



**Marilyn Foster**  
Travels with Marilyn

# Make time to celebrate America's rich heritage

I can't get enough of the beauty and history of this country. I never tire of

hearing the tales that made us the country we are today. The history of the founding of America and those who created this great country comes alive when taking the Heritage of America tour offered by Collette Vacations.

On April 26, we'll fly to New York City to begin our motorcoach journey of an area so steeped in history that you will think you are reliving the pages of your sixth grade American history textbook. For some of us, this can be a great — and needed — refresher course.

I've already taken this special tour and highly recommend it to anyone who "wants to celebrate America's rich and varied heritage," as stated in Collette's brochure.

We'll start off with two nights in the very heart of New York City staying at the iconic Sheraton New York Times Square, a hotel so conveniently located that you can walk everywhere. You'll get the lay of the land of this great city with an overview tour of the some of the time-honored sights leaving time for you to explore on your own. You'll have time to book a Broadway show, for how can you be in NYC without seeing a show! Just wait until you have breakfast at Ellen's Stardust Diner! I loved my first trip to New York so much that I recently



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Our nation's capital is a sight to see whether by day or night.

went back for a five-night in-depth tour offered by Collette.

Then, it's off to the "birthplace of our nation" — Philadelphia. Here you will see the famed Liberty Bell and Independence Hall before traveling to Gettysburg to tour the site of this epic Civil War battle where President Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address. You'll spend two nights in Gettysburg so you can walk the battlefield at your own convenience, though you will have a tour of the fields as well. Dinner will be at one of the historic inns. You will be profoundly moved by what you see and experience in Gettysburg.

Then on to Harper's Ferry

and the Shenandoah Valley where you'll pass through Shenandoah National Park via the scenic Skyline Drive of the Blue Ridge Mountains, overnighing in Charlottesville, Virginia. Then, it's on to Williamsburg for two nights where there will be plenty of history lessons about the Revolutionary War and how life was during this time in 1770. Along the way, there's a visit to Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson.

Day 8 finds the tour in Washington, D.C., where the group will stay at the famous Omni Shoreham Hotel. You'll enjoy a guided tour of the city along with a stop at the White House Visitor Center. There will be stops at the World War II, the Vietnam, and the Korean War memorials along with a visit to Arlington Cemetery to visit the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Kennedy grave site. A tour to Washington would not be complete without a visit to the Smithsonian. Of course, everyone must visit Mt. Vernon, the home of our first President George Washington. If we are lucky, this could be during cherry blossom time.

The trip ends in D.C. where you will fly home, or if you wish, extend your time in D.C. or add some extra days at the beginning in New York City. Generally, there is no additional charge for air, but you will be responsible for booking your own hotels. This is a 10-day tour that includes nine nights in great hotels, 13 meals, airport transfers from the Carson City Chamber to Reno Airport, airport transfers in New York and Washington, all touring, guides, lectures and more.

You'll relearn so much of what makes our America great. The Collette tour managers are so well-versed in history and will bring to life the history that

defines us yet today. All you need to do is relax and soak in all the history! Be sure to book before Oct. 26 to receive a \$50 per person discount — that's a meal in NYC!

Other Visit USA trips coming up in 2019 include Discover South Dakota departing May 17th — Ronni Hannaman just returned from there and stated it was truly an amazing part of these United States that should be on the travel bucket lists of all Americans! I wrote about South Dakota last month and am pleased she enjoyed it as much as I did.

For the 2019 Holiday tour, the Chamber is holding space for the Christmas at the AAA 5-Diamond Broadmoor Resort where two nights are spent at this beautiful resort and two night at the Crowne Plaza in Denver at the beginning of the tour. Only a two hour non-stop flight to Denver makes this an easy tour, departing on Dec. 11. You'll tour Denver, see the home of the "Unsinkable Molly Brown," have a dinner and show at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse, visit the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs before touring the Garden of the Gods. At the Broadmoor, we'll enjoy two dinners and the holiday show featuring Debby Boone, along with all the amenities of the resort.

