddox* for a live cooking demonstration as she provides great recipes, including time-saving techniques. Chef Susan has over 30 years of culinary experience working for various restaurants, country clubs, and corporate dining venues. You will walk away with great holiday dessert recipes to try at home. We will have a light lunch before the demonstration and then enjoy the sweet desserts that Chef Susan has prepared.

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Members \$25 | Non-Members \$35

**Chef Susan Maddox is not an affiliate of Wintrust.*

Blenderful Music for the Holidays

Palm Court Restaurant
1912 N. Arlington Heights Rd. | Arlington Heights

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

MODERATE

Join us for an afternoon of music and wonderful food as we celebrate the holiday season with our Platinum Adventures friends. Andrew Blendermann of Blenderful Music has performed professionally around Chicagoland for over 20 years. He will entertain us with old favorites and take song requests as he sings and plays the piano. Be ready to tap your toes and sing along!

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Members \$65 | Non-Members \$85

Transportation is not provided.



Trivia Night

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1190 N. Hicks Rd. | Palatine

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16 | 2026

LEISURELY

Do you like trivia, but don't want the high pressure of having to "know it all?" Join us as we partner with our friends from Prince of Peace in a friendly game of trivia. Many different subjects will be covered, so you are sure to know some of the answers. Invite a friend or a whole team. Please bring your own snacks and refreshments (no alcohol allowed) to enjoy throughout the evening. The doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the game begins at 7 p.m.

TIME: 6:30 PM

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE

Transportation is not provided.

From Fedoras to Fascinators

Wintrust Financial Center
9700 W. Higgins Rd. | Rosemont

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 | 2026

LEISURELY

Have you ever wondered why women used to wear hats? Big ones, small ones, pretty ones, ugly ones. For centuries, women have adorned their heads and framed their faces with all kinds of head coverings. Throughout the presentation, Elizabeth Carlson*, also known as Ellie, will demonstrate a variety of historic hats. Ellie is a historian and performer with a concentration in the domestic arts. A light lunch is included with this presentation. Guests are encouraged to wear their favorite hat!

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Members \$25 | Non-Members \$35

**Elizabeth Carlson is not an affiliate of Wintrust.*



"On Your Feet!" The Story of Emilio & Gloria Estefan

Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane | Oakbrook Terrace

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 | 2026

MODERATE

"On Your Feet!" follows the lives and music of Gloria and Emilio Estefan, the powerhouse husband-and-wife team that took pop music by storm. See how this legendary artist rose to international success through determination and creativity in this high-energy, nonstop show. You will be dancing in the aisles to crowd favorites such as "Rhythm is Gonna Get You," "1-2-3," and "Conga." Please select your entrée choice with your reservation: grilled chicken breast or three 2-oz. petite filets.

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Members \$90 | Non-Members \$110

Transportation is not provided.

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What Do You Know About Fraud?

Village Bank & Trust

150 E. Rand Rd. | Arlington Heights

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 | 2026

LEISURELY

The question is not "if" but "when" you will feel the impact of fraud. Join us for an informative presentation to learn about current trends, the best fraud prevention methods, and how these crimes are investigated. Ray Olsen, SVP, Senior Director Enterprise Fraud, Wintrust Financial, will discuss things to look out for and how to protect your finances from the impact of fraud.

TIME: 10 AM

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE



Extended Trips Preview

Wintrust Financial Center

9700 W. Higgins Rd. | Rosemont

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 | 2026

LEISURELY

Join us for a special trip presentation and travel the world with us! You'll hear all about the exciting trips and see slideshows of the great destinations we've planned for you, including Branson, Missouri; America's Canyonlands; a summertime Mystery Trip; the colors of New England; Nashville Holiday; Hawaii; Portugal and the Douro River cruise; and more. You'll want to start packing your bags! Lunch is included.

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE

The destinations presented may change based on availability at the time of the trip preview.



