

St Charles Parks Department
“Door County & Cranberry Country”
June 14-21, 2023
Itinerary

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

8:30am Depart Blanchette Park, St Charles for Lake Geneva, WI with Rest Stop and Coffee & Donuts and lunch stop in route. **Homestead Rest Area MM # 21**

9:15am Rest stop with Coffee & Donuts

9:45am Depart for Peru, IL ~*Lunch on Your Own*~

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch stop at Culver's

Culver's

1600 Midtown Road

Peru, IL 61354

Phone: 815-220-1980

1:30pm Depart for Lake Geneva, WI

3:30pm-5:30pm Dinner at Pier 290



Pier 290

1 Liechty Dr

Williams Bay, WI 53191

Phone: 262-245-2100

5:30pm Depart for Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva

5:45pm Check into overnight lodging for two-night stay. Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva is conveniently located in the heart of downtown Lake Geneva with easy access to key area attractions including Geneva Lake Cruise Line, Riviera Beach and the Riviera Ballroom.

Harbor Shores on Lake Geneva

300 Wrigley Drive

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Phone: 262-248-9181



Thursday, June 15, 2023

6:30am-8:30am Full Buffet Breakfast at the Baker House located across the side street in the adjacent mansion. Built in 1885 as a summer residence for Mrs. Robert Hall Baker, the 17,000 square foot, 30 room, Queen Ann Mansion was first named “Redwood Cottage” but in 2010 the name was changed to The Baker House in honor of the original owner.

8:45am Depart for US Mailboat Tour

10:00am-12:30pm We board the Walworth and take the *US Mailboat Tour* and enjoy the scenic wonders of this enchanting historical glacier made spring fed lake; it's a magnificent, restful experience you will forever cherish. A leisurely cruise past the estates, many built between 1870 and 1920, will serve to remind us of past elegance.

Lake Geneva Cruise Line

812 Wrigley Drive

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Phone: 262-248-6206

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! With nearly 90 years of Mail Service, they still deliver mail to about 40 homes around the lake on a daily basis from June 15 – September 15 every year. The Walworth departs promptly at 10:00am every day with a load of passengers, mail and a very unique person. The mailboat returns to the Riviera Docks at 12:30pm after a 2½ hour cruise around the entire lake.

Their mail person isn't at all like the one who stops by your home every day. To deliver the mail, they must jump off the bow of the boat while it is still moving and on to the pier. Deliver the mail, grab any out-going parcels and leap back on to the stern of the boat before it passes by. The mail jumper must possess skill and agility in order to complete the delivery and remain dry!

12:30pm Depart for lunch at Culver's

12:45pm-2:00pm Lunch at Culver's

Culver's ~Lunch on Your Own~

151 N Wells St.

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Phone: 262-248-6730





2:00pm Depart for *Yerkes Observatory*

2:30pm-3:45pm Tour Yerkes Observatory

Yerkes Observatory

373 W. Geneva, St

Williams Bay, WI 53191

All tours last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

Tour guides will discuss the history and architecture of the Observatory, the astronomers and astrophysicists who worked here, and the ongoing restoration and preservation of this iconic landmark in the history of science.

4:30pm Depart for Tuscan Tavern & Grill for dinner

5:00pm-7:00pm Dinner at Tuscan Tavern & Grill

Tuscan Tavern & Grill

430 Broad Street

Lake Geneva, WI 53147

Phone: 262-248-0888



Menu

Entrée:

Shrimp Alfredo...sautéed shrimp & alfredo sauce over fettuccine

Grilled Bone Pork Chop...10oz Bone-in Pork Chop, bourbon mustard sauce with garlic mashed potatoes.

Chicken Piccata...lightly dusted chicken breast tossed with lemon caper sauce served over pasta

Italian Walleye...Fresh Wisconsin Walleye coated in Italian bread crumbs, pan seared and topped with Tomato bruschetta and balsamic glaze and served with angel hair pasta.

Beverage: **Non-Alcoholic Drink**

Dessert: **Chef's Choice of Dessert**



Friday, June 16, 2023

6:30am-8:00am Full Buffet Breakfast at the Baker House located across the side street in the adjacent mansion.

7:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:00am Depart for Mukwonago, WI

9:00am-10:00am We visit *The Elegant Farmer* home of the famous *Apple Pie Baked in a Paper Bag*!

Established in 1946 as a small, family-run Wisconsin dairy farm by brothers Dave and Elmer Scheel. The Elegant Farmer is now renowned for its charm and comfort foods, most notably their legendary Apple Pie Baked in a Paper Bag.

This pie shatters all of your preconceived notions of what can be hidden inside an average paper bag. Their apples are the perfect balance of firm and tart, and the crust remains flaky in this non-traditional baking method. The delicate, sugar cookie-like crust and hearty sweet-tart apples combine to make for simply the best pie ever. And yes, the pie is actually baked in the bag!

The Elegant Farmer

1545 Main Street

Mukwonago, WI 53149

Phone: 262-363-6770

10:00am Depart for Sheboygan, WI

11:30am-12:15pm 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.

Acuity Flagpole

2800 South Taylor Drive

Sheboygan, WI 53081

Dedicated on July 21, 2014, the Acuity Flagpole is an amazing feat with the following jaw-dropping facts:

- 400-foot flagpole weighs approximately 420,000 pounds
- There are two versions of the 60-by-120-foot flag:
- 220-pound flag is flown during normal conditions
- 350 -pound flag is flown during harsher weather
- Each star is 3 feet high and each stripe is 4½ feet wide
- 680 cubic yards of concrete used in foundation
- Over 500 gallons of paint cover the pole
- 11-foot diameter at base tapers to 5½ ft diameter at top
- Three pendulum-style tuned mass dampers reduce movement and vibration
- Designed to withstand a low temperature of -42 degrees

12:15pm Depart for lunch at Culver's

12:30pm-1:30pm Lunch at Culver's ~Lunch on Your Own~



Culver's
2510 Washington Ave
Sheboygan, WI 53081
Phone: 920-395-2527

1:30pm Depart for Door County, WI

4:00pm Check into overnight lodging for 3-night stay.

Rowleys Bay Resort, dating back to 1948 and family owned for the past fifty years, is the largest resort in northern Door County, and boasts a restaurant, pub, Swedish bakery, indoor pool, fitness center, game room, library, WiFi and complimentary morning coffee for guests. It sits on 700 feet of wild Lake Michigan shoreline amidst 100 acres of woods, with hiking trails, kayaking, Segway tours, and zip-lining available on-site.

Rowleys Bay Resort
1041 County Road ZZ
Ellison Bay, WI 54210
Phone: 920-854-2385

5:30pm We enjoy a traditional Fish Boil Dinner on the grounds of the resort.

Rowleys Bay Restaurant at the resort has taken the iconic local tradition of the fish boil to a new level, with an entertaining actor who plays the part of the namesake of the bay, Peter Rowley. Sitting lakeside around a hot fire with a boiling cauldron of water, "Peter Rowley," played by a local actor, tells groups, tours, and tourist the colorful story of the bay from the early days of the Potawatomi up to present, inserting jokes and asides, and inviting audience participation. As each ingredient of the boil is brought out by the local master, he stops his story to introduce the historical tradition of fish boils and the culinary details behind them. The fish comes right in at the dock daily at the nearby fishing village of Gills Rock.

As the boil master stokes the fire, all are warned to move a good distance from the pot, as the photo-boil over includes a raging fire. Kerosene is thrown on the fire and the pot, boils over, while "Peter Rowley" rings the old school house bell.

If someone doesn't care for fish, no problem! The generous all-you-can-eat fish boil buffet also includes chicken, meatballs, salads bakery goodies, and desserts, so no one will leave hungry. Trademark features of the classic Scandinavian fish boil include our Swedish Limpa bread and cherry pie bars, both baked from scratch on-site at Grandma's Swedish Bakery.





Saturday, June 17, 2023

7:00am-8:30am Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:30am Depart for Seaquist Orchards

9:00am-10:30am We start our visit to Seaquist Orchards as a Step-on-Guide joins us on the coach as we travel well-groomed roads throughout several acres of cherries, apples, apricots, and sweet cherries offer an opportunity for customers to see a “working farm.” After the tour, apple cider and a wide variety of samples (jams, fudge, mustards, salsa) are available, along with some great shopping!

