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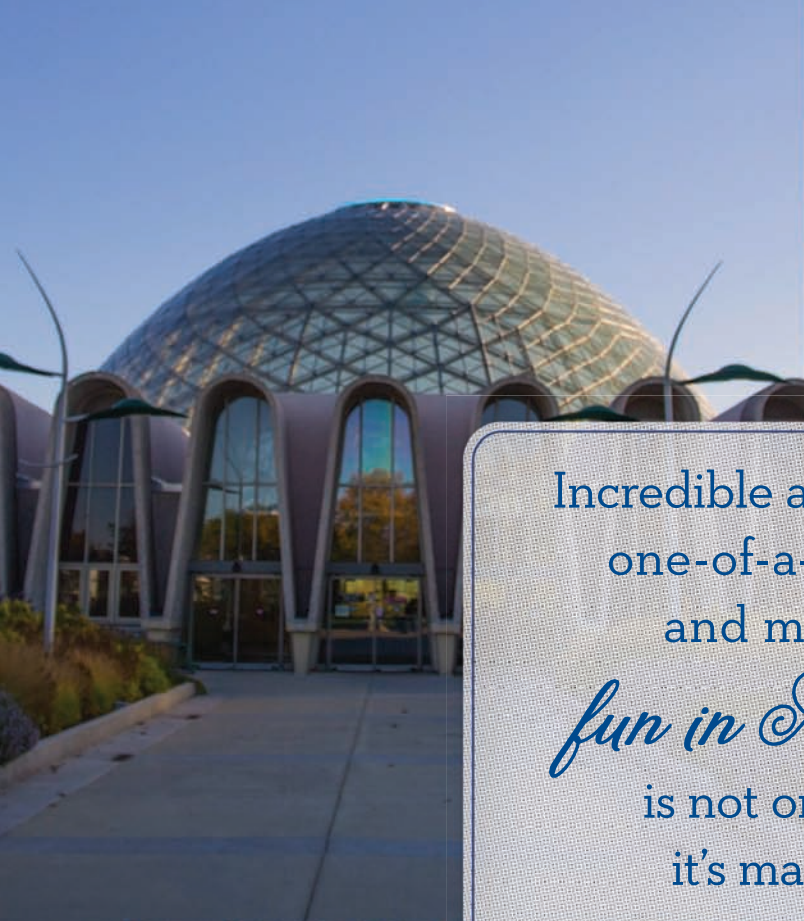
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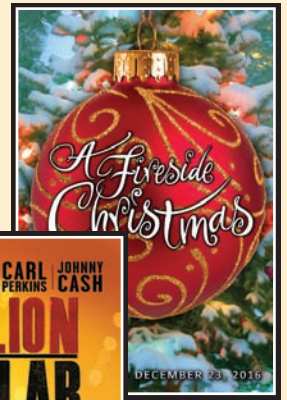
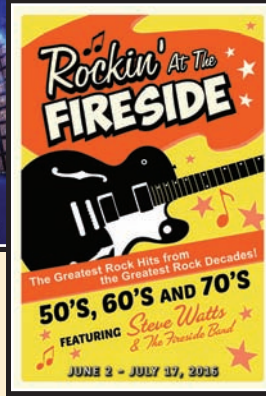


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Circle Wisconsin is proud to present our new **2016 Tour Planner** that highlights the best in group destinations, attractions, gaming and lodging around the five regions of the state. The planner is designed to tell the stories of the state and what your groups can expect to see, learn and do. This year's main features include **Lighthouses & Waterways**, **Arts and Architecture** and **Celebrating the Holidays**. The sample itineraries are also a great starting point to explore all that Wisconsin has to offer your group of travelers.

Because membership has grown this past year, there's even more to tell you about. Browse through the membership listing to learn about the many wonderful sites and places to visit on your next tour to Wisconsin. Be sure to use this planner to find that perfect group-friendly boutique, branded property or resort for your travelers to enjoy as their home away from home.

Don't forget to consider joining Circle Wisconsin April 17 - 19 for the **3rd Annual Midwest Marketplace in Delavan, WI**. Here you'll have the opportunity to meet with many of our members as well as representatives from around the Midwest. It's another great way to gather information for your next tour of Wisconsin and the Midwest.

We'll see you on the bus!

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Farmer's Markets



Barn Quilt



On The Cover: Door County's Cana Island Lighthouse overlooks Lake Michigan.
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WHAT YOU PUT BETWEEN A *sunrise* AND A *sunset* MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

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Wisconsin's waters are waiting to entertain, whether you're interested in sitting on the edge of your seat at a ski show, cruising on a duck or admiring historic lighthouses.

With Wisconsin's eastern border situated on Lake Michigan, its northern portion on Lake Superior and the Mississippi River to the west—not to mention dozens of smaller rivers and lakes throughout the state—shoreside adventures are easy to come by. Wisconsin's coasts are home to more than 50 lighthouses and light stations, with some 30 of these historic structures still functioning and open to the public.

In the Eastern Shores Region, as its name would suggest, there are countless opportunities to have fun on the water. **Wind Point Lighthouse** in Racine is one of the oldest (built in 1880) and tallest (at 108 feet) still operating on Lake Michigan. Tower Climbs provide visitors with the opportunity to climb 11 stories to the top of the lighthouse and educational programs are available for groups. **North Point Lighthouse** and the keeper's quarters, overlooking the Lake



Michigan shoreline from Milwaukee's Lake Park, dates from 1888 and has been beautifully restored to the 1912 period. Groups can add a meeting or luncheon to a customized tour or organize a picnic on the grounds.