“Surfs Up”

Emmett's Brewing Company
110 N. Brockway St. | Palatine

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 | 2026

MODERATE

It may be cold outside, so let's warm up by reminiscing about the early '60s when the surf scene emerged in Southern California. Randy Walker* will provide stories and cover songs by the Beach Boys, Jan & Dean, the Surfaris, and Dick Dale and the Deltones, to name a few. We will enjoy lunch prior to the performance. Please choose from pasta primavera, grilled salmon fillet, or pale ale pork loin when making your reservation.

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Members \$65 | Non-Members \$85

Transportation is not provided.

*Randy Walker is not an affiliate of Wintrust.

Barry Manilow Tribute

White Fence Farm
1376 Joliet Rd. | Romeoville

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 | 2026

MODERATE

Join us for a toe-tapping show as Denny Diamond* performs as Barry Manilow, featuring selections from the vast musical library of one of Brooklyn's favorite songwriters. Before the show, enjoy White Fence Farm's famous four-piece chicken dinner, homemade corn fritters, baked potato, cottage cheese, kidney bean salad, coleslaw, pickled beets, and a choice of one beverage: coffee, tea, or soft drink. A cash bar is available.

COST: Members \$99 | Non-Members \$119

DEPART: 9:30 AM Buffalo Grove | 10 AM Itasca

*Denny Diamond is not an affiliate of Wintrust.



Can't Stay in Your Home? What's Next?

Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Dr. | Rolling Meadows

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 2026

MODERATE

As individuals begin to age, they often wonder whether they will be able to continue living in their home and what alternative housing options are available. Today, we'll hear from a panel of experts as they discuss different possibilities offered by senior living organizations in the area. This informative presentation will cover the differences between in-home care, supportive living, and independent and assisted living facilities.

TIME: 1 PM

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE

Transportation is not provided.

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Coin Appraisal

Village Bank & Trust
1545 Ellinwood Ave. | Des Plaines

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 | 2026

LEISURELY

Bring your old coins, proof sets, commemorative coins, paper money, and gold jewelry to find out what they are worth. Ron Beckstrom from Golden Rule Coins will be appraising your items. This is a first-come, first-served event. No reservations required.

TIME: 10 AM TO 3 PM

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE

Extended Trips Preview

Various locations

LEISURELY

Do you like to travel? Do you want to meet new friends and visit exciting destinations? Join us to see where the Platinum Adventures Club is headed. We will hear about tours in 2026 to Branson, Missouri, America's Canyonlands, a summertime Mystery Trip, fall in New England, and Nashville for the holidays. In 2027, we've planned a Hawaiian Adventure, Portugal and the Douro River Cruise, and more.

MONDAY, MARCH 16 | 2026 | 10 AM

Addison Bank & Trust
114 E. Lake St. | Addison

MONDAY, MARCH 16 | 2026 | 2 PM

Village Bank & Trust
606 N. Milwaukee Ave. | Prospect Heights

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 | 2026 | 10 AM

Barrington Bank & Trust
217 S. Hough St. | Barrington

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE

The destinations presented may change based on availability at the time of the trip preview.



Honor Flight Cards and Breakfast

Katie's Kitchen
623 N. Wolf Rd. | Des Plaines

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 | 2026

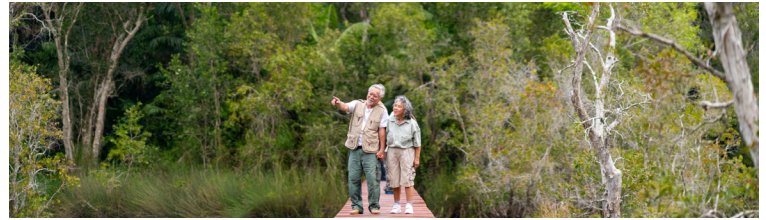
MODERATE

Join your fellow Platinum Adventures friends as we enjoy breakfast together and write notes to military veterans participating in future trips with Honor Flight Chicago. On the journey home from Washington, D.C., these letters will be given to the veterans during "mail call." Previous Honor Flight participants have stated that these notes are a highlight of their trip. Please help us honor the veterans by writing letters expressing our thanks and gratitude to these individuals.