Seaquist Orchards Farm Market

11482 WI-42

Sister Bay, WI

Phone: 920-854-4199

Today Seaquist Orchards Farm consists of approximately 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. Cherries were hand-picked. Today they use machine harvesters to shake the trees. Cherry season lasts only a few weeks and it is extremely important to remove the fruit at its peak ripeness. This is where Jim & Zach are experts at knowing exactly which order to shake each orchard. The fruit is shaken off the tree in about 3 seconds, caught in a “catching frame,” and stored in a tank of cold water. These tanks get delivered to the processing plant.

They have about 30 varieties of apples that they sell at their farm market and press into apple cider. Their largest acreage and number one variety is the Honeycrisp. These trees, unlike cherry trees, are dwarf trees and are planted “high density.” Unlike cherries which can be machine harvested, apples need to be gently handpicked.

10:30am Depart for Al Johnson’s Swedish Restaurant

10:40am-12:30pm Lunch at Al Johnson Swedish Restaurant ~Lunch on Your Own~

Al Johnson’s Swedish Restaurant

10698 N. Bay Shore Drive

Sister Bay, WI

Phone: 920-854-2626



The Story of Goats on the Roof

The story about how goats came to be on the sod roof of Al Johnson's Swedish Restaurant has floated around Door County for decades. Here's how local writer Norbort Blei recounted the tale a few years back:

"Wink Larson was a man who understood tradition. Every year, in celebration of Al Johnson's birthday, he would bring Al a gift. Not an ordinary gift, of course. But something memorable. One year it was a burro; another year a sheep; once a baby pig; and the single gift which would change Al's life, the village of Sister Bay, and the entire history of Door County tourism—the birthday Wink walked into the restaurant with a goat named Oscar, ribbons tied to its horns and a note: HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AL.

From the arrival of Oscar, the goat, it was a short trip to putting both Oscar himself, and the dozens of later goats onto the roof of the already-famed restaurant, turning it into "that place with the goats on the roof," as thousands and thousands of Door County visitors have called it while requesting directions.

Nearby Locations for lunch: Grasse's Grill opens @

11:00am and Wild Mushroom opens @ 11:00am

12:30pm Depart for Sister Bay Scenic Boat Tours, nearby

1:00pm-3:00pm Explore Peninsula Park Caves and Eagle Bluff Lighthouse.

Sister Bay Scenic Boat Tours

10707 N. Bay Shore Dr.

Sister Bay, WI 54234

Phone: 920-421-4444

Enjoy an insightful narrative as our 125-passenger, double deck, tour boat wanders the shores of Green Bay towards Peninsula State Parks 145 year-old Eagle Bluff Lighthouse. As we move south, past the village of Ephraim, you'll learn about its rich history and heritage as well as the millionaire's estate "Englemer" on Horseshoe Island. Have your cameras ready as we approach Peninsula State Park and get an up close and personal view of Eagle Cave, 40 feet above the shoreline! Hear stories of French Explorers and early Indian inhabitants at Nicolet Bay as we pull around Welker's point in the Park. As we approach the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, keep an eye out for native wildlife such as whitetail deer drinking along the shore or a fly by from one of the abundant Bald Eagles in area!

4:30pm Depart for the English Inn for dinner

5:00pm-7:00pm Dinner this evening at the English Inn.

Entrée:

Prime Rib...with baked potato, bread, spinach salad with their homemade hot bacon dressing

Chicken Wellington...with baked potato, bread, spinach salad with their homemade hot bacon dressing

Deep Fried Walleye...with baked potato, bread, spinach salad with their homemade hot bacon dressing

Beverage: **Non-Alcoholic Drink**

Dessert: **Tart**





The English Inn
3713 Wisconsin 42
Fish Creek, WI 54212
Phone: 920-868-3076

7:00pm Depart for *Peninsula Players Theatre*

8:00pm-10:10pm Enjoy a Stage Production which is not released yet

Peninsula Players Theatre
4351 Peninsula Players Road
Fish Creek, WI 54212
Phone: 920-868-3287

Theatre in a Garden The Peninsula Players, America's oldest resident summer theatre, has a history which is as captivating as the plays staged at the theatre during the past 86 years. And it began simply with "two planks and a passion." Patrons have returned year after year, drawn by the theatre's tradition of providing exceptional professional productions of classic and contemporary literature. They are also delighted by the talent of its acting company and the theatre's serene location in Door County along the shores of Green Bay.



