

Blue Horizon Travel Time

Presented by Blue Horizon Travel and Yacht Charters

Peace, Love & Joy to You & Your Family

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Sleigh Bells are ringing. The snow is falling! All of us at Blue Horizon Travel and Yacht Charters (Diane, Linda, Bonnie, Julie, and Marlene) would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your business and wish you the very best of everything in the coming New Year. We know you have choices. Your loyalty over the past 30 years is greatly appreciated. We will do our very best to help you and your families have many more wonderful travel experiences and memories.



Christmas 2025

Charter Your Own Private Crewed Yacht in the Caribbean!

Diane and Marlene recently attended the big charter yacht shows in St. Thomas, USVI and Tortola, BVI. Wow! Many new beautiful charter yachts are available! Mostly catamarans. We have to say, the boats are getting bigger and more luxurious. Most all have an upper deck for lounging. Many have a swim platform that lowers into the water. We literally inspected over 100 charter yachts and visited with



their crews. Did you know you can charter your own private yacht in the US or British Virgin Islands complete with Captain and Chef for a cost no more than a luxury all-inclusive resort or cruise in the Caribbean? Visit www.bluehorizon.net for details. Contact Marlene@bluehorizon.net or Diane@bluehorizon.net today for a quote. Phone (309)526-3499. Pictures are of Rhapsody II, one of our favorite catamarans that will accommodate up to eight guests in 4 queen cabins each with private bath.



Prices start at approximately \$4,500 per person, all-inclusive, based on a 7 night charter with 8 guests. All the yachts we represent are fully insured and maintain high standards of safety and reliability. Blue Horizon offers charter yachts that will accommodate 2 to 10 guests. If your group is more than 10 we offer tandem charters using like boats. The captains work together. Many of our charter yachts include scuba diving or offer it for a nominal extra charge.

Small Group Travel

Why Small Group Travel Is A Perfect Way to See the World with Friends or Family

Traveling with friends or family is something many people dream about. You get to share new places, try new foods, laugh together, and create memories that stay with you long after you return home. What many groups discover, is that the way you choose to travel can make all the difference. When you plan a trip for a small circle of people, the experience naturally becomes more personal. Instead of getting lost in a large crowd or trying to fit your needs into a rigid schedule, your group travels at a comfortable pace while still enjoying the benefits of professional planning and local expertise. It is the perfect balance.



A Chance to Connect on a Deeper Level

Daily life rarely gives people uninterrupted time with their loved ones, dear friends, or special interest colleagues. When you travel as a small group, that changes completely. These trips create opportunities to talk, reconnect, and enjoy each other's company. Families get to strengthen relationships across generations. Friends with shared interests rediscover how easy it is to have fun together. Small group travel gives people the time and space they need to re-connect.

Itineraries Built Around Your Group's Interests

One of the biggest advantages of small group travel is the ability to design an itinerary that fits your travelers. Instead of choosing from a list of pre-designed tours, you get a trip shaped around what your group enjoys most. Food lovers can spend their days at cooking classes & local restaurants. Adventure seekers can hike, snorkel, and explore the outdoors. Multi-generational families can enjoy a mix of gentle activities and exciting outings, so everyone feels included. You decide the pace, the activities, the accommodations, and even the amount of downtime.

Private Guides Who Make the Destination Come Alive

A private guide is often the piece of small group travel that travelers appreciate the most. Instead of navigating a new place on your own or following a large group tour leader, your group has someone dedicated to enhancing your experience with advanced planning. Private guides are advised of your interests and adjust the day to match your group's comfort level. They offer cultural insights, answer questions, and introduce you to hidden corners of the destination that you may miss on your own.

Flexibility That Keeps the Trip Comfortable

There is no pressure to keep up with a fast-moving group or stick to a strict timeline. You get to enjoy the destination the way you want to, with the comfort of knowing everything is organized and taken care of behind the scenes. Small groups also have more options when it comes to accommodations. You can stay in cozy inns, villas, boutique hotels, or even private homes.

