



SPRING 2024 EDITION

Let's go!

...make some memories

Are you ready to make lasting memories & experiences?

This is one of the top reasons why traveling is important! **Traveling both domestic and abroad gives you the opportunity to create memories that will last a lifetime.** From the new foods you will eat, to the people you will meet, and the places you will visit...every experience will be unique and special!

A big hearty welcome to our newest Travel Club members and continued appreciation to our members who have been with us for many, many years. We treasure your friendships and banking relationships.

We are truly blessed that Prosperity Bank allows us to offer this unique niche to customers. Our membership of more than 7,000 spans the entire state of Texas and parts of Oklahoma as well. We utilize our newsletters as one of the best ways to provide information and sneak peeks to all our upcoming adventures – simply contact one of our Travel Club Coordinators for details. We will provide two publications per year...a Spring/Summer Edition and a Fall/Winter Edition in 2024.

So pack your bags and join the fun! We'd love to have you!

Thank you for your continued business and your friendship!

ALL THE BEST... *Leslie Escalante* TRAVEL CLUB DIRECTOR

REMINDER: Travel Changes

Payments: Prosperity Travel Club will no longer accept credit card payments. Trip payments can be made by Check, Cash or from a Prosperity Account. | **Transportation:** Airport transportation will only be provided for groups of 10 or more from a centralized departure location (unless specified otherwise). | **Tips:** Gratuities for guides and bus drivers will now need to be paid by individual travelers (except for the airport transportation bus driver). A general rule of thumb for tipping amounts based on per person/per day is Bus Drivers \$3 - \$5 per day and Guides \$8-\$10. And of course, a little extra is never turned away for exceptional service.

Do you know anyone interested in becoming a Travel Club Member?

Requirements:

- \$20,000 in any one of our Prosperity Bank Accounts (Includes Investment & Trust Accounts)
- One account must be an active checking account

Benefits:

- Free Order of Single Checks (Duplicates available for a fee)
- 50% Discount on Safe Deposit Box
- Personal Banker
- Travel Opportunities
- Travel Club Local Social Events
- Free Notary Service
- Adventures of a Lifetime!

Tips & Details:

- When traveling with us, we highly recommend trip insurance
- It is best to sign up for our trips when it's offered to secure your spot
- Please let your Travel Coordinator know if you change your address



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HOUSTON/BELLAIRE...
Donna

Greetings fellow travelers!
 Rest assured that while the Summer and Fall will be filled with exciting trips and "bucket-list" destinations, we will also continue a regular plan for monthly bunco days and mouth-watering lunch dates. Keep your calendars ready as we finalize plans to get together. Watch for our next luncheon in July and an event in early October. And of course, the annual Fashion Show in December will be a highlight!

WEST TEXAS... Dixie

WHERE WE HAVE TRAVELED IN 2023!!!!

Kentucky Bluegrass Fall Foliage, Branson Christmas Tour, A Southern Christmas in South Carolina and The Montreal & Quebec Christmas Markets!

WHERE WE ARE GOING IN 2024!!!!

Spring Mystery Tour???

May 13-19, 2024 (7 days - 6 nights) Departing Abilene, Big Spring, Midland & San Angelo

Great Rivers & Lakes of the Midwest Featuring Lake Geneva

June 13-23, 2024 (11 days - 10 nights) Departing Abilene, Big Spring, Midland & San Angelo

MAMMA MIA! Bass Performance Hall

Saturday, July 20, 2024 Departing Abilene

Escape too the Sierra Blanca Mountains (Ruidosos & Alamogordo)

August 14-17, 2024 (4 days - 3 nights) Departing Abilene, Big Spring & Midland

Louisville Christmas & More Featuring The Ark Encounter

November 19-25, 2024 (7 days - 6 nights) Departing Abilene, Big Spring & Midland

Let me leave you with a thought... "The only impossible journey is the one you never begin"



Donna is originally from Houston, attending Westbury High School and University of Houston. She married and moved to the Austin and San Antonio area, for about 25 years, then back to Houston.

As a Houston representative for a consulting company based in San Antonio, she would drive home from work every day past the corner of Bissonnet and Chimney Rock. She often wondered about the strange message on the marquee sign outside of a bank advertising the FLFG Donuts and to "call Judy". She said it must've been karma, because when the consulting company closed its Houston office, she applied to a job posting that sounded like fun – as the assistant to the director of a Prosperity Bank FLFG Travel Club.

Donna enjoyed learning and working with Judy and meeting the enthusiastic members of the FLFG traveling club. When Judy retired, Randy Dobbs, the Bellaire branch President, recruited her to take over the continuity of the club. Saying it would be a "piece of cake"!

She says it has been a unique learning experience and a delight to provide support and activities for our loyal Travel Club members. She has been with the Club on some Casino trips, Luncheons, Fashion Shows, Bunco, Friday morning donuts in the lobby with club member volunteers, a week with our travelers to Arizona and the Grand Canyon, and lots of memorable projects. Stating the real prize has been the opportunity to know and work with the dedicated members who volunteered their time to support the bank and the Travel Club.