For information on these tours and other planned tours, stop by the Chamber office at 1900 S. Carson St., or log on to [www.carsoncitychamber.com](http://www.carsoncitychamber.com) to review the complete itineraries. I love traveling in America and know you will, too!

*Marilyn is 89 years old and still loves to travel. She will be traveling to Croatia on Sept. 22 to tour the islands of Croatia on a yacht specially chartered by the Chamber.*

## OBITUARIES



**Marian Artesani**  
October 9, 1926 - May 24, 2018

Marian was born October 9, 1926 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Teresa and Charles Stults. She passed into heaven May 24, 2018 in Carson City, NV.

Marian attended Southside High School in Fort Wayne where she met and married Edgar J. Artesani a childhood friend on September 7, 1946. Married at St Peter's Catholic Church. A marriage that lasted 66 years.

Marian was a life long vocalist and enjoyed music and acting. She made her living, before her marriage, as a featured singer with the Big Bands. She was Choir Director for Assumption Catholic Parish in Ferndale, California. She had a part in the movie "Sisters' Act", and was a member of the cast of "Music Man" (as *Marian the Librarian*) and "Oklahoma" with Western Nevada Community College Theater Group.

To accommodate her husband's career, they moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where her husband attended flight school for United Airlines and then on to United Airlines in So. San Francisco. Another move to Ventura, California ensued where her husband joined the California Highway Patrol. Two daughters were born, Teresa (*Tina*) Christine Artesani and Catherine Elizabeth Artesani in Ventura.

She earned a Realtor's License after moving to Hollister, California and also worked as a Custom Interior Decorator. After their next move to Bridgeport, California in 1967 Marian was employed by Mono County Treasurer's Office and became Assistant to the County Assessor. During that time she served as President of The Northern Regional California Assessor's Office Managers Association.

Marian became widowed in 2012.

Marian believed in Physical fitness and continued her love of swimming throughout her life, winning multiple gold medals in the Senior Olympics for competitive lap swimming up to the age of eighty.

Marian is survived by her daughters, Teresa (*Tina*) C. Nelson and Catherine E. Allen. Her grand children: Audrey M. Fisher, Lauren E. Wetzlau, Nicholas B. Allen and five great grand children.

**Marian's Celebration of Life will take place at the Bridgeport Inn - on the lawn, in Bridgeport California on Sept 15, 2018 at 2:00PM**

*In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "Residents' Fund" at Sierra Place Assisted Living, 1111 W. College Parkway, Carson City, Nevada 89703, for all who assisted Marian so wonderfully during her stay there.*



**Bruce R. Pfeiffer**  
November 9, 1924 - September 1, 2018

Bruce Pfeiffer (call sign N7CPP) of Carson City passed away peacefully September 1, 2018 at Whispering Heights Residence Home. Bruce was born in Harrison, Nebraska, joining the navy during World War II. During the war Bruce served as Radioman First Class on the USS Caliente. Following his discharge he settled in Oakland, California, where he met his wife Ruth Sue Olds. While in California Bruce worked for California State Automobile Association in Oakland and then owned one of the first of its kind "Instant Printing" company in San Francisco. Following retirement Bruce and Sue moved to Carson City. While in Carson Bruce was active in Amateur Radio club, St Paul's Lutheran Church, the Carson Tahoe Auxiliary and the Carson Tahoe Volunteer to help a needy cause or fellow man. (if he didn't volunteer, his wife Sue would do it for him)

Bruce was preceded in death by his wife Sue in 2004 and his only daughter Pam. He is survived by his son Michael and two grandchildren.

The last few years Bruce has been lovingly and respectfully cared for at Whispering Heights Assisted Living by Fredric Davidson and Naima Velasquez and other staff. He was deeply grateful for their support.

Bruce continues to give of himself as he has donated his body to the University of Nevada Medical School.

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