

Great Day! Group Tours Ideas

NEW MULTI-DAY TOURS

Pricing varies by departure city . . . call for your customized package and pricing.

MICHIGAN'S LOWER PENINSULA'S NOOK AND CRANNIES

Suggested tour length is 3 days

Jackson Prison - Travel through 179 years of the Michigan Corrections System while you hear stories of wardens, notorious scoundrels, escapes and riots, you'll also be seeing the recent transition of the castle-like prison into an "Armory Arts Village."

Dinner-cruise on Lake Macatawa - Aboard a 65-foot Victorian-style paddlewheel riverboat

Dune Buggies - Ride the specially-designed dune buggies along two and a half miles of Michigan's sandy shoreline.

Guided tour of Holland

Windmill Island Gardens - This beautiful oasis features a 250 year old Dutch windmill "DeZwaan" (meaning "graceful bird"). The windmill towers over 36 acres of gardens, dikes, canals and picnic areas. There will be time to linger amid a sea of flowers, view the movie "The Story of DeZwaan", visit the miniature Little Netherlands Village and listen to the antique Amsterdam street organ, learning how it works. **Holland's Dutch Village** - Step back into the Netherlands of 150 years ago. We will be seeing woodcarving, a wooden shoe factory and cheesemaking.

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum - Which is also the resting place of the 38th President and his wife Betty.

Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park - Farm-to-table luncheon and admissions . . . including trams to take you through this 158-acre botanical garden and outdoor sculpture park.

Package can be modified to include a stop at the Gun Lake Casino with a \$20 gaming bonus



Scheduled Tour, July 16-18, 2019 for groups unable to fill a bus

FAST PASS TO WISCONSIN

Suggested tour length is 5 or 6 days

As presented at our recent Group Leader Travel Marketplace and Dinner Party, there is a faster way to get to Wisconsin. Travel into Michigan see an attraction and spend the night. The next morning, cruise across Lake Michigan (the bus comes with us) on a 600-passenger ship to Wisconsin

Milwaukee's Progressive Ethnic Meal Tour begins on Old World 3rd Street with an overview of Milwaukee's German history. Enjoy sausage, cheese, and beer/root beer at the Wisconsin Cheese Mart plus shopping time. Between stops, learn about the city's Irish history. See Milwaukee's Art Museum and North Shore Lighthouse. Enjoy a generous family-style lunch at Milwaukee's last remaining Polish restaurant. Visit the Italian enclave with a stop for a cannoli and conclude the day with a custard dessert.



Lambeau Field Stadium Tours allow fans to experience the Packers' history-rich facility first-hand and see several behind-the-scenes areas. There will be time to visit the Hall of Fame and the Packers Pro Shop.

Historic Milwaukee Boat Cruise - The Automobile Gallery Museum located in the former home of a Cadillac dealership; this museum will trigger memories with some hard to find classic automobiles and concept cars. **National Railroad Museum** - Enjoy a train ride, a theater presentation, time to explore the museum and a hobo lunch (dine like a real rail rider!) O & H Bakery known for their Danish Kringle . . . and one is included for each passenger to take home.

Miller Brewery Tour Featured Meals - The Progressive Ethnic Meal (above), a hobo lunch, an Amish luncheon and a dinner-show at the Fireside Dinner Theater are only a few of the included meals.

Iron Mountain Iron Mine Option - Package can be expanded to six-days to include this attraction. Ride the underground train and explore this historical mine which operated for 68 years and produced over 21 million tons of iron ore for the great steel mills of the Midwest. After the tour, enjoy a traditional Cornish pasty

MICHIGAN'S WEST SIDE

Suggested tour length ~ 4 Days

Sand Dunes- Dune buggies are driven by knowledgeable drivers who understand the environment and history of the constantly-changing sand dune mountains. It's a thrilling ride, climbing to the summit for a breathtaking panoramic view of the dunes.

North Breakwater Lighthouse - It's a great place for photo opportunities from shore. Others may wish to walk up and climb the 53 steps to the top for a phenomenal view.

Maritime Museum - Not only will you be enlightened with exhibits and virtual experiences, you'll also experience an interactive exhibit of what it is like to pilot a car ferry into a harbor.

