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Churchill's Secret Army **\$24 / \$29**

FM1000 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – January 28 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

Churchill created a special intelligence agency to set occupied Europe "ablaze" using "ungentlemanly" tactics. His inspiration came, in part, from the Irish Republican Army which waged a guerilla campaign against British rule. The Special Operations Executive (SOE) engaged in espionage, sabotage, assassination, reconnaissance and along with the American OSS supported resistance movements. SOE ran a spy school, Camp X, in Canada where OSS agents were trained in "murder and mayhem." Many were women. Camp X was also the site of Canada's code breaking program (Hydra). Topics will include: Intrepid; training; agents; operations (including the destruction of Nazi heavy water and the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich); and movies inspired by SOE missions. *Instructor: Thomas Eastwood*

The Second Amendment: Guns in America **\$24 / \$29**

FM1001 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – January 30 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

This lecture examines the history of the adoption of the Second Amendment and the history of guns in our country starting with Colonial America. We will examine the court cases dealing with gun control and gun rights and the arguments for and against gun control. *Instructor: Jack Cittadine*

Impeachment – Holding American Presidents Accountable **\$24 / \$29**

FM1002 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 4 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

This lecture and discussion will examine the historical, political and contemporary issues associated with Article II, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution which empowers Congress to Impeachment and remove from power the "President, Vice President and civil officers for conviction of "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors." We will also review the Trump impeachment and its place in history. *Instructor: Dr. Peter Bergerson*

Change Your Mind to Control Your Weight **\$24 / \$29**

FM1003 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 6 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

To lose weight and maintain weight loss is as much a matter of mind as of body. Many of us have lost touch with natural hunger and satiety signals and we overeat in response to emotional and external cues. Retrain your brain to think and behave differently, learn strategies to reduce eating prompted by emotions and stress and utilize your body's natural instincts. *Instructor: Jeanne Berger*

Renaissance Academy 2020 Travel Open House **FREE**

Option #1 – FM1004 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 11 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

Option #2 – FG1024 – FGCU Main Campus Sugden Welcome Center (Ft. Myers) – February 25 at 2pm – 3:30pm, Tuesday

Pre-Registration is required! Join us as we formally unveil our 2020 Travel excursions to the National Parks of the Southwest, a river cruise along The River Po, the historic St. Petersburg and Capital of the Baltics, the beauty of Provincial France and Northern Italy, Sicily in Depth, Israel Timeless Wonders and the Patagonian Frontiers. Eight exciting and luxurious tours are planned for our upcoming travel season and we invite you to learn about them all. Through unique and interesting itineraries, participants have the opportunity to experience life outside the classroom, visit historic sites with local guides, experience another culture and delight in conversation and laughter with fellow explorers who share a love of travel and a sense of adventure. *Instructor: John Guerra*

How the U.S. Supreme Court Works **\$24 / \$29**

FM1005 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 13 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

This lecture, taught by an attorney that served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Warren Burger in 1974-1975, will explain how the United States Supreme Court functions. We will discover how cases are selected, reviewed and heard. We will also explore preparation and issuance of Court rulings. *Instructor: Timothy D. Kelly*

To Life: The Liberation of Ravensbrück **\$15 / \$25**

Option #1 – SP2449 – FGCU Main Campus Library (Fort Myers) – February 14 at 10am – 11:30am, Friday

Option #2 – SP2450 – FGCU Main Campus Library (Fort Myers) – March 20 at 10am – 11:30am, Friday

Option #3 – SP2451 – FGCU Main Campus Library (Fort Myers) – April 10 at 10am – 11:30am, Friday

Enrollment is limited. In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi-era concentration camps, Florida Gulf Coast University's Wilson G. Bradshaw Library has partnered with FGCU's Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Genocide studies, Sarasota-based non-profit Better Futures and Sweden's Lund University and Malmö Museum. The Library's spring 2020 exhibition *To Life: The Liberation of Ravensbrück* brings to Southwest Florida, for the first time, the story of the White Buses, a rescue operation undertaken by the Swedish Red Cross and the Danish government which brought thousands of women and children from Germany's Ravensbrück concentration camp to freedom at Malmö Harbor. *To Life: The Liberation of Ravensbrück* celebrates liberation from the perspective of the women and children rescued by the White Buses. Join us for a docent-led tour of this remarkable exhibition.

