

Great Day! Scheduled Tour Summary

“MUSIC MAN”, MALL OF AMERICA & DANISH KRINGLE . . . AS WE TRAVEL THROUGH MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN SUN-FRI JULY 5-10, 2020

Departures, as applicable, from Willoughby, Beachwood, Independence, Middleburg Heights, North Olmsted, Elyria, Sandusky.

This tour package features a live musical, touring some of the country’s top companies including a Danish bakery that was a pioneer in introducing Kringles to the midwest, a manufacturer of farm implements and a visit to the largest commercial project that Frank Lloyd Wright ever created.



One of our destinations is the Minneapolis-Bloomington area of Minnesota where we will be spending two nights, being greeted at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel with a warm chocolate chip cookie. Our visits in the Twin Cities will include plenty of time to explore the Mall of America. Shopping is just the beginning, with other offerings including 28 rides, a 1.3 million gallon aquarium and restaurants offering most every type of food.

This evening we’ve included a top dinner-theatre to enjoy the live musical performance of Meredith Willson’s “*The Music Man*”. Sit back as Professor Harold Hill leads us through this beloved classic, all as he falls for Marian, the Librarian. Enjoy the charming, but fraudulent, salesman as he arrives in River City to work his usual scam – only to find that a bill of goods can be the real deal. Melodies include the rousing “*Seventy-Six Trombones*,”. You are sure to discover why it was an instant smash hit when it premiered on Broadway, eventually going on to win five Tony Awards and the prize for “Best Musical”.

During this six-day tour, with 5 nights of rooms and 11 meals, a fascinating itinerary awaits you . . . and we are guessing that you’ve not been to any, or at least not many, of these places. This includes the Wisconsin State Capitol, in Madison. Completed in 1917, it was constructed of 43 types of stone from 6 countries and boasts the largest granite dome in the world.

One afternoon, we’ll be “discovering Austin, Minnesota”, as we hear about the “quirky sites” in this town plus we will be visiting the Spam® Museum, honoring a canned meat product, first introduced in 1937, that gained popularity worldwide after its use during World War II.



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All tour details are anticipated at the time that the Scheduled Tour Brochure was prepared and specific stops and/or other inclusions are subject to change or elimination without notice. Tours typically depart between 6 AM and 8 AM with the exact time shown on the itinerary you will receive approximately one to two weeks prior to the tour departure. Most tours return about 8 PM to 10 PM, although this may vary.

We'll be "saddling up" and mosey over to have a meal at the Pizza Ranch before leaving town.

On Wednesday we will be traveling to Milwaukee, most likely through Eau Claire, Wisconsin, an area originally contested by the Sioux and Ojibwe Indians, then teeming with buffalo and other game. After the Civil War, there was such a large lumber industry with their many sawmills that it earned the name "Sawdust City". While we are in Milwaukee, settled in 1795 as a post for fur traders, we will be touring a museum that dates back to the 1880s and, boasted the first dome theater in the state. We will be entering through a "streetcar" entrance to the *Streets of Old Milwaukee*, just as several million people have done so over the years.



The museum has 17 permanent exhibits and a number of traveling exhibits that we think you'll find fascinating. Another exhibit that is most interesting is *Crossroads of Civilization* that explores how the ancient civilizations in Asia, Europe, and Africa formed a cultural epicenter. Still another, *Living Oceans*, is a large diorama of ocean life, into which the visitor descends through various levels of the ocean, from the shallows into the darker waters inhabited by various species of luminous fish.

Since we are in the area where a beer "made Milwaukee famous", we'll be having dinner with your choice of a glass of the brew, or wine if you prefer, before checking into a two-night stay on the eastern side of Wisconsin, better known as "America's Kringle Capital". We'll be visiting the Case New Holland Experience Center where dealers, customers and prospective customers can "kick the tires of Case IH's latest tractor models, as well as historic traction steam engines, and future ones. Join us as we celebrate Case IH's past, present and future.



"S.C. Johnson, a Family Company" is based in Racine. Known for various products including cleaners, home fragrances, pest control and shoe care products, its history also dates back to the 1880s. We will be visiting Fortaleza Hall which displays the history of the company and the largest commercial project that Frank Lloyd Wright ever built, their Administration

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Building. This afternoon we will be visiting O & H Bakery, a long-time inclusion on our tours to this area. There will be some “tasting” and, who knows, your Tour Director and Driver just might be “spending some of the boss’s money” to purchase a delicious Kringle to take home with you. Dinner will be at the Apple Holler, a farm-to-table restaurant, bakery and gift shop, serving up delicious down-home cookin’, all the way through to a slice of warm, freshly-made apple pie with ice cream, for dessert.



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Includes 11 meals

\$1244 per person in a double

\$1219 per person in a triple

\$1194 per person in a quad

\$1590 per person in a single

**Deposit to book, \$100 per person; we accept all major credit cards and checks.
Tours can now be booked on-line, 24 hours a day with a credit card.**