Learn about all 11 of Door County's lighthouses, found on the peninsula and islands. Tours are available by naturalist, trolley and scenic boat rides. For greatest access to the lighthouses, attend the **Door County Maritime Museum Lighthouse Festival**, held the second weekend in June. **Door County Maritime Museum & Lighthouse Preservation Society**, located on Sturgeon Bay's waterfront, is a must-see for those interested in this important aspect of Wisconsin's history. Here you'll also see *John Purves*, the famous tugboat that

worked on all five Great Lakes taking on towing and salvage jobs. While in Door County, hop on the **Washington Island Ferry** to pay a visit to **Washington Island**. About an hour and a half south of Door County, you'll come to Manitowoc, home of the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum**. Explore the nation's most completely restored

Explore Wisconsin's

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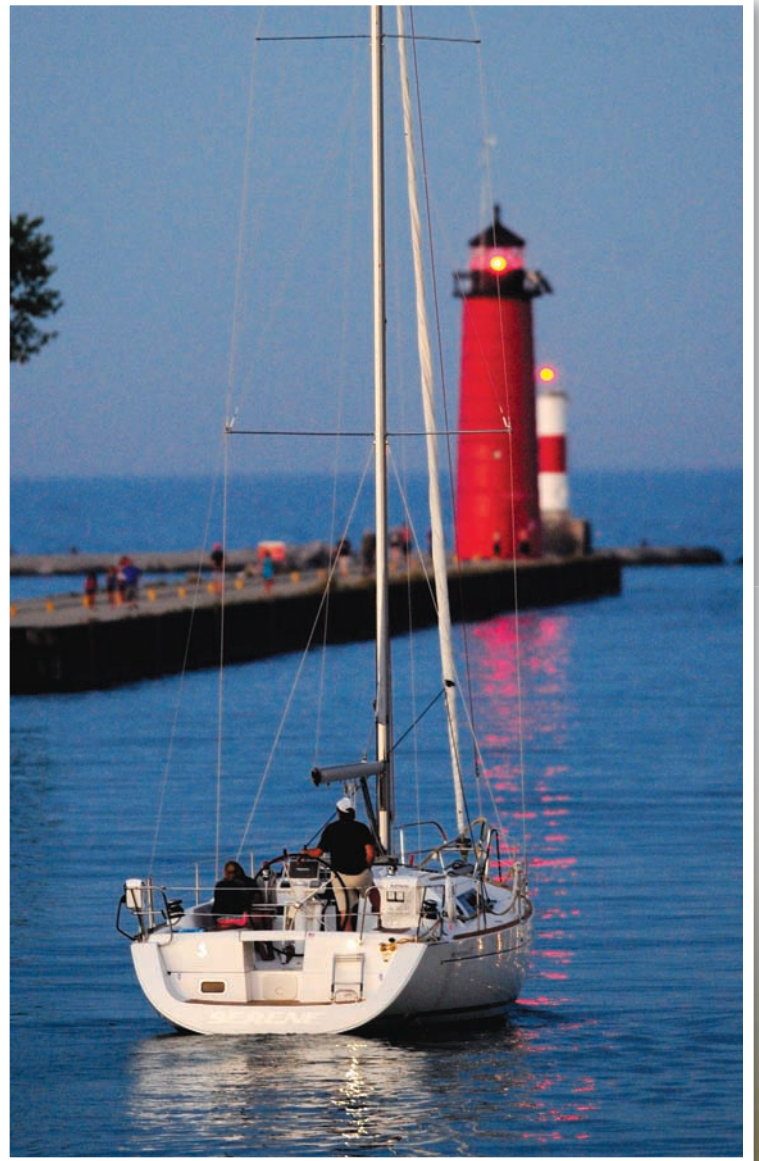
Lighthouses & Waterways



Catch a performance of the Rock Aqua Jays in Janesville.



The La Crosse Queen paddlewheeler showcases scenery along the Mississippi.



The 1906 Pierhead Lighthouse is a photogenic Kenosha Harbor landmark.

The fishing village of Gills Rock, located at the tip of the Door Peninsula, is a favorite spot to watch the sunset.

Lighthouses & Waterways

assortment of exhibits.

Lake Geneva Cruise Line offers a plethora of cruise options including bay tours, lake tours, U.S. Mailboat Tours, Dixieland/jazz dinner cruises, ice cream socials, lake walk tours and more. On a Geneva Bay tour, learn about marvelous lakefront homes such as the Wrigley Estates and Black Point Estate. In downtown Milwaukee, **Edelweiss Cruises** offers dinner, champagne brunch and city lights cruises on the Milwaukee River and Lake Michigan. At **Horicon Marsh**, referred to as the Little Everglades of the North, rent a canoe or kayak or take a Horicon Marsh Boat Tour at Blue Heron Landing to see the natural wonders of the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the nation.

The Northwoods and Lake Superior Region is home to the **Min-Aqua Bats Waterski Club** in Minocqua. One of the oldest waterski show teams in the United States, the Min-Aqua Bats Waterski Club originated in 1950 with a group of local young people waterskiing on Sunday afternoons. Noticing their efforts were attracting an audience, the skiers decided to put together a show. After witnessing flying skiers, take a ride on the **Madeline Island Ferry Line** in Bayfield to travel to and from the picturesque town of La Pointe on Madeline Island. The 25-minute trip provides spectacular views of Lake Superior and several of the Apostle Islands.

Sturgeon Bay Canal Station Lighthouse
is one of 11 in Door County.