Other attractions can include the Jam Farm (jams made every day), Father Jacques Marquette Shrine, explore downtown Manistee (more than 75 Victorian buildings are nestled along the winding River Street), winetasting at a winery located in a former "bunk house" or rail passengers, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore plus a photo-op at the Arcadia Scenic Lookout. Several meals including breakfast each morning, dinner each evening plus lunch at the James Port Brewery which was originally built in 1890 as a saloon and a hotel and today offers a variety of culinary offerings.

SMALL TOWN MICHIGAN

Suggested tour length ~ 3 Days

Castles - Enjoy a guided tour and learn about this riverfront castle that was built in 1922 and was once a writing studio of a famous author. See the Art Center located along a river and next to the castle. It is a showcase for local and nationally known artists.

Trains - Visit one of the most photographed train depots in the United States. This 111-year-old depot is also home to the Michigan Railroad History Museum which pays tribute to the colorful heritage of the railroader. See one of the largest operating steam locomotives of its kind . . . the Pere Marquette 1225. This majestic "iron house" is the last of its kind from the steam era.

Ships - The USS Edson served as a valuable member of the U.S. Pacific Fleet . . . earning a reputation as a Top Gun ship and the nickname, "The Destroyer". Today, it is a museum stop and a national Historic Landmark. Your group will be impressed with the preservation of all artifacts, objects, displays and exact details of what living was like on this working war ship.

Tall Ship Sailing - Sit back, relax and enjoy the view from the deck of a real Tall Ship. Enjoy views of the harbor along Saginaw Bay . . . all while keeping a sharp eye for bald eagles and snowy egrets. For those looking for more activity, the crew is ready to press you into service and show you how to help work the sails.

Dine like the Locals

- Enjoy a "Louisiana-style" lunch in one of the most unique restaurants in Michigan with Jazz music playing as you dine. One of the dinners will be in a former local city hall.

BE CAREFUL ~ OR YOU'LL LEARN SOMETHING

Suggested tour length ~ 2 or 3

Days Fair Oaks Farm - Get an up-close look at 21st century agriculture while experiencing the Dairy, Pig and Winfield Crop Adventures. See what goes on inside each barn of the modern pig farm, seeing a 3D movie and take a bus tour of the dairy farm and see how science and technological breakthroughs have helped grow crops to meet the demands of a growing population. Learn innovating steps farmers take to care for the planet, the animals and the safety of the food being grown.

Bison Ranch - Go into the "classroom" and learn about bison and the ranch . . . then take a wagon ride into the fields. There will also be time in the gift shop and each passenger will receive a stick of genuine bison jerky.

Community Veterans Memorial - This memorial park features bronze and granite sculptures and life-sized monuments to depict the major military conflicts that shaped the 20th century. A commemorative brick pathway leads visitors on a journey through history with several stations providing pre-recorded information about the defining wars.

Chocolates & Ice Cream - The treats and sweets are hand dipped. The homemade ice cream is churned in small batches with the highest quality ingredients.

Expandable - Package can be expanded to include attractions in Illinois including a Reindeer Ranch where we are typically greeted by the "Klondike Kid", "Yukon" and "Jack Frost" as we experience an up-close visit with real live reindeer followed by a dinner-show featuring a Chuck Wagon dinner with comedy and music . . . yet another place heard about at one of our recent marketplaces.

"IN THEIR SHOES" IN GETTYSBURG

Suggested tour length ~ 3-Days

This "upclose and personal" tour of Gettysburg features special historic impersonators

- **"In Their Shoes" Experience** - You are about to be "recruited" into a hands-on presentation from wake-up call to preparation for battle in an actual encampment. See first-hand what soldiers encountered every day to eat, sleep and prepare for battle.
- **Museum and Visitors Center at Gettysburg National Military Park** - Explore the museum which contains several interactive displays and items to view. Also see the movie "New Birth of Freedom" and the Cyclorama.
- **Eisenhower National Historic Site** - This is the home and farm of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. The farm served the President as a weekend retreat and a meeting place for world leaders.
- **Battlefield Tour with a Licensed Guide** - See the area of what was considered by most historians to have been the turning point of the Civil War in 1863.
- **Other stops include** a winery for winetasting, Lincoln Train Museum and a Ghosts of Gettysburg Walking Tour.
- **Meals and More** - This package features breakfast each morning, lunch at a farm (with a Living History Performance by "Mamie Eisenhower at Gettysburg", lunch and a tour at a distillery plus two dinners . . . one in a tavern that was built in 1776 with special impersonators "General and Mrs. Lee".