Apollo 13: American Greatness and the Mission to the Moon **\$24 / \$29**

FM1006 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 18 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

2020 will be the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 13 mission. This lecture will provide a review of the Apollo Space Program from 1963 – 1972 through the eyes of an MIT Engineer who was involved with the design of the Inertial Navigation and Control System used for the Command and Lunar Modules on all Apollo Missions. Stationed at Houston Mission Control for the duration of the Apollo 13 flight, our instructor was a member of the team awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for its work. Join us for a look back at one of the most dynamic and fascinating NASA space programs of the 20th Century. *Instructor: Edward Grace*

Marie Antoinette's Last Ride **\$26 / \$32**

FM1007 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 20 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

This is the story of the last days of Marie Antoinette and the events that led to her execution. We will take you on a walking tour along the exact route the queen's cart took to the Place de la Révolution (today it's known as the Place de la Concorde). Starting in her cell at the Conciergerie, we'll stop along the way at Robespierre's apartment, the pharmacy where her alleged lover bought his invisible ink to write love letters to her, and the site where Jacques-Louis David sat and sketched his famous picture of her in the cart. You'll learn how to distinguish between buildings that were pre- and post-Revolution. Your tour ends at the exact spot where the guillotine was set-up and it was not in the same spot where her husband was executed ten months earlier. *Instructor: Stew Ross*

Flagler Mansion and Gilded Age Tea Lunch **\$95 / \$115**

SP2452 – Palm Beach – February 18 at 7:30am (Ft.M)/8:05am (No. Naples) – 6:30pm (Naples)/7:05pm (Ft.M)

Enrollment is limited. Bus will depart Ft. Myers at 7:30am; North Naples at 8:05am. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. This tour offers participants the opportunity to visit the mansion of Henry Flagler, the man almost single-handedly responsible for developing the East Coast of Florida. Whitehall, the 60,000 square-foot home that he built in Palm Beach as a wedding present for his wife, was described in 1902 by the *New York Herald* as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Included are transportation, driver gratuity, a docent-led tour of the mansion's first floor and a Gilded Age Tea Lunch. Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip.

Five Eyes: Global Eavesdropping and the Collection of Communications Intelligence **\$24 / \$29**

FM1008 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 18 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

Since World War II, the U.S. and U.K. have had an alliance to jointly collect and share communications intelligence. That agreement has expanded to include other types of intelligence. It also grew to include Australia, Canada and New Zealand and became called Five Eyes. It is the most effective intelligence alliance in history. Join us for a fascinating introduction into the world of signals intelligence and global eavesdropping. Topics will include: history, types of intelligence, agencies involved, third parties, Nine Eyes, 14 Eyes, Atlantic Charter, VENONA, Soviet Spies, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, ECHELON, Pine Gap, NSA Hawaii, Edward Snowden, leaks, cyberwarfare, intelligence partnerships, Israel, emerging issues and 5G. *Instructor: Thomas Eastwood*

Tour of Immokalee**\$39 / \$49**

Option #1 – SP2453 – Immokalee – February 26 at 9am (North Naples) – 5pm (North Naples), Wednesday

Option #2 – SP2454 – Immokalee – March 18 at 9am (North Naples) – 5pm (North Naples), Wednesday

Option #3 – SP2455 – Immokalee – April 8 at 9am (North Naples) – 5pm (North Naples), Wednesday

Choose one of the course options above. Enrollment is limited. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. Bus will depart north Naples at 9am. An all-day tour of Immokalee, including the history of the community; samples at the Casa Dulce Mexican Bakery; RCMA's beautiful historical mural; a drive through one of the largest Habitat for Humanity communities; Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens where the graves are beautifully decorated in a way that seems to keep the dead alive; Lake Trafford Marina and the rustic zoo with talking birds and a 17-foot python (safe in a large cage); the Immokalee Pioneer Museum; lunch at Lozano's restaurant; a stop at the Farmer's Market; and a quick drive through neighboring Ave Maria on the way home! Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip. *Tour Leader: Carlene Thissen*

