

# Great Day! Group Tours Ideas

## CRUISING MULTI-DAY TOURS

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

### MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE ABOARD THE RIVERBOAT TWILIGHT

#### Suggested Tour Length - 4 Days but expandable up to 9 Days

Mark Twain said "nothing so liberalizes a man and expands the kindly instincts that nature put in him as travel and contact with many kinds of people." Cruise the Mississippi River much like Huckleberry Finn except you'll be in an elegant riverboat which features three decks with Victorian steamboat architecture, both inside and out. There are comfortable dining salons (pictured) and sun decks with lounge chairs to sightsee or to "catch a snooze." This is also a nature habitat for many rare species . . . you typically see 20 to 30 bald eagles on a cruise. This is a Great Day! Specialty tour.



- Two nights lodging in the Quad Cities
- One-night lodging at the Grand Harbor Resort in Dubuque, Iowa
- Two-day, 166-mile roundtrip cruise aboard the Riverboat "Twilight"
- Lunches and Dinners aboard the cruise are served, plated meals
- Nine meals including five meals plus snacks aboard the ship
- Live entertainment both days including musicians and storytellers
- Admission to the National Mississippi River Museum
- Complimentary shuttle service to Dubuque attractions and casino
- Baggage handling, taxes and gratuities on items included
- Expandable to a five or six-day package including Wisconsin Dells, Milwaukee or Chicago or a nine-day Mount Rushmore tour



*Scheduled Tour, October 9-12, 2017 for groups unable to fill a bus*

## **ALL-DAY MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE**

**Suggested Tour Length - 3 Days but expandable to 5 Days**

Cruise the Mississippi river while relaxing in an outside deck chair, listening to the Captain's enlightening narration and watching the river go by. There is no better way to see the valleys, locks and river bends than from on the river. This vast wilderness is hidden smack in the center of our country. This is the river Mark Twain knew . . . and the area is not much different from the early explorer's times. If you haven't seen the river from the river, you haven't seen it.

- Customized package centered around the day long 83-mile cruise
- Lunch, dinner and snacks aboard the cruise
- Live entertainment as we cruise
- Expanded packages can include the Quad Cities (Isabelle Bloom factory tour, Arsenal Island, John Deere, dinner theatre, casino), Dubuque (National Mississippi River Museum, casino, winery), the quaint town of Galena or Chicago

## **WISCONSIN, DANISH TO DELLS**

The Dells, Baraboo, Racine & Spring Green

**Suggested Tour Length - 4 or 5 Days**

- Several meals, with a variety of venues, including a dinner show, steak & lobster dinner cruise and, for something unique, a dinner at Paul Bunyan's Cook Shanty
- Tommy Bartlett Show - some of the finest skiers and other entertainers
- Original Wisconsin Ducks ride of the Lower Dells
- Evening dinner cruise of the Upper Dells
- Circus World Museum
- Local casino, if requested
- Tasty stop at a Danish bakery that specializes in making Kringle



## **WISCONSIN'S DOOR COUNTY**

**Suggested tour length is 8 days but can be modified for 6 or 7 days**

Door County is on a peninsula between Green Bay and Lake Michigan and is known for its long shoreline and many parks, including Sturgeon Bay that is fringed by limestone cliffs. It has been said that Door County more closely resembles New England than the Midwest. Allen Kinney, owner of Great Day! Tours, visited Wisconsin and found several sites and restaurants that will make this destination a memorable experience for your group

- US Mailboat Tour - There are only a handful of places left in the country where mail is still delivered by boat. Celebrating 100 years of mail service, about 75 homes around the lake receive their mail daily during the spring, summer and fall
- Ten Chimneys - an estate put together by Broadway Legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. You'll be greeted like Katherine Hepburn, Lawrence Olivier and other guests of the Lunts into this extraordinary home
- Visit a goat farm that produces one of the top 15 goat cheeses in the world
- National Railroad Museum
- Lambeau Field - home of the Packers football team
- Seaquist Orchards Farm Market - everything is locally grown and processed, including their popular fudge, jams and syrups
- Cherry Island - Take the ferry to the island, then enjoy a two-hour train tour and learn about life on the island
- Scenic ride to Milwaukee with a stop at a place known for their delicious chocolate-covered dry-cherries
- Stop at a bakery that makes traditional Danish Kringle. Find out why this pastry has been awarded "Racine's Best"
- Several great meals . . . One of the meals is at a restaurant with a "floor window" offering a view into the wine cellar, providing visitors with a unique conversational topic. Another is at the Fireside Dinner Theatre which has a history of great food and shows. We will also have dinner at a "traditional Wisconsin Supper Club". Your group will also enjoy a traditional Door County Fish Boil, just like the original Scandinavian settlers over a century ago. Another meal is at a Swedish Restaurant with goats grazing the sod roof atop this casual log-cabin eatery

*Scheduled Tour, September 12-19, for smaller groups*

## CHESAPEAKE TRAILS

### Suggested Tour Length - 5 Days

Jump back to a time when Captain John Smith, Pocahontas and the settlement of America took place. While Disney made Captain Smith famous with his friendship with Pocahontas and her father Chief Powhatan, he is better known for his exploration of the Chesapeake Bay area. He created the first detailed map of this region. It was published in 1812 and used for seven decades and opened this part of North America to European exploration, settlement and trade. During this tour, we will visit four of the cities on his original map.