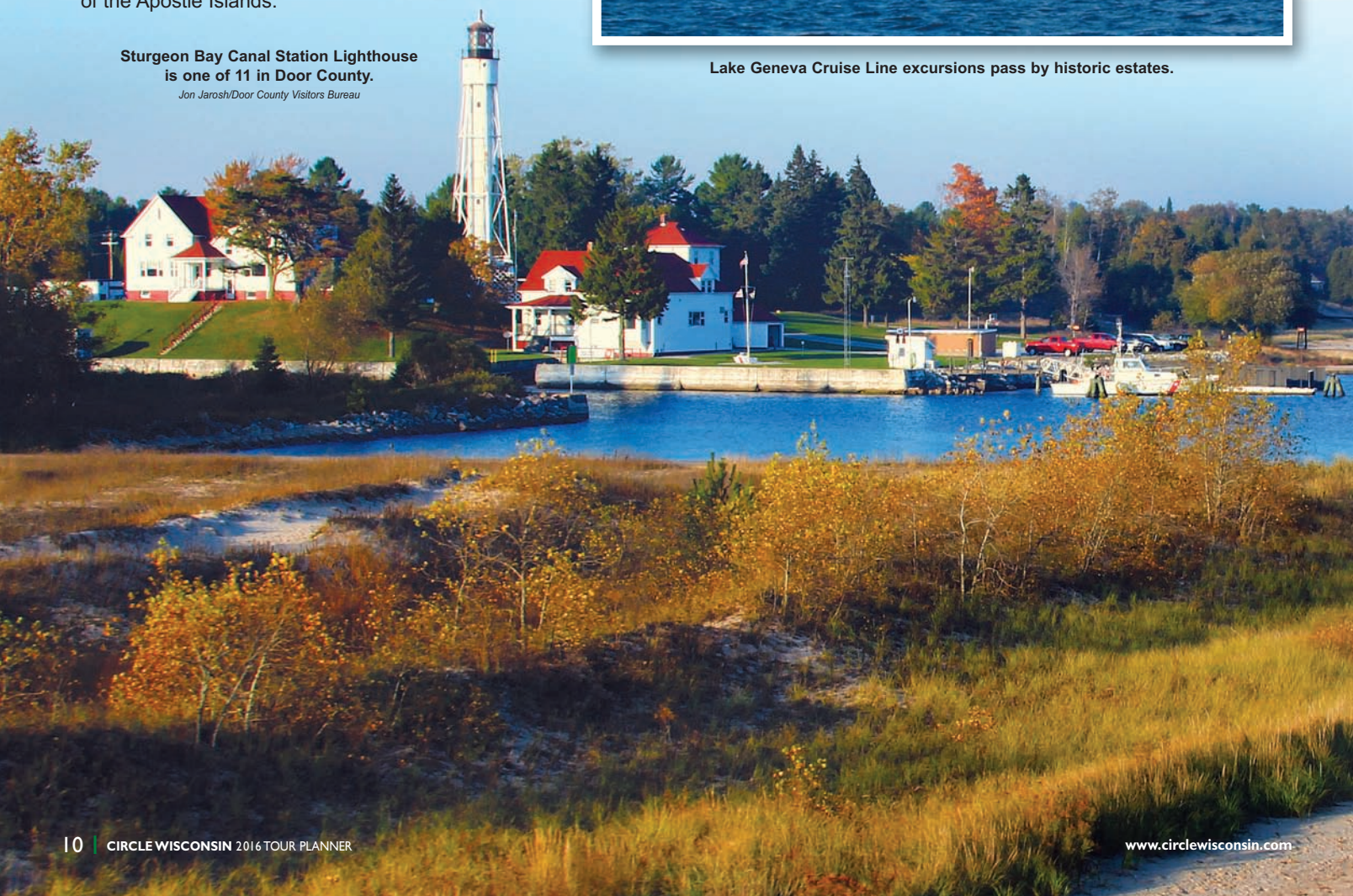
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WWII submarine, stroll 19th century streets of a shipbuilding town, sail a boat down the river and browse an

You'll find one-of-a-kind boat tours in the Wisconsin Heartland Region, specifically Wisconsin Dells. Explore the unique surroundings by land and water with **Original Wisconsin Ducks**. Blaze miles of exclusive woodland trails, roar down hills, cruise along the Wisconsin River and plunge into Lake Delton—all while learning history and ecology from a “punny” tour guide. Down the street awaits more boat tour-style fun with **Dells Boat Tours**. On a two-hour tour, glide along the river and take two 20-minute stops to get out on land and take a mini-hike through rock formations and shady trees. On your second stop, you'll witness the famous Stand Rock Jumping Dog. This tradition is meant to honor the importance of H.H. Bennett's photographic work, which made Wisconsin Dells famous. While you'll see a dog jump from one high



Lake Geneva Cruise Line excursions pass by historic estates.





Experience Lake Superior on the ferry to Madeline Island.



Duck boat tours explore Wisconsin Dells by land and water.



Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Museum in Door County's Peninsula State Park

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rock to another, H.H. Bennett's son was the first to accomplish this leap, and H.H. Bennett was the first to capture a moving object. A summer itinerary to Wisconsin Dells is not complete without including the **Tommy Bartlett Show**, a time-honored stage show and water-ski extravaganza set on the shores of Lake Delton.

In the South Central Crossroads Region, don't miss a ski show put on by **Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Show Team** in Janesville. The most successful water ski show team in the world claims 63 total tournament victories including 19 U.S. National Championships. The team performs twice-weekly water ski shows on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend at RAJ Stadium on the Rock River at Traxler Park. **Betty Lou Cruises** is Madison's premier cruise line with private charter or public cruises avail-

able seven days a week. Moored at the Mariner's Inn on Lake Mendota and at the Machinery Row building on Lake Monona, Betty Lou Cruises shows miles of beautiful shoreline complete with a buffet food service.

Mississippi River Valley and Beyond Region is home to **La Crosse Queen Cruises**. The *La Crosse Queen* is one of the few authentic Mississippi River paddlewheel riverboats still in operation in the nation. Many cruises are available on the 149-passenger boat, including sightseeing cruises, pizza cruises and private charter cruises. Watch for eagles and other wildlife as you glide past the scenic bluffs along the Great River Road.

In one way or another, waterfronts have a way of taking center stage in Wisconsin group itineraries. It's just a natural part of touring a state that's shaped so much by its lakes, streams and rivers. 🇺🇸

Happy Holidays

*All across Wisconsin,
festive events await tour groups
in November and December*



Wisconsin does not hibernate with the arrival of winter, especially as holidays near. A lovely array of activities, inside and out, turns yuletide outings into lasting memories. Lavish light displays, luscious foods and enchanting events in endearing rural or edgy urban settings enrich this already-cheery season.

Street decorations and a half million lights illuminate downtown Milwaukee for six weeks, beginning in mid-November. The **Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival** blends music, dance, fireworks and visits from Santa. Board the Jingle Bus for a 40-minute, narrated tour of the elaborate light show, which includes 18 blocks of Wisconsin Avenue and many decorated trees in three parks: Cathedral Square, Pere Marquette and Zeidler Union Square.

The Jingle Bus also passes the glorious, three-story **Pabst Mansion**, which is decked out in Victorian-themed splendor until early January. "A Grand Avenue Christmas" tours at the Pabst are possible at twilight and daytime during this time of year, and the mansion is a popular spot for private parties.

On the **Milwaukee Food Tours** yuletide schedule are the "Christmas Lights and Desserts" and "Christmas Around Milwaukee Bakeries" bus tours. Join these tasty outings as they are arranged for the public, or book a private group tour.

For an introduction to German holiday heritage, head to Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery, where the **Christkindlmarkt** on Nov. 17-20 means polkas and mulled wine, schnitzel and sauerbraten, marzipan and gingerbread, Advent calendars and Hummel figurines for sale. Admission is free.





See how the Gilded Age elite celebrated Christmas at Milwaukee's Pabst Mansion.



Townfolk and visitors get into the spirit of the season at Ripon's Dickens of a Christmas.



Yuletide fare enchants guests at The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson.

Add a guided tour about the rise, fall and resurrection of the Pabst campus, which begins with a round of beer (or, if you prefer, a non-alcoholic beverage).