TIME: 10 AM

COST: Members \$25 | Non-Members \$35

Transportation is not provided.



Spring Stroll

The Grove
1421 Milwaukee Ave. | Glenview

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 | 2026

ACTIVE

Experience Glenview's most unique outdoor history and nature museum at The Grove. Venture on trails through the oak-hickory savanna and past wetland pools. Learn about the Native American tribes and pioneer settlers who lived on this land and their tremendous impact on our community. We can wander through the woods on over 150 acres of ecologically diverse land preserved. With over two miles of trails, there is plenty to explore.

TIME: 10 AM

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE

Transportation is not provided.



Dueling Pianos

Chicago Yacht Club
400 E. Monroe St. | Chicago

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 | 2026

MODERATE

Join us for a fan favorite and an experience like no other at the Chicago Yacht Club, located on the shores of Lake Michigan. This wildly entertaining dueling piano show will delight and entertain you. The interactive musical comedy experience will have you singing, dancing, and laughing — a great way to spend an afternoon! Before the performance, we'll enjoy a delicious lunch in the private club's dining room, which features beautiful lake views. Don't forget to bring your song requests!

COST: Members \$130 | Non-Members \$150

DEPART: 9:45 AM Buffalo Grove | 10:15 Itasca



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“The Wedding Singer”

Metropolis Performing Arts Centre
111 W. Campbell St. | Arlington Heights

THURSDAY, MAY 7 | 2026

MODERATE

Swing into wedding season with this Tony-nominated rom-com musical adaptation of Adam Sandler’s hit movie! Rewind to 1985, where Robbie Hart, a beloved wedding singer, is the life of the party until his fiancée leaves him hanging at the altar. Sad and feeling “Shot Through the Heart,” Robbie turns every wedding into a wreck. Enter Julia, a winsome waitress who works the wedding circuit alongside Robbie. Can Robbie channel his inner-rockstar and win Julia over, or will the girl of his dreams be gone forever? We will enjoy lunch prior to the show.

TIME: 11:30 AM

COST: Members \$95 | Non-Members \$115

Transportation is not provided.



Rodgers & Hammerstein’s “South Pacific”

Paramount Theater
23 E. Galena Blvd. | Aurora

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 | 2026

MODERATE

Set in a tropical paradise with warm sea breezes, breathless sunsets, and B-29 Bombers, “South Pacific” is an uplifting musical tale that follows World War II Armed Services personnel, Ensign Nellie Forbush and Lt. Joseph Cable, through spy missions, wartime drama, and romance. Balancing duties to their country with their island expectations, they each find themselves irresistibly falling in love on foreign soil. But will that love translate back in the States? Featuring some of Broadway’s most memorable showtunes from Rodgers and Hammerstein, including “Some Enchanted Evening,” “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair,” and of course “Bali Ha’i.” We’ll enjoy lunch before the performance.

COST: Members \$130 | Non-Members \$150

DEPART: 9:45 AM Buffalo Grove | 10:15 AM Itasca



Introduction to Estate Planning

Village Bank & Trust
150 E. Rand Rd. | Arlington Heights

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 | 2026

LEISURELY

Join us to learn about trust documents and the trustee’s role. Vice President and Trust Officer, Bethany Prociuk, CTFA, Wintrust Private Trust Company, N.A., will provide an introduction to a trust and explain why it may be beneficial to include it in your comprehensive estate plan. She will also review the different types of trust documents, including revocable, irrevocable, special needs, and land trusts. Light refreshments will be served.

