

Great Rivers & Lakes of the Midwest

featuring Lake Geneva / Delavan, WI

June 13 - 23, 2024

(11 days - 10 nights)



Escape to cooler temperatures as we make our way to the Upper Midwest. Routing through Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Kansas; this tour has something for everyone.

Thu, June 13

Tulsa, OK

Today will be an exciting day with everyone getting acquainted with fellow travelers as we begin our tour featuring Wisconsin and Illinois highlights with a three-night stay in Delavan / Lake Geneva WI. We will make our way northward to our overnight destination of Tulsa, OK.

Fri, June 14

Alton, IL

After a restful night we continue through Oklahoma and into the "Show Me" state of Missouri which was home to Mark Twain and Walt Disney, as well as Harry Truman. By late afternoon we will cross the mighty Mississippi River at St. Louis into the suburb of Alton, IL, our destination for the next two nights.

Sat, June 15

Alton, IL

Today we revisit the steps of the famous explorers Lewis & Clark as we start our morning at the State Historic Site. Just one mile down the road we visit the Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower. Rising 180' above the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers, enjoy the scenic views from various platforms. Enjoy lunch on your own at a Aerie's Resort before we tour the Melvin Price Lock and Dam located on the Upper Mississippi River.

Highlights Include:

- Lake Geneva, WI (Newport of the Midwest)
- 3-nights in Delavan/Lake Geneva WI
- 2-nights in Alton, IL
- *Celebration Belle* (day-long cruise down the Mississippi River)
- Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower
- Lewis & Clark State Historic Site
- Dancing Horses Theatre
- US Mailboat Tour
- National Great Rivers Museum
- Melvin Price Lock & Dam Tour
- Trolley Tour (Galena, IL)
- Ulysses S Grant Home (Galena, IL)
- John Deere Pavilion, (Moline, IL)
- World War I Museum
- National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
- Evening Picnic Cruise

Sun, June 16

Delavan, WI

Today we continue our journey north to the resort towns of Lake Geneva / Delavan, Wisconsin. The lakeside Shore Path is dotted with Gilded Age mansions, many built by wealthy Chicagoans. We will settle in to Lake Lawn Resort for the next three nights to take in the spectacular views and cooler temperatures. Join us after dinner on your own, for a game of Bingo and snacks before calling it a day.

Mon, June 17

Delavan, WI

There are only a handful of places left in the country where mail is still delivered by boat. With over 100 years of mail service, the Walworth and crew still deliver mail to about 74 homes around the lake daily. We will see the agile and athletic Mailjumpers deliver mail by jumping off the moving boat as it navigates between the piers on the shoreline. Enjoy free time and lunch on your own in quaint downtown Lake Geneva. After some time of

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relaxation this afternoon, we will enjoy an evening of food and entertainment at the Rosewood Dinner Theatre before returning to our resort.

Tue, June 18

Delavan, WI



Situated in the historic waterworks building, Geneva Lake Museum allows you to step back in time to Historic Lake Geneva. Afterwards, we are treated way to lunch and an afternoon performance at The Dancing Horses Theatre. This unique show combines the artistry of the trained professionals and the beauty of Arabian horses. Tonight we will enjoy our final evening in this magnificent setting of the Midwest with a picnic cruise on Delavan Lake.

Wed, June 19

Dubuque, IA

We make our way back into Illinois with a stop in Galena; known for its well-preserved 19th-century architecture as well as the home of Ulysses S Grant. Aboard a trolley, we will be explore the impressive sights of this quaint town. Just across the river, we visit the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium before overnighing in Dubuque, IA.

Thu, June 20

Moline, IL

While alarm clocks will sound early, it will surely be worth the effort when we board the *Celebration Belle* for a day on the Mighty Mississippi. The *Celebration Belle* is the largest non-gaming riverboat on the Upper Mississippi. We will enjoy a full day of sights, narration and food as we sit back, relax and enjoy our time aboard. Before arriving in Moline, we will feast on the Prime Rib Dinner.

Fri, June 21

Kansas City, KS

Just across the street from our hotel sits the landmark, glass structure: John Deere Pavilion. Enjoy some time at the pavilion or relax at while longer at the hotel. The choice is yours. We say goodbye to Old Man River and head in a southwestern direction making Kansas City, KS our home for the evening.

Sat, June 22

Oklahoma City, OK

From Kansas then on to Oklahoma, we arrive in Oklahoma City in time for an afternoon city tour with the assistance of a local guide; stopping at the state Capitol for a quick picture of the only state capitol in the world with an oil well under it. There might be even more interesting facts we learn along the way.

Sun, June 23

Return home

As we are getting closer to home we will be reminded of all the spectacular sights we have seen, great places we have visited, memories we have made and our new friends who we will never forget.

**Thank you for traveling with
Bilbrey Tours!**

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation from:
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- 10 nights hotel accommodations
- Baggage handling for one piece of luggage
- Meals: 5 breakfasts, 5 continental breakfasts and 10 lunches or dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions as per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort
- Gratuities for driver and local guides

Cost per person:

\$2999 (2 people per room)

\$3769 (1 person per room)

\$50 deposit due upon booking

Final payment due April 11, 2024

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