Complementing Christkindlmarkt vendor shopping in metro Milwaukee is the big mall experience at **Bayshore Town Center** in Glendale, with more than 125 fashion and specialty retailers. Within 45 miles west and south of Milwaukee are **Johnson Creek Premium Outlets** and **Pleasant Prairie Premium Outlets**. Deep discounts are business as usual during all times of year. Johnson Creek's 60 outlet stores range from Adidas to Zales; the adjacent Pine Cone Restaurant serves crowds with ease and is known for huge meal and dessert portions (especially eclairs, deliciously hefty). The 90 shops at Pleasant Prairie, south of Kenosha, include Jockey (the underwear manufacturer's headquarters is nearby), a small but popular Ghirardelli Chocolate shop and stylish clothing outlets (Chicos, Michael Kors, Kate Spade New York).

A holiday tradition since 1993 at **The Fireside Dinner Theatre**, Fort Atkinson, is "A Fireside Christmas," polished music and choreography that tell familiar tales of the season in creative ways. A multi-course meal, served in The Fireside's 1,000-seat dining room, precedes these matinee and evening, Broadway-quality performances. Factor in time to

Happy Holidays



Grand Geneva Resort and Spa puts on color-splashed musical shows suited for the season.

browse for collectibles, clothing, holiday and other home décor at four roomy gift shops. Especially irresistible is the onsite bakery, selling just-baked breads, muffins and more.

Dinner with a show also is a specialty at **Dancing Horses Theater**, Delavan, where Arabian and other equine stars are trained to prance, dance, trot and balance in sleek, precise productions in an indoor arena. A backstage pass provides up-close time with the horses and their trainers. Groups of at least 25 can add a show date to the mid-November to mid-January holiday performance calendar.

In Lake Geneva, "Christmas in the Country" traditions at **Grand Geneva Resort and Spa** begin with oodles of lights that brighten the 1,300-acre property. Dozens of magical outdoor displays move mechanically. This massive and marvelous light show begins in late November and

lasts six weeks. Expect fireworks, too, and holiday-themed music shows that are matched with lunch or dinner. For rent are skis, snowboards, snowshoes and ice skates to burn off calories.

In Prairie du Chien, the "Victorian Home for the Holidays" experience is not offered to the public in 2016 but can be arranged for groups visiting **Villa Louis** in November and December. These special tours of the state historic site involve a parlor Christmas recital on an 1879 Steinway piano, exploring the decorated mansion and gathering around the kitchen's wood stove for cider and treats. Villa Louis is a National Historic Landmark that began as a frontier fur trader's elegant family estate in the mid-1800s. The site's British Arts and Crafts design was unusual for a rural area.

In Janesville, much of the 20-acre **Rotary Botanical Gardens** is swathed in lights from mid-December to early January, and reflections from the property's large pond add to the brilliance. A 200-foot-long electric model train display is another highlight of this beautifully lit winter wonderland, whose Japanese Garden rates in the top 25 in North America. The **Rotary Lights Display** at Riverside Park in La Crosse requires three million twinkling bulbs.

Entering "Rotary Winter Wonderland" at **Wild Wood Park and Zoo**, Marshfield, means 1.5 million lights add a festive touch until year's end. Newer zoo residents include two Kodiak bear cubs, a species that is unusual for captivity.

Another major Rotarian project is in **Sheboygan's Evergreen Park**, where motorists drive through the free "Making Spirits Bright" holiday light show that extends through 1.1 miles of forest until year's end. Displays are choreographed to music on 98.1 FM radio. At Quarryview Center, across from the park, are concessions, wreath raffles, entertainment and Santa.

In Green Lake County, the charms of small-town living are abundant. Christmas in **Princeton**, Nov. 25-26, means craft fairs at several locations, including schools and the American Legion. For sale at a silent auction are decorated trees, wreaths and centerpieces. A nighttime parade downtown ends with the singing of carols and community tree lighting.

Just 15 miles east is Ripon, where **Dickens of a Christmas** is a long-standing tradition. The Dec. 2-4



celebration involves local schools and community groups. Volunteers pose in decorated store windows for the “Living Windows” event that brings holiday scenes to life on opening night. A cluster of trees decorated by local service clubs turns into the Enchanted Forest. Grace Lutheran Church presents nativity collections from around the world. Displays of quilts and gingerbread houses are likely. So are orchestra and choral concerts, tours of beautifully decorated homes and an art fair.

What else? **Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad**, Spooner, operates a pizza party train with Santa and elegant dinner train rides.

Groups can experience a mid-19th century Christmas during “Wade House Christmas,” a festive celebration held the first two weekends at the **Wade House** stagecoach hotel in Greenbush, built in 1850 along the plank road connecting Sheboygan and Fond du Lac. Seasonal decor, live music and horse-drawn wagon rides spread the holiday cheer.

Rudolph with his flashing red nose sits atop the lighthouse at **Lakeside Park, Fond du Lac**, where music mixes with animated scenes whose

lights shimmer onto Lake Winnebago. Central Wisconsin Symphony Orchestra, Stevens Point, is among the many ensembles that will perform *The Nutcracker*.

No matter where you go in Wisconsin during the holidays, the spirit of the season is simply electrifying. 🇺🇸



Celebrate at Green Bay Botanical Garden. Top: Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival.



The winter wonderland at Rotary Botanical Gardens is the place to be in Janesville.

It should come as no surprise when you uncover Wisconsin's art and architecture scene. Art is found in an assortment of packages, from museums to barns. Spring Green is home to the former estate of Frank Lloyd Wright, and the entire state is rich in public buildings and private residences created by the architect. Other architectural wonders, from the Green Bay Packers' Lambeau Field to humble historic homes, are waiting to be explored.

Countless art- and architecture-focused tours are available throughout the Eastern Shores Region. The **Grohmann Museum**, located at the Milwaukee School of Engineering, is home to the world's most comprehensive art collection dedicated to the evolution of human work. While in Milwaukee, witness Renaissance architecture in the **Basilica of St. Josaphat** in the Lincoln Village

A tour of Green Bay's **Lambeau Field** is sure to impress with its recently completed five-year expansion and renovation (2011-2015), featuring the only true "retro" look in the NFL. The atrium floors feature yard lines that match up to the exact respective yard lines on the actual field if you were to walk through the atrium walls. Ferry over to Washington Island to see the **Stave Church**, built to honor Scandinavian heritage and modeled after the style of churches common in the Middle Ages.

