

# Marvels of the Midwest

October 16 - 21, 2023

(6 days - 5 nights)



## Mon, Oct 16

## Wichita, KS

With much excitement in the air, our motorcoach will take us northward through the Texas, Oklahoma and into Kansas. We will overnight in the largest city in Kansas. Eagerly we anticipate the days ahead as we will relish in the vast prairies, rolling hills, and natural beauty and the marvels of the Midwest.

## Tue, Oct 17

## McPherson, KS

In the middle of Kansas sits an International SciEd Center and Space Museum known as Cosmosphere. Featuring the largest combine collection of US and Russian space artifacts in the world, the Hall of Space will certainly impress even the novice space enthusiast. Cosmosphere is one of only three museums in the world to display flown spacecraft from all three early-manned space programs. By now everyone is eager to enjoy an Amish lunch in Yoder before heading underground. Strataca is an underground salt mine and museum. With hardhats on, we enter the hoist (elevator) and descend 650' into the earth. Once underground, we will explore the mining gallery, take a tram tour through areas of the mine, and even collect a souvenir piece of salt. Restrooms and a gift shop are conveniently located underground as well. Strataca is definitely a sight to see when in

## Highlights Include:

- Little Sweden - Lindsborg, KS
- Hemslojd (handcrafted Dala horses)
- Swedish lunch & entertainment
- Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Square
- Small World Gallery
- Strataca (650' underground salt mine)
- Cosmosphere
- Lunch at Amish Restaurant
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library
- Orphan Train Complex
- The Whole Wall Mural
- Flint Hill Discovery Center

the Midwest.

## Wed, Oct 18

## Abilene, KS

No passport required for this visit to Sweden. Lindsborg, KS, referred to as Little Sweden, was settled by Swedish immigrants in the 1860s. Today this charming community continues to embrace their Swedish traditions. We will visit the Hemslojd to see the iconic red Dala horses being hand carved and painted. These horses have become one of the most popular Swedish souvenirs. Enjoy free time at the various downtown shops before feasting on a Swedish lunch buffet, while being entertained by Swedish dancers. The afternoon provides us time to explore Lindsborg's Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum before departing for "the other" Abilene.

## Thu, Oct 19

## Abilene, KS

We are off to find more marvels of the Midwest. Today's quest takes us to Concordia, the county seat of Cloud County, KS. We will stop for

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pictures at the Whole Wall Mural, the longest sculpted brick mural in the US. Let's see what hidden critters you can discover on the mural. Between 1854 –1929, an estimated 200,000 orphaned, abandoned, or homeless children were transported to rural communities across the country in hopes of providing them a better life. Today we visit the Orphan Train Complex dedicated to the preservation of the stories and artifacts of those who were part of the Orphan Train Movement. After lunch, we make our way back to Abilene to tour the all-new Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum. Here you can explore the extraordinary life and legacy of the only 5-star General who became the President of the United States.



**Fri, Oct 20** **Wichita, KS**

Kansas is home to the world's largest contiguous tallgrass prairie. This morning we take in the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, a dynamic tribute to the 10,000 square miles of tallgrass prairie to learn more about the necessity of these grasses still today. We will leave the beaten path for the K-177 Scenic Route through the Flint Hills as we make our way back to Wichita for the night.

**Sat, Oct 21** **Return Home**

Today we sit back and reminisce of the natural and diverse beauty we have experienced during our time together in Kansas. None better than the new

friendships we have made with our travel companions. Everyone will long remember our quest to discover the Marvels of the Midwest.

## Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

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- Meals: 3 continental breakfasts, 2 breakfasts  
5 lunches or dinners
- Gratuities for motorcoach driver and local guides
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