

Highlight Passport

September.

2025

Lancaster: The Road less Traveled

On August 18, 2025 - 31 travelers and 8 staff headed to Lancaster Pennsylvania for 5 days of fun and learning. After picking up everyone at Kings Plaza and Penn Station we were off to Kitchen Kettle for lunch and some shopping. There were fresh baked cookies (which we all sampled) and many handmade crafts in the stores. It was the start of our shopping trip. (The big shopping was to come later in the trip) We signed into the Hampton Inn & Suites and then went to a wonderful dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord restaurant. It was a great start to our vacation.



The next day started with a nice breakfast at the hotel before heading to Bird-in-Hand, PA to meet our local tour guide for the Amish Experience Tour. This was a bus tour around the area to visit local Amish farms and Amish Quilt craft shops. The travelers were able to feed the animals and to sit in a buggy. We took a lot of photos and sampled the baked goods and popcorn. The highlight of the day was the horse-drawn carriage ride the whole group was able to do. Each buggy would hold 15 travelers & staff and 2 travelers were even able to ride up with the drive. We stopped at a dairy farm and learned about the Amish milk process and saw mini horses and ponies. It was a wonderful day.



The next day, we started it off a little differently with exercise class, swimming, and a duck hunt in the hotel. The travelers had the morning to chill or participate in any of the activities that the staff had set up. It was a fun morning hunting for ducks throughout the hotel. (The staff hid the ducks the night before after all the travelers went to bed and only a few ducks were found by the hotel guide). Even the swimmer got into the duck hunt and found some of the ducks in the pool area. It was a fun morning, but it was time to board the bus to head to lunch at the Golden Corral.

After everyone had their full and finished lunch, we boarded the bus to head to Longwood Gardens.

At Longwood Gardens we didn't have much time, but we took a beautiful panoramic photo of the travelers in the gardens before heading to the fountain show. The fountain show was amazing and everyone enjoyed it. The group boarded the bus to head to the Magic & Wonder dinner show to see Illusionist Brett Myers for a jaw-dropping magic variety show full of more grand illusions, hilarious comedy, and dynamic circus arts. It was a magical performance that left everybody wanting more!

Hershey - Sweetest Place on Earth

As part of the Lancaster trip, we headed to Hershey Park on Thursday for a sweet day of fun and rides. We arrived at Hershey Park and headed to the Hershey Chocolate World to hop on the Hershey Chocolate tour. This is a ride that shows you how your favorite Hershey candy is made. At the end of the ride, everyone gets a sample of Hershey candy. (Hershey chocolate mini bar or Twizzler). After the ride we separated into smaller groups and headed into Hershey Park. Some travelers went to the coaster, others to the Carousel and others travelers walked around exploring the park. Most of the travelers ended up at the seal and sea lion show before going back to ChocolateWorld to buy their souvenirs (and candy!). It was a very sweet day. It was a great way to end our vacation.



Loss of a Member of our Family: Robert Heimowitz



Last month, we lost one of our friends and fellow traveler, - Robert Heimowitz. He is survived by his brother, Dr. Howard Heimowitz and sister-in-law, Iris and his mother. Robert loved going to breakfast with Howard and Iris and ordering the same meal each time. He always finished it off with a big cup of coffee with oat milk. Robert loved going on vacations and has been to our New Years Eve trips and Lancaster. Robert was a member of the Alan Butger House in Little Neck for 31 years and friends to Gary, Dorothy, Wendy, & Vincent from our club and his house. To all his friends at the Alan Butger House, we will miss Robert and think of all of you too.

Globey - Introducing the trips for 2026



Hi! I'm Globey and I'm your club mascot. I'm here to share the good news about next year's trips. We have the annual New Years Eve plan for two nights of dancing and partying at the Grand Hotel in Cape May NJ on Dec. 31, 2025 to Jan. 2, 2026. The

cost is \$1900 for early enrollment before Oct. 14, 2025. On Oct, 15, 2025 the cost is \$2100 per traveler.

- In April - we will be doing another cruise for Florida to the Eastern Caribbean. (More details to come later)

- In July - we will be heading to Utah for a National Parks and Beyond trip (More details to come later)

- In Sept - we will be going to Philadelphia and exploring our history as a country (more details to come later)

The April, July and Sept trips are being worked out and as you are reading this Mary is getting more information about the trips. I will be the first to give it to you. Look for me on our facebook page for information. <https://www.facebook.com/highlightvacations>

San Antonio, Tx

We will have more on San Antonio Tx in the Oct Newsletter, but find us on Facebook for daily information. <https://www.facebook.com/highlightvacations>

Friends and Family Program

Our Friends and Family program was a big success and it brought a lot of new people to the club for the community. We will bring it back for the 2026 season, to help you save again. The first trip that you can save on is the Annual NYE trip. Sign up with a new friend that is not a member of the club and you both save. Even if you are not going on the same trip. If you have any questions, please email me: highlightvacations@gmail.com

Early Enrollment for NYE 2026:

Yes, believe it or not but the annual New Years Eve trip is set up and coming to you early! So, please sign up early. I was only able to get 15 rooms, First come - first serve, to guarantee your room or spot. We will only be taking 25 travelers, when that number is reached the trip is closed. We have 14 travelers signed up already for the trip, only 11 spots left.