Rahr West Art Museum in Manitowoc is a community art museum housed in a Victorian mansion. Sheboygan's **John Michael Kohler Arts Center** draws visitors to its famed washrooms. Kohler Co. gave artists full rein of its shops and foundries to explore new techniques in pottery, iron, enamel and brass. The results are on permanent display—and use—in various wings of the center.

Exquisite Specimens of Art & Architecture

*Groups touring Wisconsin
enrich the experience
with captivating examples
of artistic endeavor*



Innovative Fortaleza Hall, designed by London's world-renowned Foster + Partners, has been part of Racine's SC Johnson campus since 2010.

neighborhood. **Ten Chimneys** in Genesee Depot is the estate created by theater legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne; it's open to the public as a world-class house museum and national resource for theater, arts and arts education.

The **Racine Art Museum** features collections of contemporary crafts from internationally recognized artists in ceramics, fibers, glass, metals and wood. **SC Johnson Headquarters** in Racine offers free public tours that provide different views of the company's inspired architecture, including the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed research tower; Wright-designed administration building; the award-winning Foster + Partners-designed Fortaleza Hall; and the SC Johnson Gallery: At home with Frank Lloyd Wright and its rotating selection of rare artifacts.

In the Northwoods and Lake Superior Region, view one-of-a-kind work and make your own. **Wisconsin Concrete Park** in Phillips is an outdoor museum comprising 237 embellished concrete sculptures and other objects built by Fred Smith. Groups can catch an Eau Claire Express game at Eau Claire's **Carson Park**, a historic baseball stadium dating back to 1937 and once home to a Milwaukee Braves farm team that included future major leaguers such as Henry Aaron, Joe Torre, Bob Uecker and Andy Pafko. A statue of Aaron was erected in 1994. At **Potter's Shed** in Shell Lake, view the art gallery, garden, ponds and waterfalls. Then decorate your own pottery or make your own mosaic.

Historical significance meets art in the Wisconsin Heartland Region. Ripon's **Little White School House** is known as the



The Lincoln-Tallman House, built in the Italian villa style, is a fixture on Janesville itineraries. Abraham Lincoln was a weekend guest in 1859.



The church at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse features an ornate marble altar. Below: Milwaukee's Grohmann Museum is a treasure house of art related to the evolution of human work.



Overlooking Lake Monona, Madison's Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center bears the signature style of Frank Lloyd Wright.





The Infinity Room at The House on the Rock in Spring Green has 3,264 windows that treat guests to views of the valley below.



Art & Architecture

Birthplace of the Republican Party. In the simple frame schoolhouse, built in 1853, a small group of Ripon citizens voted to form and become members of a new political party what would be called "Republican." You'll find the **world's largest round barn at Marshfield Fairgrounds** in Marshfield. It was built in 1916 to house purebred animals in 250 stanchions. The barn is 150 feet in diameter and 70 feet high. Throughout Columbia County, you'll find dozens of **barn quilts** posted on barn walls. Each "quilt" is actually a painted plywood square meant to preserve the area's agricultural character, encourage artistic expression and encour-

age economic development by agri-tourism. The **Al. Ringling Theatre** in Baraboo is designed in the style of grand French opera houses and showcases European architecture. Although it is currently closed for restoration, groups can catch a show after its reopening in February 2016.

There's much to see in the South Central Crossroads Region. Tour **Monona Terrace** in Madison to see Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural design and his student's implementation—be sure to revel in the view of beautiful Lake Monona from the rooftop. Personalized tours are available at Janesville's **Lincoln-Tallman House**. Built between 1855 and 1857, the historic house has many features that were tech-forward for the time.

The Mississippi River Valley and Beyond Region is home to certain attractions you won't find anywhere else. In Spring Green, **The House on the Rock** awaits visitors in search of something truly unusual and quirky. This grandiose complex of architecturally unique rooms, streets, gardens and shops designed by Alex Jordan, Jr. is sure to stir up almost every emotion. Plan on spending at least three hours in this "house." Also in Spring Green, visitors enjoy touring **Taliesin**, the former home and estate of Frank Lloyd Wright.

The 1901 Basilica of St. Josaphat, modeled after St. Peter's in Rome, is one of Milwaukee's architectural jewels.

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Free, customizable tours are available at La Crosse's **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, an architectural wonder and pilgrimage center complete with sculptures, gardens, fountains and a path winding through the Stations of the Cross. The Shrine Church, set high on a hill with its campanile and dome visible from afar, is notable for its marble altar, prominent mosaic of Our Lady of Guadalupe and a vaulted ceiling with stained-glass windows following the life of Our Lady. In Prairie du Chien, farther south along the Mississippi, **Villa Louis** is a masterpiece of Victorian architecture and exhibits an impressive collection of Victorian decorative arts.



Broadway legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne entertained guests in the Drawing Room at Ten Chimneys, the Genesee Depot estate they called home.

From houses to churches, theaters to museum galleries, Wisconsin showcases outstanding achievements of artists and architects. Pleasing to the eye and inspiring in their execution, these artistic attractions are part of the colorful palette that dazzles groups touring the state. 🇺🇸



Wingspread, near Racine, is the largest residential property built (1937-1939) by architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Free tours are available. Below: Wisconsin Concrete Park in Phillips.





Greek Orthodox Church

Memorial Chapel

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Your divine journey in Wisconsin will be an enriching experience that includes landmarks and historic sites to replenish your soul, relax your mind and rejuvenate your spirit.

DAY 1

Milwaukee is replete with a diversity of inspiring, sacred sites. Begin at the Basilica of St. Josaphat, a Franciscan center built in 1901 by Polish immigrants. Home to a Roman Catholic parish, this magnificent church offers walking tours and concerts.

Next, experience the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Wauwatosa. A bright blue domed roof is the stunning highlight of one of Frank Lloyd Wright's last major commissions.

Milwaukee to Wauwatosa: 7 miles (11 km)
Wauwatosa to Hubertus: 22 miles (35 km)

DAY 2

Just 30 miles outside of Milwaukee, Holy Hill in Hubertus is a religious shrine perched high atop a hill with panoramic views of the Kettle Moraine State Forest. The combination of nature and spirituality makes for serene surroundings. Step into the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, or climb up the scenic tower. Both views guarantee tranquility of mind and spirit.

Move on to New Franken, a rural town 15 miles northeast of Green Bay, and prepare for an awe-inspiring moment at the 150-year-old Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help. The site is home to three official apparitions of the Virgin Mary, who appeared to Belgian immigrant Adele Brise in 1859. The shrine draws tens of thousands of visitors each year.