Miami's Little Havana and Wynwood Culinary, Artistic and Cultural Tours**\$95 / \$115**

Option #1 – SP2456 – Miami – February 26 at 7:50am (Ft.M)/8:30am (Naples) – 6:30pm (Naples)/7pm (Ft.M)

Option #2 – SP2457 – Miami – March 12 at 7:50am (Ft.M)/8:30am (Naples) – 6:30pm (Naples)/7pm (Ft.M)

Option #3 – SP2458 – Miami – March 25 at 7:50am (Ft.M)/8:30am (Naples) – 6:30pm (Naples)/7pm (Ft.M)

Choose one of the course options above. Enrollment is limited. Bus will depart Ft. Myers at 7:50am; North Naples at 8:30am. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. Join us as we experience the cultural, artistic and culinary delights of Miami's Little Havana and Wynwood districts. Taste authentic Cuban cuisine and listen to the stories of those doing the cooking. Learn about spiritual beliefs the community practices including Santeria. Visit a cigar factory, explore Domino Park and The Cuba Ocho Art Museum. Savor the cuisine of some of the most talented chefs in Wynwood. Hear the stories behind the creation of Wynwood, its history and the people who helped create the largest outdoor Museum in the world. Discover massive and enchanting murals, visit galleries and learn about the different styles of graffiti art. Included are transportation, driver gratuity and a full-day guided tour including various food samplings along the way. Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip.

Enlightened Despots**\$24 / \$29**

FM1009 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – February 27 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

The Scientific Revolution and Age of Enlightenment brought new knowledge and ideas to an increasingly literate European society that was hungry for information. The famous "salons" of Paris, attended by aristocratic men and women alike, helped to spread new ways of thinking about philosophy, religion, government and mankind itself. Products of their age, some monarchs embraced the new ideas, hoping to reform systems and strengthen their states, but, what happened when ideas of reform clashed with notions of their own power? How far could the Enlightenment go? We will examine the plans, personalities and performance of Frederick the Great, Maria Theresa and Catherine the Great. *Instructor: Nancy Maxwell*

Rookery Bay Boat Tour**\$35 / \$45**

Option #1 – SP2459 – Rookery Bay (South Naples) – February 28 at 9am – 1pm, Friday

Option #2 – SP2460 – Rookery Bay (South Naples) March 11 at 9am – 1pm, Wednesday

Option #3 – SP2461 – Rookery Bay (South Naples) March 19 at 9am – 1pm, Thursday

Option #4 – SP2462 – Rookery Bay (South Naples) April 14 at 9am – 1pm, Tuesday

Choose one of the course options above. Enrollment is limited. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of the event. No children under 16 are permitted on this tour. Are you a fan of seafood? If so, then you're a fan of estuaries! What is an estuary and why should you care? Come discover some of the magic and mystery of our mangrove-forested estuaries and the National Estuarine Research Reserve that is charged with managing nearly 40% of Collier County's coastline. The program starts with an introduction to the Reserve and its habitats and is followed by a boat based-tour. On the tour, you'll get a chance to meet the denizens of the shallows! We'll pull a trawl net behind the boat and you'll get a chance to photograph and handle the animals we bring on board as you learn about their special adaptations for survival in this constantly changing environment. Closed-toed shoes, hat, sunscreen and sunglasses are recommended. Please dress appropriately by monitoring the weather the day of the excursion. Participants must be able to enter and exit the boat from our dock unassisted and stand for periods of time on the boat without difficulty. *Instructor: Savannah Lawson*

Leonardo Da Vinci – The First Renaissance Man

\$24 / \$29

FM1010 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 3 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

