

**SENIORS IN THE PARK WHITEWATER, WI PRESENTS:
LACROSSE, WI - RED WING, MN FALL TOUR - OCTOBER 6 -9, 2016**



Day 1 - Thursday, October 6, 2016

Depart from Whitewater, Wisconsin using coach transportation. Traverse the corridors of the countryside through the Ocooch Mountains in the Southwest Wisconsin Upland area that lacks glaciated terrain. It creates a beautiful fall color route with high hills, bluffs and ridges. There is a mixture of yellows, oranges and greens along with a splash of red. Begin this mystical adventure at the Norskedalen Farmstead in Coon Valley, WI. Begin with a traditional Norwegian Meatball lunch. A guide will reveal the site that is rich in history, with a carefully preserved collection of log and stone buildings. They were crafted by the immigrants (mainly Norwegian), who came to this area in the second half of the 1800's. It is a nature and heritage center dedicated to preserving, interpreting and sharing the natural environment and cultural heritage of the area surrounding Coon Valley, Wisconsin. [Note: The walking tour around the site is about four blocks. They do have one golf cart if someone has difficulty getting around.] After the tour, leave for La Crosse, Wisconsin and check into the Best Western Riverfront Hotel. Take an early evening dinner cruise onboard the La Crosse Queen. The upscale vessel has a climate controlled main cabin surrounded by windows. It is a modern-day replica of the grand riverboats that plied the Mississippi River in the late 19th Century. She is one of the few authentic Mississippi River paddlewheel riverboats still in operation in the country today. Enjoy a buffet service dinner in the main cabin. Step back in time, to when the most popular means of travel from town to town was by boat. Take in the scenic treasures of the Mississippi River including a swing bridge, the wildlife; lock and dam and historic sites along the Upper Mississippi River. [L,D]



Day 2 - Friday, October 7, 2016

Have breakfast (included) at the hotel. In Centerville, WI visit Ecker's Apple Farm and take the John Deere "Honeycrisp Express" ride through the orchard. This is a family owned and operated business with 15 varieties of apples. Purchase items in the retail store including Wisconsin apples, gourmet caramel, bakery goods and other locally produced specialty products such as Slack's Jelly, Cedar Creek wines and Wildwood Specialty Foods. In Winona the first stop is at the Watkins Store where you can purchase Watkins Pepper, Vanilla, Petro Carbo Salve and other items in their current line of high quality products. They also display a large collection of memorabilia from Watkins' rich history. Take time in the historic downtown district to have lunch (on own). Next at the Marine Art Museum, take a docent lead tour of the world-class exhibits. It features four major art collections, making it a regional and national attraction. There have been top quality exhibits featuring oil painting that focus on sail and stream. There are watercolors, and marine art objects. Exhibits range from popular folk art with distinctive wood carved objects and hand painted sculptures that capture the spirit of river life, to amazing photographs featuring historic finds. Each selection put on display is of the highest quality and the variety of works captures the interest of visitors of all ages from avid collectors to the casual observer. Continue to L.A.R.K. Toy's in Kellogg, MN. Spend time in this unique toy store, the largest of its kind in the USA. Thousands of visitors pass through their doors every year to see this collection of antique toys, wooden toys, specialty toys, a large hand-carved operating carousel, and a large bookstore. Check into the Americinn in Wabasha for two nights. Have dinner at the Coffee Mill Golf Course Restaurant. It overlooks the majestic Mississippi Valley with a wonderful panoramic view of the valley. [B,D]



Day 3 - Saturday, October 8, 2016

Have breakfast at the hotel. Travel along the Wisconsin side of the Great Mississippi River Road, it is one of the most scenic byways in American. Make photo stops and pull over in the small riverside villages. A favorite stop is the Nelson Cheese Store to purchase cheese and other treats. Spend time in the village of Stockholm to shop and get a snack. It is a tiny village with a vibrant and growing cultural scene. Eclectic galleries and specialty stores are tucked along the shores of the mighty Mississippi. Leave Stockholm and continue through the villages of Maiden Rock and Bay City. Cross the Mississippi River into Red Wing, MN to tour the new Pottery Museum located in the Pottery Place Annex. It opened in March 2014. This new attraction will feature an interactive experience and the amazing 70-gallon pottery jug. A docent will talk about the project and introduce you to the exhibits on display. Across the street is the Pottery Place. Then wander through beautiful downtown Red Wing. You can sample candy at Red Wing Confectionery, spend time at The Red Wing Shoe Store and see the "big boot." Visit

the Uffda Shop, unique galleries, specialty merchants, antique stores, boutiques and seize specialty items in the Shopping Court at the St. James Hotel. Have an early dinner at the historic St. James Hotel. It was built in 1875 and proudly maintains its 19th century character. Enjoy the relaxing drive back to the hotel in Wabasha. [B,D]



Day 4 - Sunday, October 9, 2016

Have breakfast at the hotel. Tour The National Eagle Center. The center is a 15,000 square-foot building with plenty of exhibit space and a glassed-in observation deck for eagle watching. Look around the center and visit the gift store. Be seated in a classroom for a presentation. There are rehabilitated bald eagles that are used in educational programs, and can be viewed up close. Take a few minutes after the presentation to ask questions, spend time on the platform viewing interesting wildlife including bald eagles. Have lunch at Slippery's Restaurant, located on the shores of the Mississippi River. Slippery's was made famous by the movies "Grumpy Old Men" & "Grumpier Old Men." Depart after lunch and return to Whitewater, Wisconsin by early evening. [B,L]

Price per paying passengers:

Double : \$649.00*
Single : \$889.00*

Deposit:\$100.00pp due at time of registration; Final Payment Due: July 22, 2016
Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance is available & recommended.

Includes:

- Lodging for 3 nights at outlined hotels
- Meals: 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
 - Sightseeing attractions as outlined
 - Motorcoach Transportation
- Gratuities on included meals and attractions.
Driver tip is not included in the price

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