Make your way southwest to Appleton and visit Memorial Chapel at Lawrence University, built in 1919. The striking white structure often hosts musical performances, and its centerpiece is a grand 41-stop mechanical-action organ.

Hubertus to New Franken: 113 miles (184 km)
New Franken to Appleton: 47 miles (76 km)
Appleton to Rudolph: 82 miles (132 km)

DAY 3

At the Rudolph Grotto Gardens, stroll through over five acres of beautifully landscaped grounds following a path of shrines depicting the Fourteen Stations of the Cross and Seven Sorrows of Mary. The walk continues through the Wonder Cave, based on the Catacombs of Rome and featuring more than two dozen additional shrines.

At the Marian Center for Peace in Wisconsin Rapids, view an authorized relic of the Lady of Guadalupe — one of just a handful in the United States.

Rudolph to Wisconsin Rapids: 9 miles (15 km)
Wisconsin Rapids to Cataract: 73 miles (118 km)

DAY 4

On your way to La Crosse, stop at the Wegner Grotto in Cataract. This display of folk art features sculptures made entirely of cement and broken glass. The main attraction, The Glass Church, is a tiny chapel adorned with mosaics from various religions. Witness how art and spirit converge at this miniature church, which has been used for religious services and weddings.

Dedicated to the Virgin Mary in 2008, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse is a more recent addition to Wisconsin's spiritual landscape. In its short history, the sprawling 70-acre complex has inspired thousands of pilgrimages by the faithful, offering several areas for devotion and meditation.

Set aside some time to watch for bald eagles along the Mississippi River. When Spanish explorers discovered this mighty force of nature in 1541, they reverently christened it the "River of the Holy Spirit." For a 600-foot vantage point above the water, make a stop at Grandad Bluff.

Cataract to La Crosse: 34 miles (55 km)
La Crosse to Dickeyville: 105 miles (169 km)



Basilica of St. Josaphat



Holy Hill

Holy Ghost Park



Unitarian Meeting House

DAY 5

Follow Wisconsin's Great River Road south to the Dickeyville Grotto and Shrines, officially known as the Holy Ghost Park. Covered in shells, stones, tiles, wood, glass and geodes donated by parishioners from Wisconsin, Iowa and the Dakotas, these shrines were built by a Catholic priest from 1925-1930.

Visit nearby Sinsinawa Mound Center, tucked into an ideal atmosphere for personal reflection – 450 acres of lush woodlands, orchards and vineyards. While there, walk through the labyrinth, a metaphor for life's journey for believers of all traditions. Tours are available of the Venerable Father Samuel Mazzuchelli exhibit, which honors the founder of the order and shares the story of the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters' heritage.

This stop is complete only when you have a loaf of cinnamon bread from the famous on-site bakery (it's almost a religious experience itself!).

Dickeyville to Sinsinawa: 11 miles (18 km)
Sinsinawa to Middleton: 83 miles (134 km)

DAY 6

Begin the day at Holy Wisdom Monastery in Middleton set on 138 acres of land. Hear how the monastery was built with local products and learn about the on-site environmental conservation efforts by the Benedictine sisters, which include the use of solar panels.

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Now your Wisconsin journey is complete, return home feeling uplifted and energized.

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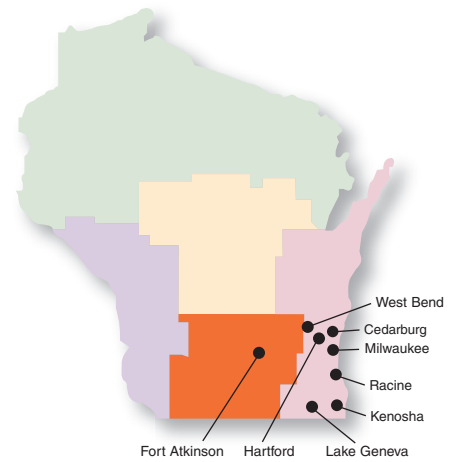
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day 1

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day 2

KENOSHA/RACINE
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MILWAUKEE/CEDARBURG

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day 4

WEST BEND/HARTFORD
FORT ATKINSON

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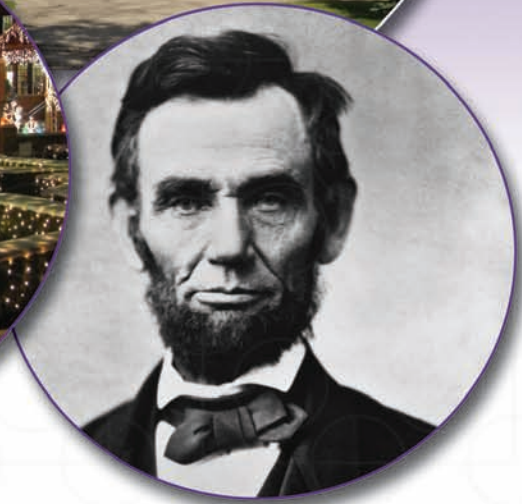
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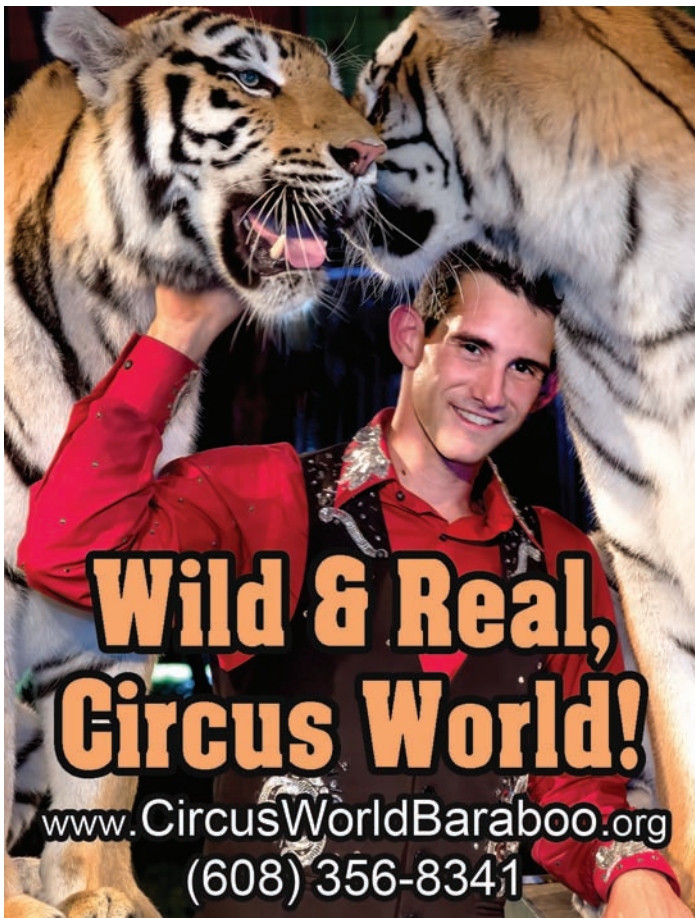