TIME: 10 AM

COST: Members & Non-Members | FREE



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Branson Blast

MISSOURI

APRIL 20 – 24 | 2026

ACTIVE

Have a blast in Branson on this fun-filled adventure. Our trip includes four live shows, including “David” at the Sight and Sound Theatre, “Clay Cooper’s Country Express,” “SIX®,” and “Grand Jubilee” at the Grand Country Resort. We’ll tour Dogwood Canyon Nature Park and visit the amazing Titanic Museum. You’ll also have time to shop and explore this fun part of the Midwest. If you’ve never been to Branson, now’s the time. Or, if you have, come back and see what’s new!

COST PER PERSON:

MEMBERS: Double \$2,850 | Single \$3,650

NON-MEMBERS: Double \$3,150 | Single \$3,950

America’s Canyonlands

NEVADA, UTAH, AND ARIZONA

JUNE 2 – 9 | 2026

ACTIVE

Join us for a memorable trip through the magnificent Canyonlands of the West. On our adventure, we’ll visit three national parks, a state park, and an engineering marvel! Our journey will take us through beautiful valleys and canyons made of sandstone and shaped over the years by various forces of nature. We’ll see the Navajo Sandstone in Zion National Park, the hoodoos in Bryce Canyon National Park, the mighty Colorado River carved through the Grand Canyon, and the remarkable Hoover Dam.

COST PER PERSON:

MEMBERS: Double \$4,550 | Single \$5,450

NON-MEMBERS: Double \$4,850 | Single \$5,750



EXTENDED TRIPS

Have you always wanted to explore the world but don’t know where to begin planning your travels? We have the solution for you. Let us handle all of the planning. Our extended trips offer you the chance of a lifetime to see the world as you’ve never seen it before. Extended trips range in length from a few days to a few weeks.

Most transportation, lodging, meals, and entertainment will be provided and thoughtfully planned by our Platinum Adventures Directors alongside experienced and highly qualified travel professionals. Many extended trips include at-home pick-up and return and trip insurance. Sit back, relax, and join us for this rare opportunity to see the sights you never thought you’d see. If you have any questions, need more information, or want to make reservations for our extended trips, please contact your bank’s Platinum Adventures Club Director.

Contact your Platinum Adventures Director for detailed itineraries on any of these upcoming **extended trips**.

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Summertime Mystery Trip

JULY 21 – 26 | 2026

ACTIVE

Get ready for a fun, creative time on our Summertime Mystery Trip, where every destination and event is a surprise! You'll visit interesting places with clues, entertainment, and festive activities wrapped up in good old-fashioned fun. Unique dining, hotels, fascinating attractions, and a professional tour director all make this motorcoach tour a great value. Wherever we go, it's sure to be an adventure you won't want to miss!

COST PER PERSON:

MEMBERS: Double \$2,320 | Single \$3,120

NON-MEMBERS: Double \$2,620 | Single \$3,420



SECOND DEPARTURE ADDED!

Colors of New England

MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND VERMONT

OCTOBER 11 – 18 | 2026

ACTIVE

Be charmed by the colors of New England. Begin your journey from the heart of historic Boston. Explore Woodstock, Vermont, a quintessential New England village. Watch apples transform into cider before your eyes and learn about the maple sugaring industry of New England on a farm tour. Relax as you cruise along Lake Winnepesaukee and admire the splendid views. Dig in at a traditional New England lobster dinner. Travel up the winding Auto Road to see the stunning views from the summit of Mount Washington. Marvel at Maine's dramatic coast and discover the seaside communities of Portland and Kennebunkport. Join us for this adventure through New England!

COST PER PERSON:

MEMBERS: Double \$5,840 | Single \$7,340

NON-MEMBERS: Double \$6,140 | Single \$7,640

Price is guaranteed for bookings through April 4, 2026.