Leonardo was born to an unwed orphan girl and unfortunately lacked a formal education, but due to his intense curiosity and observation skills, he pursued engineering, architecture, music, hydraulics, anatomy and optics solely for the love of knowledge. We will discuss his personal life, drawings, inventions and paintings. Leonardo's knowledge of anatomy, optics and observation skills created incredible works of art that still resonate today. *Instructor: Dean Oestreich*

Sam Walton and the Making of Walmart

\$24 / \$29

FM1011 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 5 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

Sam Walton built a single "5&10" store into the largest retailer in the world. His passion for low prices and focus on the customer humbled his much larger competitors. But as yesterday's David turned into Goliath, critics became as numerous as new Supercenters. Were low prices worth the cost of low wages, lack of health care and decimated Main Streets? Or was Walmart just doing what everyone else was doing but just doing it better? Has Walmart changed in reaction to the criticism? We'll look at Sam Walton and Walmart's past, present and future. *Instructor: Gary Stuhltrager*

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Shopping and Lunch at Armand's Circle

\$85 / \$105

SP2463 – Sarasota – March 10 at 7:30am (No. Naples)/8:05am (Ft.M) – 6:30pm (Ft.M)/7:05pm (No. Naples)

Enrollment is limited. Bus will depart North Naples at 7:30am; Ft. Myers at 8:05am. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. Nestled on the shores of beautiful Sarasota Bay, Selby Botanical Gardens is a tropical urban oasis with something for everyone. Relax amidst nature's beauty and allow the scenery of unparalleled botanical bliss to carry you away. The day will include a docent led tour of a special Dali exhibition, the gardens and the conservatory. After the gardens, participants will have time to stroll along the lovely streets of St. Armand's Circle for some shopping and lunch on their own. Included are transportation, driver gratuity and a docent-led tour of the Dali exhibit and gardens. Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip.

The Destruction of Paris

\$26 / \$32

FM1012 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 10 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

Did you know that sections of Paris didn't have running water until the 1970s? Paris was still a medieval city up until the mid-1800s when Napoléon III decided to hire Baron Haussmann to shed the city's medieval cloak and transform it into what we see today: the wide boulevards, roundabouts, parks and "Haussmannian" buildings. Haussmann literally destroyed much of the city and over a seventeen-year period reconfigured the streets and buildings. Some of the negative consequences are still being felt in Paris one hundred and fifty years later. Was Haussmann the devil or the savior of Paris? *Instructor: Stew Ross*

Democratic Socialism

\$24 / \$29

FM1013 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 12 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

In this lecture, we will discuss what democratic socialism is and why it's gaining popularity. The lecture will also feature a brief discussion of capitalism, democracy, socialism, communism and social democracy. Topics will include: Bernie Sanders; FDR's New Deal; Venezuela; the Nordic Model; European social democracies; Milton Friedman; minimum wage; "free" stuff; and government effectiveness. *Instructor: Thomas Eastwood*

Miami South Beach and Art-Deco Walking Tour

\$85 / \$105

SP2464 – Miami – March 17 at 7am (Ft. Myers)/7:35am (North Naples) – 6:30pm (Naples)/7:05pm (Ft. Myers)

Enrollment is limited. Bus will depart Ft. Myers at 7am; North Naples at 7:35am. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. The day begins with a visit to Miami Beach followed by a 60-minute Art Deco walking tour on Ocean Drive. We will then drive north to the Fontainebleau, Eden Roc, Indian Creek and then on to Lincoln Road. After lunch on your own, we will enjoy an afternoon walking tour of Lincoln Road and a visit to the New World Center. Included are transportation, driver gratuity and a full-day guided tour. Lunch is on your own at any of several wonderful restaurants on Lincoln Rd. Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip.