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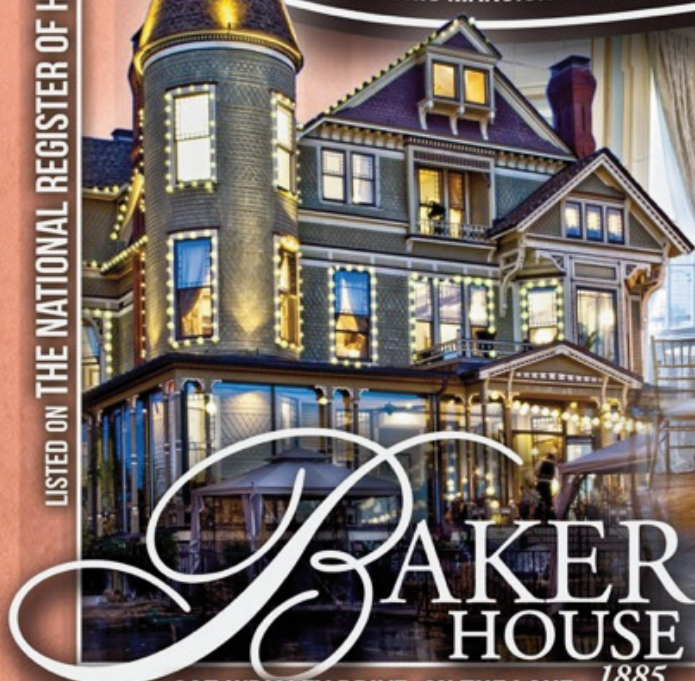


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Milwaukee Public Museum

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MILWAUKEE/GREENBUSH/NEENAH

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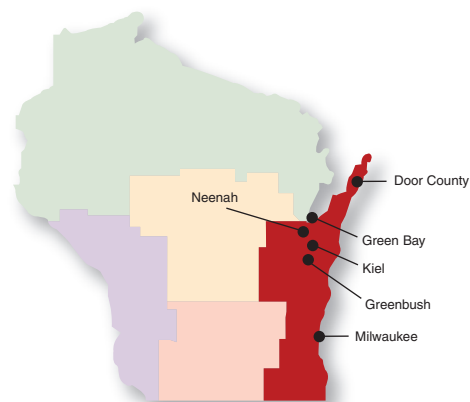


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day 3

GREEN BAY

Spend the morning at **Heritage Hill State Historical Park**, a living history museum in Green Bay that interprets the region's history from the 1600s. With over 25 historic structures, docents will lead visitors in an engaging experience. Our afternoon will be spent experiencing the way of life, history and culture of the Oneida Nation with a visit to the **buffalo overlook**, **Oneida Nation Museum** and **Oneida Indian Village and Log Home Restoration Area**.

day 4

GREEN BAY/DOOR COUNTY

As we head to Door County, enjoy a stop at the **National Railroad Museum**, one of the oldest of its kind in the nation. The museum boasts the only A4 Class locomotive in the US, used by Dwight D Eisenhower during WWII; "Big Boy," the world's largest steam locomotive; an exhibit on the life of a Pullman porter and much more. This afternoon take a guided trolley tour around Door County. Tonight experience an authentic **Door County Fish Boil at Rowleys Bay** or at the **Lodge at Leatham Smith**.



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day 5

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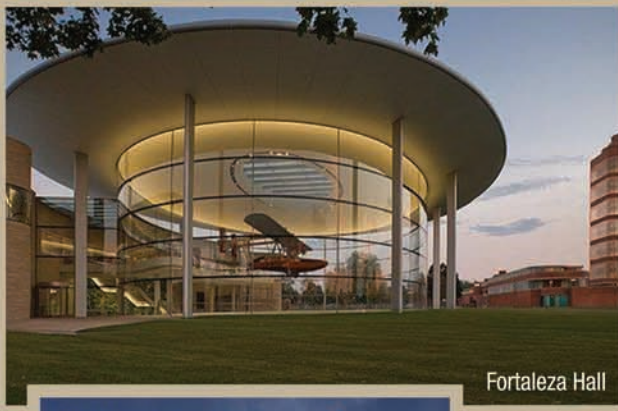


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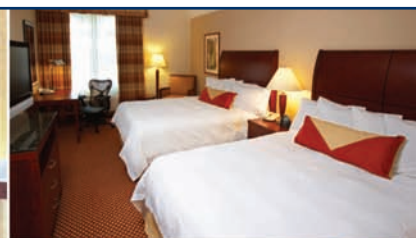
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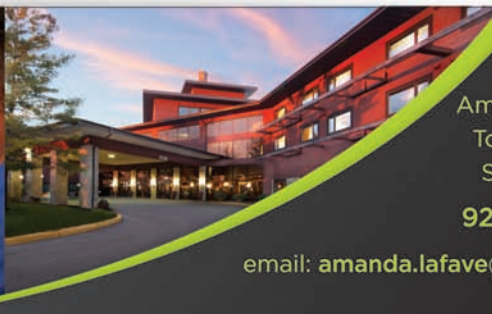
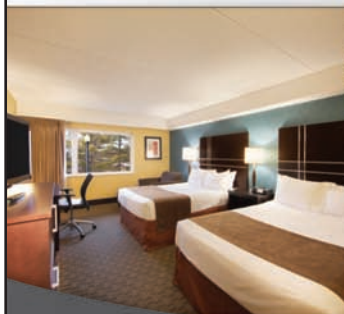
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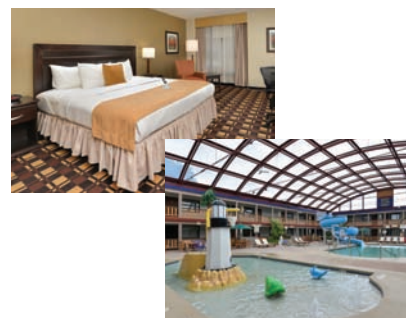