Scheduled Tours on June 4-6 (with Lancaster), August 20-22 and October 19-20 (haunted tour) for groups unable to fill a bus

TEXAS & THE AMERICAN SOUTHWEST

Although this tour is available year-round, our Scheduled Tour is offered in April . . . arriving in San Antonio for the Illuminated Parade of Lights, part of their annual Fiesta Texas Celebration. There's nothing quite like this river parade as festive music fills the air and vibrant floats pass our seats on the banks of the San Antonio River. This upgraded tour has two nights of rooms at a hotel right on the Riverwalk with cocktails and dinner each evening. Besides that portion of this tour, we include several attractions that we think will enhance your stay in San Antonio. We will be touring a couple of missions and churches in San Antonio and, of course, The Alamo (Mision San Antonio de Valero). It was founded in the 18th century as a Roman Catholic mission and fortress compound and is best known for the 1836 standoff between a group of Texans, led by Davy Crockett and Jim Bowie, as they battled Mexican dictator Santa Anna. In Louisiana we will be enjoying two cities, Lake Charles (whose rep was at our recent Group Leader Show) and then two nights in New Orleans where you will be enjoying a dinner jazz cruise aboard the Steamboat Natchez. Enjoy the breathtaking view of the city and stroll the decks of this beautiful boat while listening to the swing-style music of the "Dukes of Dixieland". We will be touring Elvis's Graceland Mansion in Memphis, dining at the spectacular Marlsgate Plantation, visiting the William J. Clinton Library & Museum, touring Little Rock and dinner and a show at a dinner theater. Then it's on to Hot Springs, Arkansas to learn and see the history of gangsters in this town, before arriving in Fort Worth, Texas, where we will be selecting our dinner from the Trailblazers Menu at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse in the Stockyards area . . . home of great steaks! Other fascinating inclusions will have you visiting the Waco Mammoth National Monument, a paleontological site and museum where fossils of 24 Columbian mammoths and other mammals have been uncovered. Magnolia Market at the Silos has been made popular on a recent television series and will make a stop here. Our passengers have always been fascinated and entertained at the Dr. Pepper Museum and the Texas Ranger Lawman Museum. One of the many included meals will be served in a bistro. We will be boarding the USS Alabama in Mobile Bay, touring the Monroeville Court House, made famous in the Gregory Pick movie "To Kill a Mockingbird", the Rosa Parks Museum and dining at a Catfish House. Our touring continues in Birmingham, and dining at their premier restaurant, The Bright Star, which is always a delicious dining experience. But there's still more as we enjoy a second show on this tour.



Scheduled Tour, April 16-29, 2019 is available for groups unable to fill a bus

WIN, PLACE AND SHOW

Suggested tour length is 3 days

- Evening of Gaming (with dinner, a casino bonus plus \$2 to bet on a horse race) at Hoosier Park Casino.
- Dinner and show at the Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre 2019 shows include Grease, 42nd Street, Disney's The Little Mermaid, Buddy, The Buddy Holly Musical, Hairspray, Little Shop of Horrors and A Christmas Story, The Musical.
- Mrs. Wick's Pie Factory - See the process, from start to finish. Then have lunch in the nearby restaurant including a piece of pie.
- National Model Aviation Museum - The largest collection of model aircraft in the United States. National and International model flight competitions.
- Good's Candy & Ice Cream Shop - Since the 1940's, the Good family has been making the finest chocolates, ice cream (hand dipped & soft served) and popcorn.
- World's Largest Ball of Paint - How do you make an ordinary baseball weigh over 4000 pounds . . . you paint it! We'll put a coat of paint on this one of a kind attraction.
- Gaither Family Resources & Music Studio - Tour the town to see where it all started. Then tour the facility including the studio where many of the songs were recorded. We will enjoy a buffet lunch after the tour

PICTURE PERFECT FLOWER CITY

Suggested tour length ~ 3 Days

Known as the "Flower City" and "Kodak City", Rochester, New York continues its historic heritage. Some groups like visiting here during the Lilac Festival.