Using Behavioral Medicine to Improve Sleep**\$26 / \$32**FM1014 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 17 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

A good night's sleep is important for daily living. When you lose sleep, it affects your physical and mental health. To avoid pharmaceuticals, often used for sleeping problems, this class will provide several alternative behavioral approaches, including Cognitive Therapy and Self-Hypnosis. The presentation is both visual and auditory, lecture and demonstration. Content is illustrated with PowerPoint. *Instructor: Dr. William R. Morrow*

Find Your Identity in Retirement**\$24 / \$29**FM1015 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 19 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

If I retire, who am I? Retirement is a time of change, both internally and externally. We transition from a known and comfortable world, one we have been taught since birth (go to college, marry, have children, have a career, etc.) to a world with new possibilities, no expectations and no sense of true identity once we arrive. If you think of retirement as an unknown, if you are beginning to realize that your life is finite, that time is short, or you simply wish to have a more satisfying life, then this lecture is for you. Together we will chart a roadmap to guide you through this life change. *Instructor: Jeanne Berger*

Vizcaya Museum with Lunch Included**\$95 / \$115**SP2465 – Miami – March 24 at 7am (Ft. Myers)/7:35am (No. Naples) – 6:30pm (Naples)/7:05pm (Ft. Myers)

Enrollment is limited. Bus will depart Ft. Myers at 7am; North Naples at 7:35am. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. Vizcaya was created as James Deering's subtropical winter home in the 1910s and today it is a National Historic Landmark and accredited museum. Vizcaya is beautiful and serene. It is also a place of intellectual stimulation, compelling us to consider the relationships between native and foreign, old and new and natural and designed. Vizcaya has been described as "the finest private house ever built in America," "a jewel among Miami's skyscrapers and subdivisions" and "some Noah's Ark of decorative arts" with its exteriors offering the "manic tranquility of the great European folly gardens." Included are transportation, driver gratuity and a docent-led tour of portions of the collection. A box lunch is also included. Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip.

What Does It Really Mean?**\$24 / \$29**FM1016 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 24 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

What do the Bill of Rights and the Bible *really* say? Words and their usage change over time. By employing an interpretive process, we will use the U.S. Bill of Rights and the Bible to ascertain the meaning the original authors intended as well as how the original audience would have understood the messages. *Instructor: Kent Commons*

iPhone and iPad: iOS 13 – Tips, Tricks and Secrets**\$38 / \$48**FM1017 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 26 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

This is not a class for users of Android or Windows users. Apple's newest operating system brings a tremendous number of new features and capabilities to our smart devices. Join this *lecture-style* program as we review all the changes that will make using your iPhone and iPad even better. Nearly everything has been upgraded: Mail, Calendar, Messages, Maps, Notes, Reminders, Siri, Dark Mode and more. *Instructor: John Guerra*

The Dali Museum in St. Petersburg**\$85 / \$105**SP2466 – St. Pete – March 31 at 7:30am (No. Naples)/8:05am (Ft. Myers) – 5:45pm (Ft. Myers)/6:20pm (Naples)

Enrollment is limited. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. Bus will depart North Naples at 7:30am; Ft. Myers at 8:05am. Our private, docent-led tour will take us through the highlights of the permanent collection as well as a brand-new exhibition, *Midnight in Paris, 1929*. Organized by the Centre Pompidou, Paris and The Dalí Museum, *Midnight in Paris, 1929*, in its first and only appearance in North America. The exhibition is designed for visitors to stroll through the streets of Paris, with a focus on the paintings, photographs, sculptures and personalities of iconic Surrealist artists. The exhibition will also feature archival film and documents from the movement, as well as several rarely loaned Salvador Dalí works, including one of his earliest double-image paintings. Our tour includes round-trip motor coach transportation, driver gratuity, entrance fees, a private docent-led tour and audio guides. Lunch is on your own. Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip.