Donna considers herself blessed with many memories and friends, and the support from the Prosperity Bank staff and management. You all will remain special in her heart.



DONNA ALWAIS

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It's not too late to hop on one of our remaining 2024 Trips

A Culinary Journey Through Tuscany

(Premier World Discovery)

September 24 – October 2, 2024..... **9 Days**

Enjoy this 7-night stay in Tuscany by traveling to well known and hidden gems nearby! From dinners hosted by locals, winery visits and a boat excursion. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind experience.

Deposit to reserve spot: \$600.00 Final Payment: 07/11/24

Brochure: \$4,995.00 Single Supplement: Add'l \$700.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Leslie Escalante 361-572-6504**

Costa Rica (TRIPS)

November 1 - November 7, 2024..... **7 Days**

November is the ideal time of year for you to visit fabulous Costa Rica! Join us as we travel to major coffee plantations, chocolate tours, natural thermal springs and so much more!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$650.00 Final Payment: 07/24/24

Brochure: \$4,498.00 Single Supplement: Add'l \$998.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown 361-572-6566**

Romantic Christmas Markets on the Danube (TRIPS) - (Limited Space)

November 29 - December 08, 2024..... **10 Days**

Experience timeless holiday traditions and colorful pageantry in Hungary, Slovakia, Austria, and Germany. Let iconic capital cities dazzle you - Budapest, Bratislava, and Vienna - all decked in holiday finery with glittering Christmas trees illuminated by thousands of lights.

Deposit to reserve spot: \$750.00 Final payment: 07/22/24

Brochure: \$7,498.00 - \$10,998.00

Single Supplement: Add'l 50% of Trip Cost

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown 361-572-6566**

2025 Trips Scheduled

Valentine's Day Sailing – Western Caribbean on NCL Prima (TRIPS)

February 14 – February 21, 2025..... **8 Days**

The dazzling Western Caribbean – swaying palm trees, crystal-blue waters, sparkling white sand beaches and clear azure skies – makes for the perfect Valentine' Day getaway from Galveston!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$650.00 Final Payment: 10/07/24

Brochure: Inside Cabin - \$1,998.00

Balcony Cabin - \$2,398.00

Single Supplement: 50% of selected cabin category

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Leslie Escalante 361-572-6504**

Springtime in Ireland (TRIPS)

March 26 – April 3, 2025..... **9 Days**

Join us on this exhilarating weeklong tour of the Emerald Isle...a land of breathtaking scenery, and of warm and friendly people. The Ireland no one else offers, featuring three highly diverse evenings of lively traditional Irish music and culture, set against the gorgeous backdrop of Ireland's most amazing sites and their stunning Springtime scenery.

Deposit to reserve spot: \$650.00 Final Payment: 12/2/24

Brochure: \$5,498.00 Single Supplement: \$1,298.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown 361-572-6566**

Great Lakes Adventure & the Holland Tulip Festival

(Premier World Travel)

May 1– May 9, 2025..... **9 Days**

If you want to see endless fields of colorful tulips in bloom head to Michigan's Holland Tulip Festival! This celebration of the area's Dutch roots is the highlight of spring in west Michigan and has been named one of the best flower festivals in the country!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$400.00 Final Payment: 2/2/25

Brochure: \$4,069.00 Single Supplement: \$1100.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Houston Coordinator**

The Very Best of East Germany (Universal Travel)

May 12 – May 23, 2025..... **13 Days**

Christoph will take you on an 11-night journey to his motherland of East Germany! See sights that you haven't seen in your previous visits to Germany. Offering panoramic sightseeing in Berlin, Leipzig, Dresden & Potsdam and so much more!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$900.00 Final Payment: 1/6/25

Brochure: \$6,848.00 pp Single Rate: \$7,999.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown 361-572-6566**

Tahiti & the Society Islands (Universal Travel)

July 23 – August 2/3, 2025..... **11 Days**

Welcome to Paradise! The islands of French Polynesia are a gorgeous collection of volcanic atolls strewn across the grand Pacific Ocean and the island of Tahiti is the largest of all. Start your dream vacation with a two-night stay in Papeete before embarking on the M/S Paul Gauguin, one of the finest small boutique ships at sea.

Deposit to reserve spot: \$900.00* Final Payment: 03/03/25

*\$250 non-refundable at the time of sign up

Brochure: Two Porthole Window – Cat F...\$9,649.00 pp

Picture Window – Cat E...\$10,149.00 pp

Balcony – Cat D...\$11,749.00 pp

Balcony – Cat C...\$12,049.00 pp

Veranda – Cat B...\$13,749.00 pp

Veranda Suite – Cat A...\$16,049.00 pp

Single occupancy is available upon request.

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Leslie Escalante 361-572-6504**

Quebec & Maritime Canada In-Depth (TRIPS)

September 12 – September 23, 2025..... **12 Days**

5-Star cruising from Montreal with only 680 guests and a crew of 400. After a fun pre-night exploring cosmopolitan Montreal, sail round-trip for 10 nights in intimate luxury on the lovely Azamara Quest to seven ports all around Quebec, most of them remote and seldom offered. Plus, a splash of the Canadian Maritimes and even the French outpost of St. Pierre et Miquelon – seeing all of it at the perfect time of the year, Eastern Canada's fall foliage season in mid-September!