A Better Way to Explore Together

Small group travel offers a blend of convenience, comfort, and connection that is hard to find in other travel styles. It brings people closer, allows for more meaningful experiences, and lets groups shape their days around what they genuinely enjoy. Whether you are celebrating a milestone, planning a long overdue reunion, or simply hoping to spend quality time with the people who matter most, group travel can make the entire journey feel extraordinary. With the right planning and expert support, your group can enjoy a vacation that feels tailored, relaxed, and deeply memorable.

[Blue Horizon Travel & Yacht Charters](#) is ready to help design the perfect small group trip for you, complete with custom itineraries, trusted guides, and experiences that bring your group together in the best possible way. Contact us today at (309) 526-3499 or visit us online www.bluehorizon.net for more information!

Discovery of Croatia & Slovenia April 12 - 24, 2026

LAST CHANCE! Don't miss out on this extraordinary adventure! Join Joel & Bonnie Newman on their "Discovery of Croatia and Slovenia" tour. Admire, discover, taste, learn and experience the culture along the Adriatic Sea and beyond.

Enjoy seven nights in beautiful Croatia with a dip into the "Jewel on the Mediterranean", Montenegro - Europe's youngest nation. Our time in Croatia will be filled with charming towns, history & nature's beauty. We will spend two nights in Slovenia appreciating the beautiful panoramic views, castles and a local market. The tour will end in Austria with two nights in Vienna that will include a city tour, a bit of free time, and our farewell dinner.



Airfare available from Chicago and other gateways. Please visit our website www.bluehorizon.net for day-to-day itinerary. Limited Availability!

Contact Bonnie@bluehorizon.net or (309) 737-0059 for current promotions!

Cruise the Historic Rhine (June 19 - 29, 2026)

Your Photos from a Rhine River Cruise Will Tell It All!



The Rhine flows through 4 countries: Netherlands, Germany, France and Switzerland. River cruising is such a picturesque way to be introduced to these 4 Western European Countries.

Let Blue Horizon Travel and the German American Heritage Center and Museum take you there June 19-29th 2026 with Mayflower Cruises and Tours aboard the Emerald Star Ship. Linda and the museum will provide education about each destination with social opportunities for group members and the public prior to the travel departure.



The Rhine is the most popular river cruise itinerary in Europe. Beginning in Amsterdam, you will see ornate patrician homes from the vantage of a canal cruise followed by your southbound cruise on the Rhine River to the glorious German sites of Cologne, Rhine Gorge, Koblenz, Heidelberg and The Black Forest's Breisach region. This cruise also stops in France's beautiful Alsace region of Strasbourg and Switzerland's Basel and Lucerne.

Our package includes 2 hotel post cruise nights in lovely Lucerne, Switzerland. Pre-nights in Amsterdam and post nights in Zurich are available upon request with our air package.

Stateroom selection is on request due to this popular departure date.

Contact Linda Meadors, Affinity Group Consultant at 309-235-5806 or Linda@bluehorizon.net to check availability and request a cruise kit.



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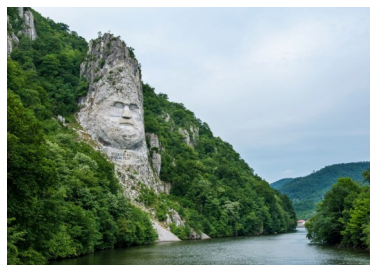
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Gems of Eastern Europe (September 6 - 21, 2026)

Join Joel & Bonnie Newman on an exceptional Mayflower land and river cruise package. Enjoy five pre cruise nights in Bucharest and Brasov Romania, seven nights cruising on the Eastern Danube and two post cruise nights in Budapest, Hungary.

Our “off the beaten path” experience begins with five nights in Romania, with the first & last nights of the land portion in Bucharest and the other three nights in Brasov in the center of Transylvania. While in Brasov, we will witness the mix of medieval charm & modern city life and, of course, visit the 14th century Bran (Dracula’s) Castle.



Our next 7 nights will be sailing on the Danube with Mayflower Cruises and Tours aboard the Emerald Star-Ship. While visiting 5 countries, we will be enriched with their beauty & history as well as being pampered on board our cruise. We end with a two night stay in the lovely city of Budapest. Airfare available from Moline and other gateways. Please visit our website www.bluehorizon.net for the day-to-day itinerary. Limited Availability!

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