Alfred Hitchcock**\$20 / \$25**FM1018 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – March 31 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

Hitchcock is the undisputed “Master of Suspense” and director of six of the top 100 greatest films of all time including, *Psycho*, *North by Northwest*, *Rear Window* and *Vertigo*, considered by some the greatest film of all time. He virtually invented the genre and was brilliant in his use of shock, sex and new and unusual camera angles to heighten suspense. This lecture includes why and how he was revered and a look into his personal story and the effect it had on everything he did. He is still revered even after so many years. *Instructor: Shelly Kaufman*

Miracles: Real or Fantasy**\$24 / \$29**FM1019 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – April 3 at 10am – 11:30am, Friday

For four millennia, there have been debates between philosophy, science and theology on the nature of miracles and whether the laws of nature can be or have been violated. Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, Emerson, Einstein among so many world leading thinkers and noble prize winners cannot agree on how, why and when miracles can or do occur. Is its divine intervention, lack of scientific understanding, metaphysics, or mysticism upon which miracles appear to happen? *Instructor: Scott Flaig*

Boat Trip, Tour and Included Lunch on Useppa Island**\$135 / \$155**SP2467 – Useppa Island – April 7 at 7:30am (No. Naples)/8:05am (Ft. Myers) – 5:30pm (Ft. Myers)/6pm (Naples)

Enrollment is limited. Bus will depart North Naples at 7:30am; Ft. Myers at 8:05am. No refunds will be granted within 10 business days of departure. Useppa Island’s captivating past includes the native Calusa tribe, Spanish explorers, celebrities and wealthy corporate titans. The Florida barrier isle also was used as a secret CIA base in the early 1960s to prepare Cuban exiles later used in the Bay of Pigs Invasion. Useppa’s heyday was the early 1900s, when publishing magnate Barron Collier owned the island and was visited by celebrities and fellow business titans such as DuPont, Edison, Ford and Rockefeller. *Condé Nast* named Useppa Island one of the top 25 true island retreats in the world. Join us as we depart from North Naples on a motor coach drive to Captiva. Once at the South Seas Resort, we will embark on a one-hour boat tour, while enjoying a narrated tour of the waters. Upon arrival at Useppa Island, participants will enjoy a wonderful and relaxing lunch at the Collier Inn. After lunch, participants will have a short time to visit the local history museum, walk around the island, or along the beach (bring your suits if you like) or just enjoy relaxing by the water. The cost of the trip includes bus transportation and driver gratuity, boat trip and lunch. Departure information will be emailed 3 days prior to trip.

Hubble Unravels Mysteries of the Solar System**\$24 / \$29**FM1020 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – April 7 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

The Hubble telescope has unraveled many of the solar system mysteries in the last 25 years. This lecture – led by a Hubble design team member – will show you what scientists now know about the solar system and explain how Pluto lost its status as a planet. You will also learn about the solar system moons and why ours is dramatically different. Finally, we will attempt to answer the question, “are we alone in the universe?” *Instructor: Ken Selger*

The Creation of Germany**\$24 / \$29**FM1021 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – April 9 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

Perhaps because of its dominant role in two world wars, it is easy to think of Germany as an old nation with a long history. But Germany is a young state, less than 150 years old. The original territory was divided into myriad small holdings ruled by independent noble families and surrounded by the powerful states of Austria and France. The path to unification would be blocked by all of these. Despite earlier attempts, it took the rise of Otto von Bismarck, with his cunning, wisdom and political acuity, to overcome all these obstacles and establish the German Empire. *Instructor: Nancy Maxwell*

The Crackers: Their Origin, Culture and Role in Florida History**\$24 / \$29**FM1022 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – April 14 at 10am – 11:30am, Tuesday

According to Florida historian, Rick Tonyan, “Crackers aren’t only a part of Florida history. To a great extent they *are* Florida history.” When Florida became an American territory in 1821, only three kinds of people lived south of Gainesville: Indians, the military and idiots. The reason: mosquitoes. Not to mention bears, wolves, panthers, rattlesnakes and alligators. Who were these idiots, the pioneers who inhabited the uninhabitable? They were the Crackers and this is their story. *Instructor: Mary Lou Williams*

FM1023 – Collaboratory (Downtown Ft. Myers) – April 16 at 10am – 11:30am, Thursday

In this lecture, you will learn the important strategies in keeping your brain sharp through the acronym, SHIELD. Learn how to apply important strategies that have been linked to significant benefits for brain health. Explore the many helpful tips for keeping your brain healthy and be able to participate with others in having fun by improving cognitive processes. This is one that you will not want to miss! *Instructor: Cindi Ryerson*

TRAVEL EXCURSIONS

Please feel free to register for any of these remarkable and interesting trips. Always out of the ordinary and always delightfully different! By registering on-line or with one of our office staff, you will receive an informational brochure and itinerary - to help you to decide if just one is enough! Attend our free Travel Open House on February 11 at 10am at the Collaboratory to learn more about these exclusive excursions.