Deposit to reserve spot: \$750 Final Payment: 5/2/25

*\$250 non-refundable at the time of sign up

Club Interior Stateroom – Cat 10...\$5,498.00

Club Oceanview Stateroom – Cat 6...\$5,998.00

Club Veranda Stateroom – Cat V3...\$6,698.00

Single Supplement: 50% of selected cabin category

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Doris Brown 361-572-6566**

New England Rails & Sails (Mayflower Cruises & Tours)

October 8 – October 16, 2025..... **8 Days**

This adventure features three rail excursions – Maine Narrow Gauge Railroad, Conway Scenic Railroad, Essex Steam Train and three scenic cruises – Cruise Portland's Casco Bay, Becky Thatcher Riverboat Cruise, Captain John Whale Watching Cruise.

Deposit to reserve spot: \$200.00 Final Payment: 1/6/25

Brochure: \$3,999.00 pp Single Supplement:

\$1,399.00

Lead Travel Coordinator – **Houston Coordinator**

Christmas in Nashville (TRIPS)

December 2025... **Details to follow**

HOUSTON/HEIGHTS..... Diane

Luncheons: Take place on the third Wednesday of the month at the bank in the Community Room. This is normally a potluck, but we change it up occasionally. (See the monthly notes below.) Times for luncheon: 10:30 arrival for those wishing to help, 11:00 arrival for those wishing to visit and at 11:30 the luncheon begins!

April 17, 2024 – Spring Has Sprung!

This will be a regular potluck. Please provide chicken, entrees & side dishes. The club will provide desserts and drinks. We'll play Banko and award door prizes.

May 15, 2024 – Memorial Day/Patriotic Theme!

Show your patriotism by wearing your red, white, and blue. This will also be a regular potluck. We'll have ice cream sundaes provided along with drinks. We'll top off the day with door prizes and Banko!

June 12, 2024 – Celebrate Summer!

(Please note that this is the SECOND Wednesday of the month instead of our normal 3rd Wednesday of the month, due to our Canadian Rockies trip.) We'll have our SALAD POTLUCK, so bring any kind of salad, and the club will provide the drinks and desserts. Join the fun as we play Banko and award door prizes.

Lunch Bunch: This takes place monthly at restaurants around Houston. It is Dutch treat, and we ask that you RSVP to Diane by 3:00pm the day before, or as soon as you know you'll be attending.

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 – Willie's Grill & Icehouse
6815 Grand Parkway, Spring, TX, 1:00pm

Thursday, May 23, 2024 – Valencia's Tex - Mex Garage
2009 W. 34th Street, Houston, TX, 1:00pm

Friday, June 28, 2024 – SALTGRASS Steakhouse
1803 Shepherd Drive, Houston, TX, 1:00pm

Call or email Diane for more information: 713-861-1125.
Diane.zuccarini@prosperitybankusa.com.



Diane was born and raised in Hobart, Indiana. She received her B. Ed in Elementary Education from Indiana State University and her M. Ed in Educational Administration from The University of Houston. She taught kindergarten - 4th grade, served as magnet school administrator and principal prior to her first retirement in 2014. Diane is married to retired teacher/coach Tony Zuccarini and they have 2 married daughters and 3 grandchildren.

Having led group trips on her own during summer vacations, Diane was referred to her current position from a member of the Prosperity Travel Club in 2016. She has led a variety of trips including domestic, international, day, casino, and bus trips, hosted monthly luncheons and lunch bunches, and offered seminars, craft days and movie days. In retirement she looks forward to continuing her love of travel, reading, bike riding and spending time at Lake Palestine with her family and friends.



DIANE ZUCCARINI

SOUTH TEXAS..... Doris

Our year started out with a bang! A 17-day cruise through the Panama Canal. The weather was amazing, our ports were exciting, and we all came back as friends, imagine that!

Upon our return, there was no rest for the weary! We were home for 5 days and then as our man "Willie Nelson" sings – we were on the road again! This time to Biloxi & New Orleans for a 6-day bus tour. Some came back with a couple of dollars, and some came back with more... but no one would tell!

We want to thank each of you for trusting us with your travel experiences and we look forward to our next adventure.



Upcoming South Texas Events:

April 25th – Day Trip to Knibbe Ranch

May 14th – Bunco

May 23rd – Paint Party

Please contact Doris Brown - South Texas Coordinator at 361-572-6566 or Luz Ramirez at 361-574-8431, for more details.

DFW/ETX/OK..... Beverly

The DFW area has been moving and shaking!

Our newest Club Coordinator, Beverly "BJ" Patton, has been busy meeting, greeting, and calling on Travel Club members in Dallas/Fort Worth and Tulsa too. Lots of exciting things coming your way. A Day Trip to Grapevine is in the works so stay tuned for details to come. Remember, you are free to join any of our destinations offered as we can get you on a plane from Dallas or Oklahoma... just ask!

We will be happy to get you details on anything you might be interested in!

