

Tour Code: WMN21



Magnificent
Midwest

August 14 - 23, 2021

*This tour can be done
as a self-drive.*

Dates are changeable



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Glensheen Mansion

SAT/Day 1: Milwaukee & Madison WI

Arrive Chicago Airport by 9:00 AM or Milwaukee Airport by 10:30 AM (pre-night available). Your Ed-Ventures host will pick you up and your magnificent tour of the mighty Midwest begins! We start with lunch featuring Milwaukee's finest Usinger brats and include the spacious first-class Harley-Davidson Museum. Our driving tour focuses on local history which includes local beer barons, historic neighborhoods, Menomonee and Miller Valley highlights, "Sauerkraut Boulevard" and free time for shopping. We end at Lakefront Brewery for a tour and tasting. Later we drive to the capital city of Madison for dinner and our overnight. LD

SUN/Day 2: Madison WI area touring

After breakfast, we start at Olbrich Botanical Gardens for a stroll. Featuring 16 acres of beautiful Midwest hardy plants in a setting of prairie-style architecture, we will be amazed at the innovation and beauty of the Thai Pavilion and Rose Garden, and other specialty gardens. Next, we stop in at the one-of-a-kind National Mustard Museum to learn, taste and shop. We spend the remainder of the afternoon exploring Madison's Old Market Place where we may get a peek at the University of Wisconsin, visit the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum, take photos of the lovely capitol building and meander around interestingly-shaped buildings sandwiched between Lake Mendota and its little sister, Lake Monona. If the season is right, we also take in the thrilling feats of skill and groundbreaking performances of the Mad-City Water Ski Team (11-time National Show Ski Champions). We'll have lots to talk about at dinner! BD

MON/Day 3: Rochester MN

We transfer to Minnesota today with a stop at the awe-inspiring House on the Rock. We have time to inspect the displays and collections of the exotic, the unusual and the amazing and continue across the upper Mississippi River to Rochester. On arrival, we have an insightful and entertaining trolley tour to see why Minnesota's Rochester is more than just medicine! Home to the world-famous Mayo Clinic Medical Facility and Minnesota's 3rd largest city, we will visit the "Pill Hill" neighborhood, historic Downtown and Third Street, the Zumbro River, Silver Lake, Soldier's Field Park and Veteran's Memorial, the Plummer Building, Peace Plaza and much more! Another stop at Assisi Heights will not only show us an amazing view of Rochester, but we'll talk to one of the Benedictine sisters and find out why religion and medicine have always meshed well in Rochester. BD



TUE/Day 4: Rochester MN – Old Order Amish Tour

Today we enjoy a free morning (optional short hiking experience available). After lunch, we immerse ourselves in enriching culture as we venture into the historic Lanesboro and Harmony areas and journey through Minnesota's largest Amish settlements. We can observe and learn about the Amish way of life, view a one-room schoolhouse, visit Amish shops and bakeries, and visit with farmers and craftsmen. We will be intrigued by their thriving lives which do not use modern technologies or conveniences, like electricity and running water. After time to try an ice cream or shop for Amish goods like baskets, homemade soaps or jams, or hardwoods, we head back through the charming farmlands to Rochester. We stop at the sprawling Four Daughters Vineyard & Winery to enjoy a wine or cider tasting. We have the evening free to try one of Rochester's award-winning restaurants of your choosing. B

WED/Day 5: Twin Cities MN – Historic Mississippi River Cities touring

Another amazing day awaits as we continue exploring some of what makes Midwesterners who they are! We meander up the Mississippi River Valley and stop at some of the historic cities along the way. Overlooking the river, Wabasha is home to the National Eagle Center and a perfect spot to watch for bald eagles and other river wildlife. After visiting the eagles and exhibits, we pause for a beverage and photo at Slippery's Bar – famous for the "Grumpy Old Men" movies. Next, we cross the bridge back into Wisconsin, and make our way to Alma for an inspiring stop at Buena Vista Park to look back at Minnesota. In Stockholm, we visit the Museum of Laura Ingalls Wilder, an American writer, well-known for the children's series, "Little House on the Prairie" and learn how her life may have been. Before departing town, consider a stop at the Pie & General Store to take along a slice of mouthwatering pie. We drive the short distance to see Laura's 1867 log cabin replica, the "Little House in the Big Woods." BD

THU/Day 6: Twin Cities MN – area touring

Today we head to downtown Minneapolis to explore the historic Riverfront District. We see Father Hennepin Bluff Park and the Mississippi Gorge and walk across the Stone Arch Bridge. Also included is admission to the Mill City Museum, located in what was once one of the largest flour mills in the world. For lunch on our own, we transfer to the Midtown Global Market, where we can grab lunch and shop

in the international shops or listen to live music. We continue our visit with a stop at the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. This crown jewel of the park system unites two of Minnesota's cherished resources – its parks and its cultural heritage. Next, a nefarious gangster from the 1930's will regale us with stories of kidnappings, gun battles, and notorious criminals like Ma Barker, John Dillinger or Babyface Nelson, who helped shape the history of St Paul and the Midwest. We have the remainder of the day free for shopping or perhaps taking in a Twins baseball game at Target Field. B

