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NEW YORK CITY with a WESTBEN CONNECTION March 2nd-5th 2012

A Weekend to Sing About

What do New York City and Westben Festival of the Arts have in common? World class artists! In March 2012, one of Westben’s upcoming guest artists, Canadian superstar baritone Gerald Finley, appears at THE MET singing one of his signature roles: Mozart’s Don Giovanni. And WESTBEN will be there! You’re invited to join Westben co-founders, Brian Finley and Donna Bennett, on an exciting Great Escape to the city that never sleeps. On the way, Brian will introduce you to Mozart and his masterpiece, as well as a few “insider information” about the life of his famous cousin and opera singer. Once in the Big Apple, join Donna and Brian at the MET for an evening of opera (Saturday night).....cost for tickets is extra but we will arrange them for you! The day after the performance, we’ll enjoy a private dinner with Gerald at a fantastic local place. It’s an extended weekend in early March that will make your heart sing!

Even if you decide not to do the MET....come along on this fabulous weekend in NYC> Your Great Escape, arranged and escorted by Bev Hanna-Jones, will get you to the heart of the city for a weekend of adventure and excitement!

Included in your Great Escape: \$745 per person based on db occupancy

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation with Franklins of Belleville
- 3 nights at Affinia Hotel in midtown Manhattan with baggage handling - this 3 1/2 star hotel is located at 7th Avenue and 31st Street and all rooms have fridge and coffee maker (rooms with 2 doubles or 1 queen available)
- Step on guided tour of NYC
- 1 dinner at a fantastic NYC restaurant on Sunday night
- Gratuity for our driver
- Escorted and arranged by Bev Hanna-Jones

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Friday March 2nd

- Depart bright and early for NYC.... (we will stop for breaks and lunch)
- Arrive in NYC hotel late afternoon - drop your bags and start exploring!

Saturday March 3rd:

- Join us for a step on guided 3 hour tour this morning
- Take the rest of the day to do your own thing-
- Tonight - if you are going to the MET, meet Brian and Donna in the lobby of the hotel at a pre-arranged time for an evening of magnificent opera!

Sunday March 4th

- Another day to explore on your own....shop, tour a museum, ride the Staten Island Ferry, visit the Empire State Building.....
- Dinner tonight is at a lovely quaint restaurant in uptown Manhattan

Monday March 5th

- We will leave NYC mid morning and arrive back in Belleville around dinner time.....

Cost is \$745 (double occupancy) Full payment due by January 15th 2012

- tickets to the MET are extra and vary in cost depending on seating (ticket purchase will be arranged for you in January)
- you need a current passport for border crossing
- cancellation and out of country medical insurance is highly recommended - enquire with Marlin Travel for your needs
- minimum 30 people required for this tour
- all payments are with Marlin Travel of Belleville 199 Front Street
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- To book your Great Escape contact Bev Hanna-Jones
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