Nashville Holiday

TENNESSEE

DECEMBER 1 – 5 | 2026

ACTIVE

Celebrate the holiday season in the capital of country music! Your toes will be tapping as we tour Music City, visit the Country Music Hall of Fame, and enjoy a performance at the Grand Ole Opry. We'll get into the holiday spirit during a luncheon cruise and entertainment on General Jackson's Showboat. We'll tour Belle Meade, a 1853 Greek Revival Mansion, and enjoy a wine tasting from its private winery. We'll visit the Opryland Hotel to marvel at their holiday display featuring more than three million twinkling lights and festive décor.

COST PER PERSON:

MEMBERS: Double \$3,395 | Single \$4,155

NON-MEMBERS: Double \$3,695 | Single \$4,455

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED for all events. Reserve your spot today:
Norma Ahlstrand | 847-483-6013 | nahlstrand@wintrust.com



Hawaiian Adventure

HAWAII

FEBRUARY 18 – 28 | 2027

ACTIVE

Embrace the spirit of “Aloha” on a leisurely three-island tour of Hawaii featuring three-night stays each on O’ahu, the Big Island of Hawaii, and Maui. Remember Pearl Harbor with a visit to the USS Arizona Memorial. Take in the natural beauty of Hawai’i Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island. Admire the hula dance and enjoy dinner Hawaiian-style at a traditional Polynesian luau. Visit a coffee farm in Kona and learn about the coffee bean’s journey from tree to cup. Uncover the beauty, culture, and traditions of all three islands.

COST PER PERSON:

MEMBERS: Double \$7,475 | Single \$9,075

NON-MEMBERS: Double \$7,775 | Single \$9,375

Price is guaranteed for bookings through August 11, 2026.



FREE AIRFARE*

Portugal and The Douro River Cruise

PORTUGAL AND SPAIN

SEPTEMBER 8 – 18 | 2027

CHALLENGING

Start your adventure with two nights in Lisbon and then set sail through Portugal’s enchanting countryside. En route to Porto, visit the pilgrimage site of Fátima and the university town of Coimbra. Terraced vineyards rise from the riverbanks, historic landmarks pepper the distant horizons, and charming towns lie hidden in the rural hillsides. From Spain’s walled city of Salamanca to the charming baroque village of Lamego, discover a new perspective of Europe as you sail along the Douro. Enjoy and relax on the lovely Emerald Radiance river cruise ship with first-class service and a variety of international cuisine, onboard entertainment, and more!

COST PER PERSON:

Starting at \$7,435 based on cabin preference. Call for pricing.

**Free round-trip airfare from Chicago plus a savings of \$300 per person is offered if you book with a deposit by December 31, 2025.*

TRAVELING ABROAD?

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ADDRESS FOR VILLAGE BANK & TRUST DEPARTURE SITE(S):

The bus cannot wait for late participants. Please arrive at your departure site 15 minutes prior to departure time. Refunds are not available for late or no-show participants.

Depart Buffalo Grove

Chase Shopping Plaza
Northeast Corner of Arlington Heights Rd. & Lake Cook Rd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

Depart Itasca

Elk Grove Village Bank & Trust
1145 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
Itasca, IL 60143

Reservation Policy For Day & Extended Trips

Reservations may be made by phone to Norma Ahlstrand at 847-483-6013 or by email at nahlstrand@wintrust.com. For your reservation to be confirmed, payment must be in my office within seven days after reservations are made: Norma Ahlstrand, Village Bank & Trust, 234 W. Northwest Hwy. Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Please make checks payable to Platinum Adventures. Please remember to make your menu selections when you reserve your tour. Member pricing is for current Platinum Adventures Club members only. Refunds are not available for day trips unless there is a waitlist and Platinum Adventures can find a substitute for your reserved seat(s).

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Village Bank & Trust is acting in the capacity of extending this invitation to travel to the Platinum Adventures members and their guests. Village Bank & Trust reserves the right to refuse acceptance to anyone it judges incapable of meeting the rigors and requirements of participating in any activity or trip at any time.