- Eight Meals including a brunch (or lunch) cruise on the Elizabeth River and an afternoon tea at the Annapolis Naval academy
- Richmond - be treated to a tour and tasting a Virginia's first urban cidery, dinner at the Tobacco Company Restaurant which dates back to 1866 and a tour on a canal boat
- Norfolk - brunch (or lunch) cruise on the Elizabeth River, admissions to Nauticus - a maritime-themed science center where you can tour the Battleship Wisconsin, time at the Waterside Festival Marketplace, Norfolk Botanical Gardens
- Colonial Williamsburg - admissions to the Historic area with dinner in one of the historic taverns. We can include a Haunted Tour following dinner
- Annapolis - tour the Annapolis Naval Academy with an Afternoon Tea at the Naval Academy Club. Dinner is included at a historic boat house restaurant
- Flight 93 Memorial - although not part of the Chesapeake Trail, this memorial honors the forty passengers and crew members who fought back on September 11, 2001. The new museum opened in September, 2015. Lunch will be included in a historic restaurant from the Prohibition Era where "tea" was served in tea pots.

## **LOUISVILLE . . . KENTUCKY'S DERBY REGION**

**Suggested Tour Length - 3 Days, but expandable to 4 or 5 Days**

- Great meals including a dinner theatre and a luncheon or dinner cruise
- Louisville Slugger Museum & Factory - Tour the world-famous bat factory & get a gift
- Evan Williams Bourbon Experience - celebrate the legacy of Kentucky's first distiller . . . including a Bourbon tasting
- Kentucky Show - The History of Kentucky . . . filled with music and beautiful scenery
- The Muhammad Ali Center - a cultural attraction and international education center inspired by the ideals of its founder Muhammad Ali and/or Frazier History Museum
- Kentucky Derby Museum - Feel the excitement of the crowds and hear the thunder of the hooves with a presentation of "The Greatest Race." Dine at the Derby Cafe, if requested
- Churchill Downs Backstretch Breakfast Tour – experience the exclusive atmosphere of a morning at this famous horse track
- This tour was a gracious host of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour in 2014 and part of our KaLightoscope tour in the Holiday season



## **SOUTHERN INDIANA**

**Suggested Tour Length - 3 Days**

- Five meals including a dinner theatre and a luncheon cruise
- Demonstration of a hand-blown art glass at a glass factory
- Tour of Corydon Home of Indiana's First State Capitol, Corydon's historic buildings and nostalgic sites are left largely as they were nearly two centuries ago
- Tour and wine tasting
- Cruise aboard the Belle of Louisville or Spirit of Jefferson
- Dinner and show at the Derby Dinner Playhouse
- Alpaca's at Flatwoods Farm
- Time for gaming at the Horseshoe Casino, if requested



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## **MACKINAC ISLAND AND FRANKENMUTH**

**Suggested Tour Length - 3 Days, but expandable to 4 or 5 Days**

- Travel to the point where the Upper Peninsula of Michigan meets the Lower Peninsula
- Lodging on the Island, in Mackinaw City or in St. Ignace
- Package can be designed to include an evening at Thunder Bay Resort with elk-viewing, gourmet dinner and carriage ride
- Ferry ride to Mackinac Island where no motorized vehicles are permitted
- Horse-drawn carriage tour and time to enjoy the Island
- First-class luncheon buffet at the Grand Hotel . . . their specialty
- Visit to Frankenmuth, Cross in the Woods and Kewadin Casino(s)
- Several additional meals including luncheon in Frankenmuth
- Package can be expanded to 4 or 5 days. Options to consider:
  - Thunder Bay Resort with carriage ride, elk viewing and gourmet meal
  - Kewadin Casino (one or both casinos)
  - Agawa Canyon Train (requires a Passport or Passport Card)
  - Soo Locks boat cruise or dinner-cruise . . . go through the locks!
  - Castle Farms and a day in Charlevoix
  - Guided Frankenmuth tour including St. Lorenz Church, when available
  - Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland, Silent Night Chapel



*Scheduled Tour, June 3-11, 2017 for groups unable to fill a bus (Lilac Festival time)*

## **FINGER LAKES AND ROCHESTER**

**Suggested Tour Length - 4 Days**

- Eight meals including a canalside luncheon, dinner created before our eyes and wine, dinner at Belhurst Castle, dinner at Holloway House where travelers have dined since 1808
- Erie Canal cruise including going through a lock
- Former factory, now home to 500,000 pieces of art, antiques, automobiles and memorabilia.
- Cheese Factory Tour
- Willard Memorial Chapel with the original stained glass windows, glass mosaic floors, chandeliers and an ornate wall mosaic
- Visits to both a winery and a distillery
- Visit an orchard and taste a variety of juices as we learn about them
- Sonnenberg Mansion and Gardens
- Stop at a shop that specializes in delicious candies and homemade fudge
- Antique Wireless Museum - a collection of classic equipment
- Narrated sightseeing cruise on Seneca Lake

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## THE GORGEOUS MOHAWK VALLEY & CATSKILL MOUNTAINS

### Suggested Tour Length - 3 Days

- Lock cruise - Narrated 90-minute cruise included through one of the locks
- Herkimer Diamond Mines - one of the few places in the world where they can be found
- Train Ride, with an elegant lunch, through the Catskill Mountains
- Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion - Tour the 40-room Queen Anne-style mansion, completed in 1887, with its signature floral design and landscaping
- Unique stop to learn about a carpenter who put up cough syrup and laxative tea in his home leading to a most-successful product . . . thanks to promotions by a young girl "Elizabeth" and a funny guy, "Bill"
- Six meals - two breakfasts, two lunches (one aboard the train and the other in a former Baltimore & Ohio train depot) and two dinners including one at the Savoy, a landmark originally established in 1908 in Rome, New York



*Scheduled Tour, October 4-6, 2017 for groups unable to fill a bus . . . as you heard about at our Group Leader Marketplace*



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