FRI/Day 7: Ely

Now its time to set our sights on “up North” as we head into the heart of Iron Range country. We make a stop in Eveleth to see the “National Shrine of American Hockey.” The U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame tells the stories about hockey greats from the USA and Olympics around the world and honors the legends of the game. It is a fitting stop in the State of Hockey and reminds us too of the Miracle on Ice in 1980! We continue our wild streak as we stop next at the International Wolf Center to meet the pack and learn about their instincts, socialization and human relationships, and the advances in the survival of wolf populations. This evening we have dinner and the chance to meet new friends from the Chippewa tribe and who share their culture, history, and beliefs with us. This evening we'll watch the skies and hope we see the aurora borealis (Northern Lights). BD

SAT/Day 8: Duluth – area touring

We start with a short visit at the North American Bear Center, the only black bear and wildlife educational facility of its kind. We have time to meet the bear ambassadors and learn about their lives, habitats, and behavior. We make our way through the Superior National Forest and visit sights around the North Shore of Lake Superior starting with Split Rock Lighthouse, built in 1910. After a photo stop at the scenic Gooseberry Falls, we stop in Two Harbors for lunch and to see the Lighthouse Museum. We will be amazed at the majesty of the views as we look out over the largest of the Great Lakes on our drive to Duluth. Nestled on its edge is Glensheen Historic Estate, a 39-room mansion built with remarkable craftsmanship including gardens, bridges, and the story of the Duluth region. B

SUN/Day 9: Duluth – Apostle Islands cruising

After an early breakfast, we embark on a 55-mile Apostle Islands Grand Tour cruise. Highlights include extraordinary natural scenery including standing rocks and extensive sea caves, marine wildlife, beautiful Raspberry and Devils Island Lighthouses and many nautical wonders on America's largest lake. On our return to Duluth, we have free time for a late lunch and to explore around the Downtown Waterfront area including Canal Park and the Lift Bridge. We have a farewell dinner and marvel at the wonders we have seen in the Upper Midwest!! BD

MON/Day 10: Return Home

Alas, it's time to bid goodbye to Gitche Gumee, the shining “Big-Sea-Water”. We make our way back to the Minneapolis-St Paul Airport in time to catch flights home (departing after 2:00 pm). You betcha we'll see ya later then! B

Tour Price: \$2,419

Prices are *per person, double occupancy*
with a minimum of 10 participants

Single supplement: \$680

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach or minibus/sprinter van
- **Accommodations (or similar):**
 - ◊ 2 nights Hampton Inn (Madison, WI)
 - ◊ 2 nights Hilton Garden Inn (Rochester, MN)
 - ◊ 2 nights Hilton Garden Inn (Eagan, MN)
 - ◊ 1 night Grand Ely Lodge Resort (Ely, MN)
 - ◊ 2 Nights The Inn on Lake Superior (Duluth, MN)
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Air transportation to Chicago, IL or Milwaukee, WI return from Minneapolis, MN including taxes and fees
- **Meals** other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **Luggage handling** (suggested one piece/person)
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature.
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$300 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to travel. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may be added after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally, airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 60 days before departure a \$25 administrative fee plus any airfare and land penalties will be assessed. From 59-30 days, a \$100 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 29-15 days, a \$250 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 15 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

Abbreviations for Meals

B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Terms and Conditions

We reserve the right to cancel this trip due to lack of subscription. In the event of cancellation of the trip in its entirety, a full refund of all deposits will be made to passengers enrolled at the time of cancellation. Tour price is based on the value of the dollar and the cost of airfare and is subject to change without notice. Extensions are usually available, but must be requested when booking the tour. Any changes in airfare booking may result in a processing fee. It may be possible, that due to unforeseen events, conditions, or changes in airline schedules, the land portion of the trip may be extended or shortened. Any savings realized by such occurrences will be refunded, however any extra expenses incurred must be borne by the client. Trip cancellation insurance is available. This low-cost protection can save you money if you are forced to cancel or alter your trip for a medical reason only. You will be mailed trip cancellation insurance information with the brochure or upon receipt of your deposit.

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Due to COVID-19, we reserve the right to adjust the tour in order to follow the guidelines and policies set by the CDC and the local governments.

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on the government issued ID (i.e. passport or driver's license) you will be using at the airport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for namebadge): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on the government issued ID (i.e. passport or driver's license) you will be using at the airport.

Legal Name: _____

(Name for namebadge): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ Single supplement _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

Deposit Payment Information (Credit card payments will incur a 3% non-refundable fee)

Enclosed is my \$----- deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: Exp. Date:

Card ID Code:* _____ *last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Prices in this brochure were effective on 11.30.20. By signing below, I understand that price changes are possible at the time of final invoicing, due to exchange rates, an increase in carrier charges, fuel costs, taxes and tariffs, and the number of passengers traveling in the group. I understand that insurance premiums and credit card fees are non-refundable. I agree to the terms and conditions of this tour.

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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