

Midwest American Adventure July 11th - 17th, 2021

Highlights: CHICAGO * LIPIZZAS * WISCONSIN DELLS * SAINT PAUL * MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE
HOUSE ON THE ROCK * JOHN DEERE PAVILION * ABRAHAM LINCOLN LIBRARY * SPAM MUESUM



Day 1: Today we begin our fantastic Midwest American Adventure as we travel through Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. We enjoy a city tour of Chicago before checking into our hotel.

Day 2: CHICAGO RIVER CRUISE • THE TEMPEL LIPIZZANS: Today we embark on a voyage viewing the downtown Chicago River area. Marvel at Chicago's skyscrapers and bridges as the boat glides smoothly along the Chicago River. This afternoon we arrive at Tempel Farms, the training facility of the Tempel Lipizzans. On our tour, we visit the stallion stables and performance barn, hearing the history of these marvelous horses. At the indoor arena, we view a training session, seeing a variety of horses from the young to the experienced. After our visit, we travel a short distance to Wisconsin.

Day 3: HOUSE ON THE ROCK • WISCONSIN DELLS • WISCONSIN OPRY DINNER & SHOW: Mid-morning we arrive at the House on the Rock, a place that defies description. This architectural wonder, the original structure of what is now an extraordinary complex of buildings, rooms, streets and gardens, is built atop, and into a 60-ft. chimney of rock! We have time to explore this magnificent wonder before continuing north to Wisconsin Dells for our overnight. At the Wisconsin Opry, we enjoy a buffet style dinner this evening, tour the farm on a hayride, then listen to the Dickinson Family Band entertain us with a mix of classic and current country music.

Day 4: WISCONSIN DELLS BOAT TOUR • MINNESOTA - MALL OF AMERICA: There are few sights in this country as unique and beautiful as the Wisconsin Dells. This morning we enjoy our guided tour of the Dells Scenic River Way. We marvel at the towering sandstone cliffs, narrow, gem-filled canyons, and unique rock formations. Now we travel to Minneapolis - St. Paul and the Mall of America. There are over 500-stores in this premier retail and entertainment complex. There's even an indoor amusement park with 30 remarkable rides! The evening is yours to enjoy.

Day 5: ST. PAUL SIGHTSEEING TOUR • SPAM MUSEUM • LITTLE BROWN CHURCH IN THE VALE: This morning we see the highlights on our tour of St. Paul. From here we travel to Austin, Minnesota where we visit the Spam Museum. No one would have guessed that this new product back in 1937 would become a war hero, a pop culture icon and an American Institution. We travel to Nashua, Iowa, for a spiritual treat as we visit the Little Brown Church in the Vale and learn the history of the beloved hymn of the same name. We arrive in Davenport for a two-night stay.

Day 6: JOHN DEERE PAVILION • JOHN DEERE FACTORY TOUR • MISSISSIPPI RIVER CRUISE: This morning we visit the John Deere Pavilion, an impressive showcase celebrating 175 years of vintage and modern day equipment. Here we have the opportunity to get behind the wheel in machine simulators and see if we can maneuver an operating excavator or crawler dozer. Next, our guide takes us behind the scenes for a John Deere Factory Tour (must be 13 & over), where we learn the process of creating a green machine. This evening we cruise down the Mississippi River aboard the Celebration Belle paddle wheeler, enjoying a special "Captain's Dinner Buffet."

Day 7: ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM: Today we travel to Springfield, Illinois, a city rich in memories of Abraham Lincoln, who lived here for 24 years. We'll visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum, a 200,000 square foot complex situated in downtown Springfield. Here we can experience the Lincoln story in its entirety introducing people of all ages to what has been called "The Great American Story." Before we leave town, we ride by the beautiful Illinois State House. HOME: What an incredible tour this has been! Who would have thought that the Midwest had so much to offer, from the natural scenery and beauty of the Dells, to the metropolitan wonders of Minneapolis and Chicago.

Tour Cost: \$1475 per person, double occupancy. Includes: Lodging, Deluxe Motor-Coach Transportation, Admission to Listed Attractions, Breakfast at hotels, 4 group meals, snacks and water plus the Koinonia extras.