The Pearls of the Po: From Venice to Parma Aboard the Riverboat La Venezia

SP1917 – May 9 – 17, 2020 – 8 days

Join the first cruise in a decade along this legendary waterway on the lavish, newly renovated super ship La Venezia, and visit remote, artistically rich towns that are underexplored by international visitors. Dock overnight in the heart of Venice for early access to the city at sunrise. Revel in the artistic splendors of Parma, where dazzling frescoes from Correggio and Parmigianino grace churches, and admire stunning 5th and 6th century mosaics in Ravenna. Explore the medieval and Renaissance city of Ferrara. View medieval Estense Castle, with its storybook moat, drawbridges and gorgeous towers. Delight in an exclusive, after-hours visit to Venice's iconic Saint Mark's Basilica, an 11th century showstopper filled with glittering gold mosaics and beautiful marble floors and statues.

National Parks of the Southwest

SP1910 – May 13 – 22, 2020 – 12 days

It's a land of scenes epic in scope, from the immense Grand Canyon and the sinuous Colorado to the sandstone spires of Bryce and the red-rock cliffs of Sedona and chasms of Zion. It's the Southwest, which our small group celebrates at favorite national parks and preserves, America's "best idea."

St. Petersburg and the Baltics

SP1911 – August 11 – 24, 2020 – 14 days

Set your sights on Europe's northeast corner, where four distinct nations strung along the Baltic Sea offer a wealth of travel riches. As we visit four thriving capitals and their provincial outskirts, we discover for ourselves the fascinating heritage and stimulating contemporary life of this remarkable and diverse region.

Provincial France

SP1912 – August 24 – September 7, 2020 – 15 days

Experience the beauty, allure and hospitality of provincial France, at an easy pace and in a unique style. Anchored by stays in vibrant Toulouse and enchanting Paris, the journey features diverse Languedoc, the remote Dordogne, the lovely Loire Valley and historic Normandy as we stay in charming rural inns and small country hotels. It's a small group *tour de force!*

Northern Italy

SP1913 – September 5 – 19, 2020 – 15 days

This leisurely exploration of Italy's varied northern regions, from the romantic Lake District and dramatic Cinque Terre to beloved Tuscany, the majestic Dolomites and canal-laced Venice, offers a refreshing perspective on a well-known land. In the company of our congenial small group, we celebrate the Italian penchant for hospitality, good food and good living. In a word, *splendido!*

Sicily in Depth

SP1914 – September 27 – October 8, 2020 – 12 days

Crossroads of the Mediterranean ... the “toe” in Italy’s boot ... “God’s Kitchen” ... Sicily is all this and much more, as we see on our stellar small group journey around this Italian island. Its lively cities and ancient ruins, temples of man – and of nature, hospitable people and delectable cuisine ... a feast for all the senses.

Israel: Timeless Wonders

SP1915 – November 7 – 18, 2020 – 12 days

Encounter a land of extraordinary beauty and belief, of spirit and story, history and hospitality. From modern Tel Aviv to scenic Upper Galilee, ancient Tiberias and storied Nazareth to Jerusalem, “City of Gold,” we engage all our senses in a small group encounter with this extraordinary and holy land, with a five-night stay in Jerusalem at the legendary King David hotel.

Patagonian Frontiers

SP1916 – November 18 – December 3, 2020 – 16 days

Enjoy the rare privilege of face-to-face encounters with two of the world’s last great frontiers: the majestic fjords and glaciers of Southern Patagonia, on a small-ship cruise; and the dramatic scenery of Torres del Paine on a three-night stay at the park. Along with visits to Buenos Aires and Santiago, we discover the remarkable diversity of South America.

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