We have 14 travelers signed up already. For more information email: highlightvacations@gmail.com or call 718-938-2122.

(This is a Activity Level 1 trip: I'm a Chilling)



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Celebrate the Good Times



Annual New Year's Eve Trip to Cape May, NJ

December 31, 2025 - January 2, 2026

\$1900 per person

Early enrollment - Deposit of \$1000 is due September 1st, 2025

Sign up with a new friend or family member & the price is \$1750 each at enrollment. (friend can not be a traveler from Highlight Vacations program from past trips)

Included:

- all transportation to and from Cape May, NJ.
- Pick up and drop off from Kings Plaza and Penn Station
- Quick lunch stop at Monmouth Service Area.
- 2 night stay at Grand Hotel in Cape May, NJ
- "The Main Event" - New Year's Eve Celebration!
 - 5 hour premium open bar, Hors d'Oeuvres, a sensational served Surf & Turf dinner. Then it's not-stop dancing and partying and partying all night long with their house band & Disc Jockey. Champagne Toast at Midnight.
- One of Atlantic City's Most Popular Casinos (Everyone will receive a \$20 for gaming & \$20 for lunch included)
- "The Party Continues" with a delicious 3 course dinner (choise of braised short ribs or crab stuffed flounder) then it's non-stop dancing and partying all night long with their house band & Disc Jockey in the 5 floor Penthouse Ballroom.
- free time in downtown Cape May.
- Tax and tips included.

For more information:

Mary Bozzone : 718-938-2122 or highlightvacations@gmail.com

Please make payment to: Highlight Vacations:

2969 Avenue T, Brooklyn NY 11229

All payments received after October 15, will be bill \$2100.

Friends and family will be billed \$1950 after Oct 15.

Activity Level:

When signing up for a trip/vacation, please consider the activity level of the trip. This gives the traveler an idea of the amount of walking/activity that is per day. Here is the list of the Activity Levels for all day trips and vacations for the upcoming year.

Guide to Activity Level for Trips

Activity Level 1: I'm a Chilling •

-This is your trip to sit back and relax. Walking is to the minimal, maybe walk a mile during the day. Stopping and smelling the roses is a must on this trip. You like to take your time and enjoy what you are doing. You don't want to be rushed to the next activity. (Lots of stops to rest).

Activity Level 2: Keep the Pace: ••

-You like to spend most of the day walking and sightseeing, and you can keep up with the group. You like to see a lot and to stay busy, but you also like a restful afternoon by the pool or reading a good book occasionally. These travelers can walk from 2 to 4 miles in the morning with ease and enjoy a quiet afternoon.

Activity Level 3: On Your Feet traveler! •••

-This is for the traveler that likes to be on the go. To spend the morning in a museum or sight seeing a castle. Then they have the opinion to go swimming in the afternoon or shopping or continuing exploring the area. These travelers like to constantly like to be on the go! This group can walk from 5 to 9 miles a day, it's up to what you do!

Activity Level 4: What's Next on the List: ••••

-You enjoy spending the day on the move! You are comfortable spending the day walking around town, or uneven paths, or taking public transportations. You are ready for anything!!! You want to see everything and you are willing to try new things. These travelers can walk up to 10 miles or more a day and be ready tomorrow to do it again.

Activity Level: Choose Your Pace:

This is a trip that is the traveler's pick. It allows the traveler to pick the activity level that they would like to do for that day. Staff will be available for them on a day-by-day rotation, so that each traveler will be able to do their activity level that they choose for the day. If the activity level cannot be covered on a particular day because of staff shortage, it will be selected on the following day

Our teatime socials are the second Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm



It is a great way to discuss what is important in the club with our travelers. We talk about what is going on in the community and spend time with good friends and learn skills for when we are traveling.

If you have already been to one of our teatime socials, you do not have to sign up again. If you would like to join us for the first time, please **sign up on our website:** www.highlightvacations.com or highlightvacations@gmail.com

Meeting ID: 252 877 3186

Passcode: 002029.

Celebrate Good times!!!

Birthday Wishes:

August: Scott K. (8th), & Heather H. (16th)

Sept: Janet S. (5th), Jeff G. (16) & Hector Jr. G. (25th)



Email me and let me know when it's your birthday, anniversary , graduation or any good news that you have, so I can share it with everyone. please email me at: **highlightvacations@gmail.com**

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