- **The Strong Museum** - Bring back your childhood in this highly interactive-based museum devoted to the history and exploration of play. It is home to the International Center for the History of Electronic Games and the National Toy Hall of Fame.
- **Finger Lakes Winery** - This region is known for their wines, so we'll stop at one of the wineries for a taste.
- **George Eastman Museum** - Located on the estate of the pioneer of popular photography and motion picture film, this museum holds unparalleled collections encompassing several million objects in the fields of photography, cinema technology and photographically illustrated books.
- **Susan B. Anthony Museum and House** - Learn about her lifelong struggle to gain voting rights for women and equal rights for all.
- **Artisan Works** - Their mission is to be a place where people experience creation and inspiration. Located in a renovated factory building, the tour shows your group the creative side of numerous artists.
- **Genesee Country Village & Museum** - features costumed interpreters in restored historic buildings, breathing life into an authentic 19th-century country village. Immerse yourself into the 1800's by chatting with village craftsmen, smelling the aroma of freshly baked 19th-century foods and strolling the beautiful gardens.
- **Casa Larga** - An estate winery producing award winning wines and growing to be one of the leading producers in the Finger Lakes Region.
- **High Falls** - An archeological forge site with an impressive 96-foot waterfall in the heart of downtown Rochester.

HOT SPRINGS, ROUTE 66 & SIMPLE PLEASURES --- WITH BATH & SPA

This new tour continues the tradition of our one-of-a-kind adventures and, if you aren't careful, you just might learn something about the history of our great country. It's something you have come to expect from Great Day! Tours . . . which is why it's our 2019 Spotlitged Tour.

Delta Heritage Center - Explore the history, music and culture . . . from the school of Tina Turner to the Cotton Museum and one of the largest privately-owned collections of Abraham Lincoln memorabilia in the Southeast.

Marlsgate Plantation - Tour followed by a delicious dinner served here. **Waters Hotel** - A beautifully-restored historic hotel nestled in Hot Springs National Park. This hotel boasts of a multimillion-dollar historic renovation which has yielded a boutique hotel with vintage details yet up-to-date comforts and amenities. **Hot Springs Bathhouse Row** -

Known everywhere for the healing and relaxing powers of its hot mineral spring waters. We will also be experiencing this town, learning about some of its history including its link to some of the country's most notorious gangsters. Another great dinner is included here.

Quapaw Baths & Spa - For something you find in virtually no other tour . . . experience the "perfect place to immerse in Hot Springs' acclaimed thermal waters and indulge in luxurious surroundings." We've made arrangements, so you can enjoy a treatment that is what made Hot Springs so popular over the years.

Garvan Woodlands Gardens - The nationally-recognized botanical gardens of the University of Arkansas. The beauty will probably "blow you away" as you see the canopy of pines reaching skyward providing protection for delicate flora and fauna while gentle lapping waves can be heard along the wooded shoreline and rocky inclines.

Gangster Museum of America - Learn of some of the colorful history of Hot Springs and its connection to folks from up-north in Chi-town.

Fort Smith - Hear the stories of the town that began as a western frontier military post in 1817 and was then known for its role in the settling of the "Wild West" and its law enforcement heritage. Yet is most famous for the actions of "Hanging Judge" Isaac C. Parker and one of the restored (former) bordellos where Miss Laura will be taking us through the frst bordello to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Bentonville - Stop at Sam Walton's original 5 & Dime variety store with its original tin ceiling and floor tiles.

Crystal Bridges - Explore the "preeminent American art museum in the country" financed by Alice Walton, Sam's daughter. The permanent collection is incredible and includes iconic images such as Asher B. Durrand's "Kindred Spirits", Norman Rockwell's "Rosie the Riveter" and Andy Warhol's "Coca-Cola.

Scheduled Tour, September 22-28, 2019, for groups unable to fill a bus





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