



ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

An extension of your own backyard

“Door County & Cranberry Country” June 14-21, 2023

Dear Parks and Recreation Traveler:

Join us as we head north to the state of Wisconsin with visits to Door County and the cranberry country of Wisconsin Rapids. Enjoy a traditional Wisconsin “Fish Boil” for dinner on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan before witnessing the thousands of acres of cherry trees and fruit orchards nearby. We will stop in Lake Geneva and board the Walworth as we cruise Lake Geneva and watch the “Mail Boat Jumpers” deliver US Mail from a moving boat. We will also stop in Baraboo, WI and visit Circus World Museum, the original home of Ringling Bros. Circus. As always, this itinerary is subject to change at any time.

Our first day of the trip is pretty much a travel day with dinner at Pier 290 on Lake Geneva and overnight at Harbor Shores Hotel on Lake Geneva. Day two we board the Walworth and take the *US Mailboat Tour* and enjoy the scenic wonders of this enchanting historical glacier made spring fed lake—*Lake Geneva!* There are only a handful of places left in the country where mail is still delivered by boat and none with a more exciting and scenic tour like this! We finish the day with a guided tour of *Yerkes Observatory*. Tour guides will discuss the history and architecture of the Observatory, the astronomers and astrophysicists who worked here, and the ongoing restoration of this iconic landmark in the history of science.

On Friday as we leave Lake Geneva, we stop at the *The Elegant Farmer* as we see how they bake their apple pies in a brown paper bag. Our next stop is in Sheboygan, WI where we visit the world’s tallest symbol of freedom, the *Acuity Flagpole*—*a 400-foot flagpole that’s flying an American flag measuring 60 feet high by 120 feet long located on the Acuity Insurance Company campus.* We arrive at Rowleys Bay Resort for a three-night stay. Dinner tonight a traditional Door County—*Fish Boil!*

On day four of our trip, we visit *Seaquist Orchards Farm Market*, a farm consisting of 1,000 acres of tart cherries and over 50 acres of apples and sweet cherries. In an average year the farm can produce about 6 million pounds of cherries. Lunch will be at *Al Johnson’s Swedish Restaurant* with their Goats on the Roof! After a cruise along the shores of Green Bay, we have dinner at *The English Inn* before watching a stage production at the *Peninsula Players Theatre*.

On Sunday we visit *Lautenbach’s Orchard Country Winery & Market* where three generations of Lautenbach’s have been growing, harvesting and producing award-winning fruit products since 1955. We visit the picturesque town of *Fish Creek* for some lunch and Retail Therapy. About mid-afternoon we visit the *Door County Maritime Museum* in Sturgeon Bay. The Museum features interactive exhibits, and offers tours of the restored tugboat John Purves. Hard-working fisherman, brave ship captains and lonely lighthouse keepers are some of the personalities you’ll discover in the galleries of the museum...Where Great Lakes maritime history comes alive!

On Monday as we leave Door County we stop at *Renards Cheese*, a family owned and operated, third generation of cheese makers. About mid-afternoon we visit a fifth-generation cranberry farm in the Central Sands region of Wisconsin. Rochelle Biegel Hoffman runs a retail and agrotourism business called *Rooted in Red!* The Family's connection to cranberry farming spans more than a century. Her great-great-grandfather grew his first cranberry in 1900. Although long known as "the dairy state," Wisconsin is also a major player in the cranberry industry.

Tuesday we visit the *Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center* in Warrens, WI before visiting the *Circus World Museum* in Baraboo, WI, the original home of the Ringling Brothers Circus. Circus World Museum pride and joy is the largest collection of authentic circus wagons on earth. This colossal congress contains over 260 wagons and vehicles from large, medium, and small shows as carnivals.

The tour also includes 7 Dinners, 6 Breakfasts, attractions, admissions, lodging, all gratuities, escort & deluxe motor coach transportation.

Our coach will have full time Wi-Fi during the duration of our trip. As always, this itinerary is subject to change without advance notice.

Participants should be aware that this trip will include moderate to heavy walking. Travelers will be negotiating steps/stairs on & off and up & down at various sites and motor coach during portions of the trip.

Participants will be restricted to one piece of checked luggage and one carryon bag to be carried inside the motorcoach. The carryon bag will need to be a soft-sided bag. One piece of checked luggage and one carryon bag will be allowed on the motor coach. Luggage tags & final itinerary will be provided to you closer to the actual departure date of the trip.

Participants who register must also complete a consent waiver form which will detail emergency contacts and any current and pertinent medical or medicinal information. This form will be sent at a later date.

It will be the responsibility of the traveler to be punctual when the itinerary states a departure or group meeting time. In order to meet our itinerary commitments and to be fair to our fellow travelers, we will not hold the bus because someone is late. It will be the responsibility of the traveler to rejoin the group.

Fee Schedule:

The cost of this wonderful trip will be **\$2350** per person (double occupancy). The single traveler cost will be **\$2950** (Includes a single traveler supplement of **\$600** per single traveler). The Triple traveler cost will be **\$2150** per person (triple occupancy). This price is all inclusive and includes all gratuities. We are asking you to pay in increments due to the cost of this trip. You can make payments as often as you like, but we will need a minimum amount paid as follows:

Payment Schedule:

Immediately: **\$50** per person deposit (non-refundable). All refunds will be subject to a \$50 refund fee.

Friday, January 27: a minimum of an additional **\$800** must be paid.

Friday, March 17: an additional **\$800** must be paid.

Friday, April 28, 2023: remaining balance of the trip must be paid in full.

Friday, April 28, 2023: After this date no refunds of any kind will be given for cancellations due to our commitment to the various vendors involved with this trip (see the information on travel insurance, highly recommended).

This trip will close out for registration on Friday, April 28, 2023

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Many of you have inquired about travel insurance for our extended trips. Travel insurance is a method for providing you a means to recoup your cost should you have to cancel at the last minute or become sick on a trip. We do not endorse any particular product, but after searching the internet we came up with a couple of sources for travel insurance.

Travel Guard International, 1-800-826-4919 or www.travelguard.com Several of our travelers have used this provider.

Or compare several plans at once at www.InsureMyTrip.com or www.quotetravelinsurance.com With either service you can purchase on line or over the phone. Please make sure you understand what you are purchasing. Buying the travel insurance is totally up to you and making any claim with the carrier is the total responsibility of the person purchasing the insurance.

If you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to call 636-949-3372 or John's direct line at 636-949-3580.

This trip is now open for registration and will be conducted on a FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE basis

Thank you for considering traveling with us.
Sincerely,

John Pike
Trip Planner