10:10pm Depart for Rowleys Bay Resort



Sunday, June 18, 2023

7:00am-8:30am Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:30am Depart for Lautenbach's Orchards

9:00am-10:30am Visit Lautenbach's Orchard Country Winery & Market

Lautenbach's Orchard Country Winery & Market

9197 WI-42

Fish Creek, WI 54212

Phone: 920-868-3479

11:00am-1:00pm Free time to browse the shops of Fish Creek

Fish Creek, WI ~Lunch on Your Own~

1:00pm Depart for *Door County Maritime Museum*

2:00pm-4:30pm The Door County Maritime Museum & Lighthouse Preservation Society, Inc preserves Great Lakes maritime history, primarily focusing on Door County, Wisconsin, and provides interpretive and educational opportunities for current and future generations. The Museum operates three locations, including the Door County Maritime Museum along the working waterfront in Sturgeon Bay; the iconic Cana Island Lighthouse in Baily's Harbor; and the Death's Door Maritime Museum in Gills Rock.

Door County Maritime Museum

120 N. Madison Ave

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Phone: 920-743-5958

See Door County like never before! Located along Sturgeon Bay's working waterfront, the Door County Maritime Museum showcases the area's rich maritime roots. The museum features interactive exhibits, and offers tours of the restored tugboat *John Purves*. Hard-working fishermen, 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! The Maritime Lighthouse Tower visitor experience begins in the first-floor theatre. Guests then take the elevator to the top, and make their way down through each floor in the Maritime Lighthouse Tower include many.

4:45pm Depart for dinner

5:00pm-7:00pm Dinner at The Log Den

The Log Den

6626 WI Hwy 42

Egg Harbor, WI 54209

Menu

Salad:

Door County Cherry Walnut Salad.. romaine and spring greens tossed with dried Door County cherries, walnuts, tomatoes, blue cheese crumbs & house-made cherry vinaigrette.

Entrée:

Pan-Fried Canadian Walleye.. Canadian Walleye Fillet lightly breaded and topped with sauteed bacon and mushrooms.

Prime Rib 10oz.. Hand rubbed with signature herbs, slow roasted until tender; served with Rosemary Au Jus

Broasted ½ Chicken.. served with vegetable & choice of potato

Baby Back Pork Ribs ½ Slab.. Baby Back Pork Ribs hand-rubbed, slow roasted and glazed with our house BBQ sauce

Beverage: Non-Alcoholic Drink

Dessert: Cherry Crisp

7:00pm Return to Rowleys Bay Resort





Monday, June 19, 2023

7:00am-8:30am Full Buffet Breakfast

8:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

9:00am Depart for Sturgeon Bay

10am-11:00am We visit *Renards Cheese & Deli*

Renards Cheese

2189 County Rd. DK

Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

11:00am Depart for Appleton, WI

12:15pm-1:30pm Lunch at Chick fil A

Chick fil A

3775 W. College Ave

Appleton, WI 54914

Phone: 920-939-0604

1:30pm Depart for Wisconsin Rapids, WI

3:00pm We take a Guided Tram tour and enjoy a catered 4-course Cranberry-Themed dinner at a cranberry farm in central Wisconsin.

A fifth-generation farmer in the Central Sands region of Wisconsin, Rochelle Biegel Hoffman also 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. Today her parents live in the same house he did and still run the family farm.

