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Frances Parnell Travel Adventures presents..... The REST of 2012

What will you be doing on 12/12/12 12:12? This is two true moments in time that will not happen again for 100 years. Mathematically speaking it is a palindromic day with an extraordinary moment. Perhaps it has been a while since you pondered palindromes so just join me for our annual HOLIDAY ADVENTURE and I will take you there. You will be in bed most likely for the first moment and in DURHAM, NC for the second of the moments. Following is what you will do--before--during the second time of--and after the second time of. It will not be complicated--just follow me as my loyal travelers have done for a hundred times--and that isn't figurative speech!!

Yes, this is also a celebration of the

100th

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Dating back to the first adventure in 1995 and a January Winter Weekend in Stowe, VT. There, we enjoyed playing in the snow at Trapp Lodge and on Mt. Manchester. Since that time, and with your encouragement, we have visited six of the continents. I hope you think Adventure 100 is noteworthy.

Historic Durham, North Carolina

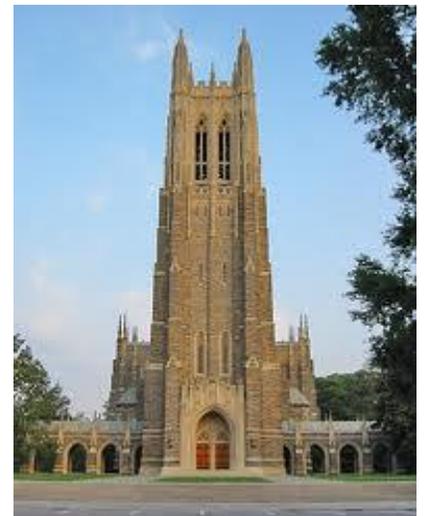
December 12, 2012

07:15 AM: Board the coach at Winter Park Baptist Church parking lot.

07:30 AM: Coach rolls. (Eat before you board, please. We will take one of the "Rest Stops" along the way.

10:30 AM: Pause for a Holiday Brunch at the Umstead Hotel and a self-guided viewing of their extraordinary collection of art. A map will guide you through the art collection--also a part of the decor.

12:00 NOON: Back to the coach. As we drive to Duke Chapel for the Flentrop organ recital/demonstration the second palindromic moment will occur at **12:12 PM**. (The first palindromic moment occurred at 12:12 AM--when you will probably be asleep.) A tour of Duke



Chapel will follow as well as a winter guided walk in the Sara B. Duke Gardens—weather permitting. (We have a tram reserved for people who may not wish to walk.) You will not see many flowers perhaps, but the winter berries are lovely and the paper whites may be in bloom.

2:15 PM: Brad , of Tobacco Road Tours, will step on our coach and show us around the Durham area revealing some of the highlights that made the town that also gave us Duke University.

06:15 PM: Brad will drop us off at the American Tobacco Campus where you will find a bite to eat and browse this historic district.

07:30 PM: Make your way to the Carolina Theater, a historical sister of our own Thalian Hall, for a concert by Natalie MacNair who picked up her first violin at the age of 8 and found that it would also fiddle. She is renown for revealing all the different kinds of music-folk to classical-that can be made with her "instrument." She will even take us on a Holiday Sleigh Ride—Celtic style.

Ladies, don't wear your glass slippers as we may be a little past midnight getting home. Plan to sleep in the next day.

COST: \$100

(I am picking up the added costs this time as a gift to you for your support over the past 99 adventures and 17 years.)

FULL PAYMENT DUE: November 9, 2012.

This trip has been planned to include great food, the arts, history, geography, architecture, innovations and learning opportunities-- along with pure enjoyment and camaraderie.



The BEST of 2013

All trips may not make so tell me which ones are of most interest.

JANUARY :

Mattamuskeet Lake: January 18 & 19. A two-day trip for the refuge waterfowl tour (if we are drawn from the hat) to include some other highlights of North Eastern NC.

Australia & New Zealand: Jan. 21-Feb.11. Add Figi (opt) and return on Feb. 15.

MARCH:

Wilmington: There are some things to do in Wilmington that most of us have not done. Would you go on a guided tour of Screen Gems? a "foodie" tour? a walk with Bob Jenkins?

"The Passion Play" at Piney Grove Church between Washington and Williamston, NC. A two day trip to include tours along the way. This is NC's version of the production in Oberammergau, Germany. It is unbelievable that this tiny congregation can pull this off with an exceptional performance. This will be the week before Easter or Easter Monday—depending on the language spoken. Some performances are in Spanish.

APRIL:

Kentucky: Visit Pleasant Hill (renown for furniture) , Berea (a unique learning institution) and Keenland for the Keenland Races. A friend who lives there says, "Go to the races in Keenland rather than the



Kentucky Derby." In Keenland, we get up close to the horses and the jockeys—we really learn about horse racing and can even eat in the dining room where the jockeys eat. This is a beautiful time to be in KY and the included outings are of varied interest. You will be entertained the way you like entertainment.

MAY:

A little of Scotland--such as Edinburg, the Isle of Skye in the highlands and points between enroute to Belfast where we will begin a lot of Ireland. We will start this in late April and be home prior to Mother's Day and university graduations.

SEPTEMBER:

Back to Portland, ME (for lobsters) and on to the White Mountains of NH, the Green Mountains of VT and back to Kennebunkport for more lobsters. This trip is the absolute essence of Southern Maine, NH, and VT. You will see the places you have heard of, overnight at Mt. Washington, dine at the Trapp Lodge and stay in Smugglers Notch. I love these quaint towns that wreak of autumn!

DECEMBER:

Holiday Tour: What are you longing for? Our holiday trip is always special so let's keep it that way. People ask about Washington, DC; Asheville; another river cruise in Europe to visit the Christmas Markets. What would you really like to do?

Contact Frances Parnell soon to book your travel