

Heartland of America



Including Iowa Tulip Festival April 30 - May 7, 2023 (8 days - 7 nights)

Sun, April 30 Tulsa, OK

Everyone will enjoy getting acquainted with fellow travelers today as we begin our tour through America's Heartland. We will make our way northward to our

overnight destination of Tulsa.

Mon, May 1 Fulton, MO

After a restful night we continue through Oklahoma and into the "Show Me" state of Missouri. Our travels will take us through the capital city, Jefferson City, and to Fulton where we visit the Winston Churchill Museum. The museum is located on Westminster College campus in Fulton, the site of Churchill's famous "Iron Curtain" speech.

Tues, May 2 Davenport, IA

We continue to Hannibal, located on the Mississippi River, where Mark Twain's Boyhood Home and Museum bring to life Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. Moving northward our overnight destination is Davenport, IA, a city sitting on the border of Illinois and Iowa.

Wed, May 3 Des Moines, IA

We start our today at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in nearby West Branch, IA. The tour will allow you to experience the many sides of Iowa's only president. With a local guide aboard our motorcoach we explore the Amana Colonies, tucked in the rolling hills of eastern Iowa. Seeking religious freedom, the early residents settled in 1855 after leaving Germany. The Amana Colonies believed in hard work and excellent craftsmanship. This high quality is seen today in the products made at the furniture and clock factories, woolen mills, bakeries and craft shops located in the seven

colonies. Our lunch will be at the Ox Yoke Inn in Amana. We continue to Newton, our home for the next 2 nights.

Thurs, May 4 Des Moines, IA

Enjoy Pella's 87th Tulip Festival, dedicated to the memory of its founders when several hundred Hollanders immigrated to America in search of a new home and religious freedom, arriving in Pella in 1847. Thousand of tulips line the streets to welcome visitors to Iowa's most vibrant springtime event. Our day will begin with a community tour followed by a visit to the Historical Village where you will see wooden shoe carvers and other crafters. An authentic 1850's Dutch windmill standing at 135 feet is the tallest working windmill in the United States. The Klokkenspel with eight, four-foot mechanical figures performs hourly (except during the parade) to the delight of the visitors. Take your reserved seat to witness costumed children and adults splashing pails of water on the street and then scrub it in preparation

Highlights Include:

- Pella Iowa Tulip Festival
- Historical Dutch Village
- Klokkenspel
- Vermeer Dutch windmill
- Lighted Volks Parade
- Dutch dancers and Street Scrubbers
- Herbert Hoover National Historic Site
- John Wayne Birthplace & Museum
- Covered Bridges of Madison County
- Mark Twain Home & Center, Hannibal MO
- Winston Churchill National Museum
- Tour of Amana Colonies
- Arabia Steamboat Museum, Kansas City MO

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of the Volks Parade to follow. The Tulip King and Queen will be accompanied by brass bands and dancers in wooden shoes.

Fri, May 5

Kansas City, MO

Heading south we discover Winterset, IA - birthplace of John Wayne. We will visit the only museum in the world dedicated to Hollywood legend John Wayne. An impressive collection of memorabilia includes rare items such as the eye patch worn in the movie "True Grit". You will also see John Wayne's Birthplace, a modest four-room home that has been restored to reflect its appearance in 1907, the year of the Duke's birth. Winterset's location is in the middle of Madison County. Needless to say, we will stop and take in the amazing covered bridges, the site of the movie "Bridges of Madison County" before heading to Kansas City, Mo for the evening.

Sat, May 6

Wichita, KS

When the mighty Steamboat Arabia sank near Kansas City on September 5, 1856, she carried 200 tons of mystery cargo. Lost for 132 years, its recovery in 1988 was like finding the King Tut's Tomb of the Missouri River. Remarkably preserved clothes, tools, guns, dishware and more. The discovery was truly a modern day treasure-hunting story at its best. We promise you will be completely fascinated by what you will see as we tour the Steamboat Arabia Museum. We then continue our route southward to Wichita, KS for the final night of our tour.

Sun, May 7

Return Home

As we are coming to the end of our tour we are reminded of all the great sights we have seen that help to understand why it truly is the Heartland of America. The sites, smells, sounds and wonderful



friends we have met will live in your heart for years to come.

**Thank you for traveling with
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- Meals: 2 breakfasts, 5 continental breakfasts,
6 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

Cost per person:

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\$1919 (2 people per room)

\$137

\$2395 (1 person per room)

\$187

\$50 deposit due upon booking

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