Although long known as "the dairy state," Wisconsin is also a major player in the cranberry industry. Whenever you see Ocean Spray cranberry juice on a store shelf, the cranberries are "likely grown right here in Wisconsin," notes Biegel Hoffman. In fact, over half the world's cranberries are grown in the state, and the crop brings in about \$1 billion of revenue

Rooted in Red

1060 Center Street

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Phone: 715-544-7438

6:00pm Depart for overnight lodging

6:15pm Check into overnight lodging

Hotel Mead & Conference Center

451 E. Grand Ave

Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494

Phone: 800-843-6323



Tuesday, June 20, 2023

6:00am-8:00am Full Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

7:00am Bags down by the bus for loading

8:00am Depart for Warrens, WI

9:00am-11:30am Visit the *Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center*. This unique museum takes you back in time through the history of cranberry growing in Wisconsin. You will see machinery from the early years, used to grow and harvest the crop, as well as how methods evolved over the decades. You will also learn much more about the cranberry itself, from how it's grown, harvested and its importance as a valuable food source. ~Your Lunch will be provided by the *Cranberry Café*~

Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center

204 Main Street

Warrens, WI 54666

Phone: 608-378-4878

11:30am Depart for Baraboo, WI

12:30pm-4:00pm We visit *Circus World Museum* in Baraboo, WI. Circus World offers acres of exhibits documenting the American Circus. The original Ringling buildings are the largest artifacts, part of the Ringling Bros. Circus original winter quarters. The Ringling Circus used our site in Baraboo as their home base from 1884-1918. This is where 5 brothers dreamed, created, and exported amazing wonders to eager audiences across America. The winter quarters are the largest and oldest group of nineteenth and twentieth century circus structures in the United States, belonging to the largest circus enterprise the world has ever known. The property is a National Historic Landmark Site consisting of 7 original winter quarters structures loaded with colorful displays documenting all facets of the circus.

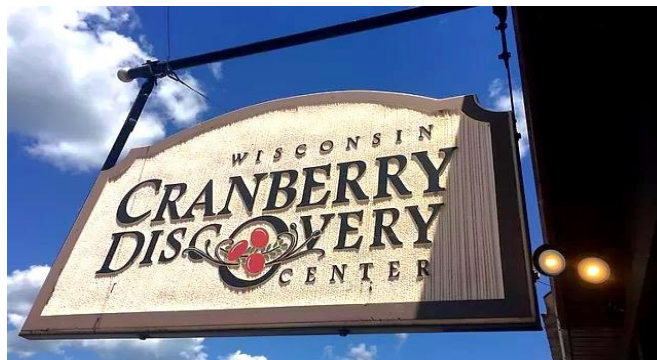
Circus World Museum

550 Water Street

Baraboo, WI 53913

Phone: 608-356-8341

Circus World's 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. They were gathered from places far and wide, across the United States and England, some in





good shape, some neglected, and still others were basket cases...but each one has a story to tell. They are beautifully restored by the talented craftspeople of Circus World, the parade wagons are rolling masterpieces of the woodcarver's art, while the baggage wagons carried all of the equipment used by the show. Guided tours are offered daily @ 12:45pm beginning outside the Wagon Pavilion.

Daily live performances will be offered throughout the day at various locations which are all included in the cost of admission. There will be a one-hour performance in the morning and again in the afternoon under the Big Top Tent. This will be a self-guided tour of your choice and at your leisure.

4:00pm Depart for dinner at *Biaggi's*

5:00pm-6:30pm dinner at Biaggi's

Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano

1611 Aspen Common

Middleton, WI 53562

Phone: 608-664-9288

Menu Family Style

Appetizer: **Biaggi's House Salad**

Entrée: **Chicken Marsala and Spaghetti & Meatballs**

Beverage: **Iced Tea, Soda, Coffee**

Dessert: **Tiramisu**

6:30pm Depart for overnight lodging

6:45pm check into overnight lodging

Hampton Inn & Suites-Madison West

483 Commerce Drive

Madison, WI 53719

Phone: 507-382-8756



Wednesday, June 21, 2023

6:00am-9:30am Buffet Breakfast at our hotel at your leisure

8:30am Bags down by the bus for loading

9:30am Depart for Rochelle, IL

11:00am-12:00pm Lunch at Culvers

~Lunch on Your Own~

Culver's

1960 S. Dement Rd

Rochelle, IL 61068

Phone: 815-561-9720

12:00pm Depart for St Charles with Rest Stop in route

2:20pm Rest Stop at Railsplitter Rest Area MM # 104

2:45pm Depart for St Charles, MO

4:30pm Arrive Blanchette Park, St Charles, MO

