



Join the Arts Council to the city that never sleeps...The Big Apple...New York City!

**NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL
"WATER FOR ELEPHANTS"**



The bestselling novel comes to life in a new musical with "one of the more remarkable ensembles ever seen on Broadway" (*New York Daily News*). After losing what matters most, a young man jumps a moving train unsure of where it will take him and finds a new home, life, and love beyond his wildest dreams. His adventure becomes a poignant reminder that life can begin again at any age.
(September 3 at 7p)

**EXCLUSIVE SUNSET
ARCHITECTURAL CRUISE**



Just for our group, don't miss this exclusive harbor cruise to see New York City at sunset aboard a private, 60-foot yacht wrapped in turn-of-the-century tradition and equipped with teak decks, mahogany trim, and a cabin with an all-glass observatory. During this architectural-narrated cruise, enjoy an open bar offering beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres.
(September 2 at 6-8p)

*** * OPTIONAL EVENT * *
NY BOTANICAL GARDENS**



Head down the rabbit hole as the New York Botanical Garden is transformed into the sights, settings, & scents of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*. Step into a botanical experience that grows curiously & curiously in this immersive journey. Delight at the mind-bending horticultural displays fit for a queen, unusual and outsized art installations, & all the wonderfully weird beauty of Alice's world of imagination, made real with thousands of technicolor flowers.
(September 4 at 10a)

Entry Cost: \$35 per person
NYBG transfer cost: To be announced after number of participants is confirmed.

NOTE: You must choose this option at registration.



WARWICK HOTEL NYC

Enjoy three nights at the **Warwick Hotel NYC** with breakfast each morning at **Murals**. Located in the heart of NYC's dining, shopping, entertainment, & cultural districts, relax & enjoy all of The Big Apple.

COSTS: **ACMC Members:** Double = \$1,895 Single = \$2,240 (Nonmembers add 15%)
(per person) **Registration with \$800 deposit by June 3, 2024. Full payment due July 15, 2024.**

Costs Include: Group airport transfers in NC & NYC, round-trip air by American Airlines, 3 nights at Warwick Hotel, portage for 1 bag, 3 breakfasts, ticket to a Broadway show with post-show transfer to hotel, sunset cruise as described.

Not Included: Optional events, taxis, & meals not listed.

NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS: You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy our tours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours and therefore reserves the right to decline to accept anyone on a tour who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other travelers on the tour.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after the "Register by" date on **ALL ARTours**. **NO** refunds will be made after advertised "Final payment" date unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. **Trip cancellation insurance is highly recommended.**

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CUBA: A Cultural Odyssey

March 9-15, 2025



A few spaces remain to experience the Cuban culture on a “people-to-people” educational journey to Cuba. Connect with Cuban artists, dancers, musicians, students, baseball players, & more. Explore Hemingway's life in Cuba at his preserved home. Visit agricultural workers to talk about agrarian reform, tobacco production, & organic farming. Don't miss this chance to learn about & connect with Cubans on this unique Arts Council ARTour with Tauck.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS ARTOUR INCLUDE...

HOLA HAVANA: Meet our Cuban guide for an introductory lunch with authentic Cuban cuisine at a paladar • Enjoy art by **Kadir López** that illuminates the city streets highlighting the livelihood of its patrons from the Republican years • Meet teacher & students at **La Casa del Niño y Niña**, an after-school program that helps students develop language skills & cultural awareness • Chat with a local scholar on Cuban Revolution history, before stepping into the pedestrian-only UNESCO Heritage Site of **Old Havana** • Enjoy lunch with a former baseball legend • Visit a vintage American car club known from the tv series, **Cuba Chrome**, to meet club members & learn about challenges faced as part of Cuba's emerging entrepreneur sector • Learn about dance at a private dance company, before enjoying dinner & live music at a local restaurant with the **Havana Queens**.

VIÑALES VALLEY: Explore the **Viñales Valley** to learn how this landscape is optimal for growing tobacco & sustaining crops & livestock • Lunch at an organic farm where we chat with the farmers & hear about their entrepreneurial endeavors • Visit the **Benito Camejo Tobacco Farm** where Mr. Benito shares stories about this craft & the stripping & grading of tobacco.

AFRO-CUBAN CULTURAL HERITAGE: Connect with Afro-Cuban heritage with a visit to **Project Beyond Roots**, an organization whose mission is to inspire, empower, & create a positive change in the lives of Cuban people • Explore local goods & connect with artisans in the 19th century storage houses that are now the **Almacenes San José Artisans Market** • Visit **Vivian Humos**, a private project focused on making purses out of recycled cigar wood boxes, along with guayabera shirts designed by Vivian Acosta • Experience a cigar-rolling tutorial while listening to great music and Vivian's personal story in the world of high-end Habanos.

HEMINGWAY & CENTRO HABANA: Visit Ernest Hemingway's home of 21 years where he wrote *For Whom the Bell Tolls* & *The Old Man and the Sea* • Visit a musical program to learn how they teach youth to develop vocal & instrumental skills with traditional music • Enjoy one last evening in Havana at a local Paladar.

COST: **ACMC Member: Double = \$6,490 | Single = \$7,514** (Nonmembers add 15%)

(per person) Airfare from RDU to Miami not included; Will be announced when available.

Register with \$1,000 deposit by June 24, 2024. Final payment due Dec. 2, 2024.

Guest Protection Insurance: \$499 per person. (Must purchase at registration to be in effect.)

Cost Includes: On tour air (2 flights), all hotel accommodations, escorted travel as described with a Tauck Director & local Cuban guides (fluent in English), ground transfers, 16 meals (6B/5L/5D) including authentic Cuban cuisine, Airport transfers, all gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides & drivers, hotel & restaurant staff, all taxes & admission fees, portage & departure tax. **Not Included:** Airfare from RDU to Miami, meals not listed, Alcoholic beverages not listed, & incidental expenses.

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