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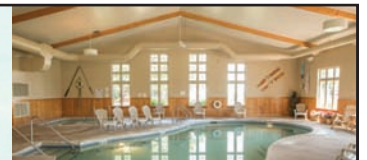
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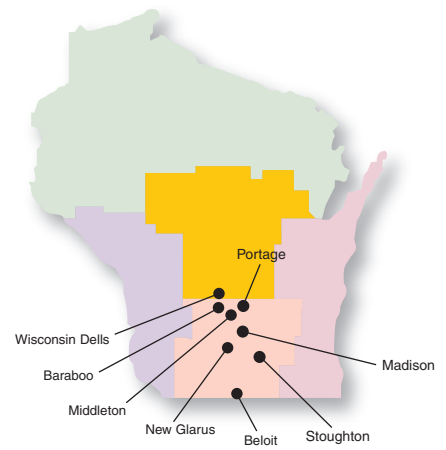


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Heritage Highlights

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day 1 **BELOIT/STOUGHTON MADISON/MIDDLETON**

We begin our adventure in Beloit, with a visit to the famous **Angel Museum**. Located just over the Illinois border on I-90, the museum boasts over 11,000 angel artifacts ranging in size from 1/8 inch to life size, made from over 100 different materials, from fine porcelain to macaroni. Artifacts have been created by artisans and crafters from more than 60 countries including Italy, Germany, Japan, India and Russia. The museum is also home to over 600 black angels donated by Oprah Winfrey. Next stop is Stoughton, where the **Norwegian Heritage Tour** takes guests around historic Stoughton and to a traditional Norwegian lunch complete with informative demonstrations and displays of Norwegian crafts and culture. Shop downtown with its many unique boutiques and visit the new **Norwegian Heritage Center, Stoughton Historical Museum** (filled with wonderful Norwegian displays as well as items from the past) and beautifully restored **Opera House**. No visit to the Madison/Middleton area is complete without a stop at the **National Mustard Museum**. Featuring more than 5,000 jars, bottles and tubes from all 50 states and more than 60 countries, the museum is the world's mustard mecca, the best place on earth to taste, see and discover the fascinating world of mustard.



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day 2

BARABOO/PORTAGE/ WISCONSIN DELLS

This morning take a short drive to the Baraboo area. All aboard for a visit to the **Mid-Continent Railway**, a living museum and operating railroad recreating the small town/short line way of life during the Golden Age of Railroad. It spans the period of 1880-1916, with operating trains, educational exhibits and displays of restored rolling stock. Our group will also enjoy the 55-minute scenic ride; lunch onboard can be arranged. Next stop is **Circus World Museum** to learn about circus history. Wisconsin is the birthplace of two major circuses, Ringling Bros. and P.T. Barnum. Circus World's pride and joy is the largest collection of authentic circus wagons on earth. Enjoy over 200 wagons and vehicles from large, medium and small shows as well as carnivals. Later this afternoon, travel west to the Portage area to visit the lovely home that 1921 Pulitzer Prize-winning author Zona Gale built for her parents on the bank of the Wisconsin River. Its classical Greek Revival exterior is in contrast to its rustic Craftsman interior. Drive through **Society Hill**, a residential district of 138 buildings that was home to the city's early prominent citizens. Many of the buildings are made of yellow Portage brick and were constructed between 1870 and 1910. Society Hill contains the homes of two Pulitzer Prize winners—playwright Zona Gale and historian Jackson Turner. Tonight take in a show and dinner at **Paul Bunyan's Cook Shanty & Dells Lumberjack Show**.

day 3

NEW GLARUS

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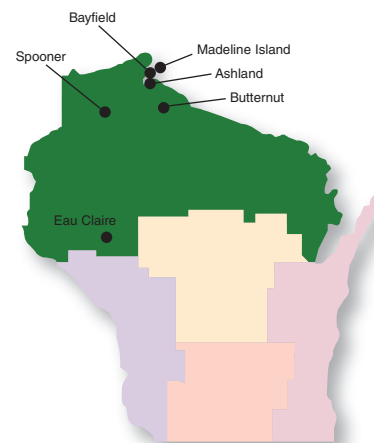


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day 1

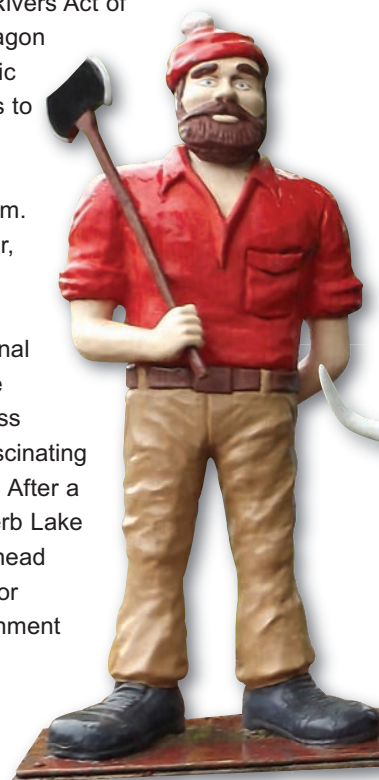
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day 2

SPOONER/ASHLAND

Begin the drive "up north" and head to **Cabin Ridge** for a beautiful ride through the woods in a horse-drawn carriage (a busload will fit). Here enjoy the outdoors and learn about this old Irish Settlement before a delicious luncheon outside or in the log cabin. Our next stop will be the **Potter's Shed** in Shell Lake. Tour the Spooner Creek Designs pottery manufacturing area, wander the beautiful garden and perhaps have a cup of java at the cafe. Groups can arrange hands-on pottery and art experiences as well. As we continue our journey, stop at the **Namekagon River Visitor Center** in Trego. The Namekagon River is managed by the National Park Service and offers a river scene diorama and presentation by a park ranger. The Namekagon River was one of eight rivers originally designated as protected areas by the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, which made the Namekagon part of St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. Continue northwards to Ashland, named as one of the top 10 Most Beautiful Towns in Wisconsin by Theculturetrip.com. On the shores of Lake Superior, the town is also known as the Historic Mural Capital of Wisconsin. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the eight-block Main Street business district is the backdrop for a fascinating walk through Ashland's history. After a day on the water, enjoy a superb Lake Superior whitefish dinner and head over to **Big Top Chautauqua** for an evening of musical entertainment in the big blue canvas tent.



day 3

ASHLAND/BAYFIELD

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day 4

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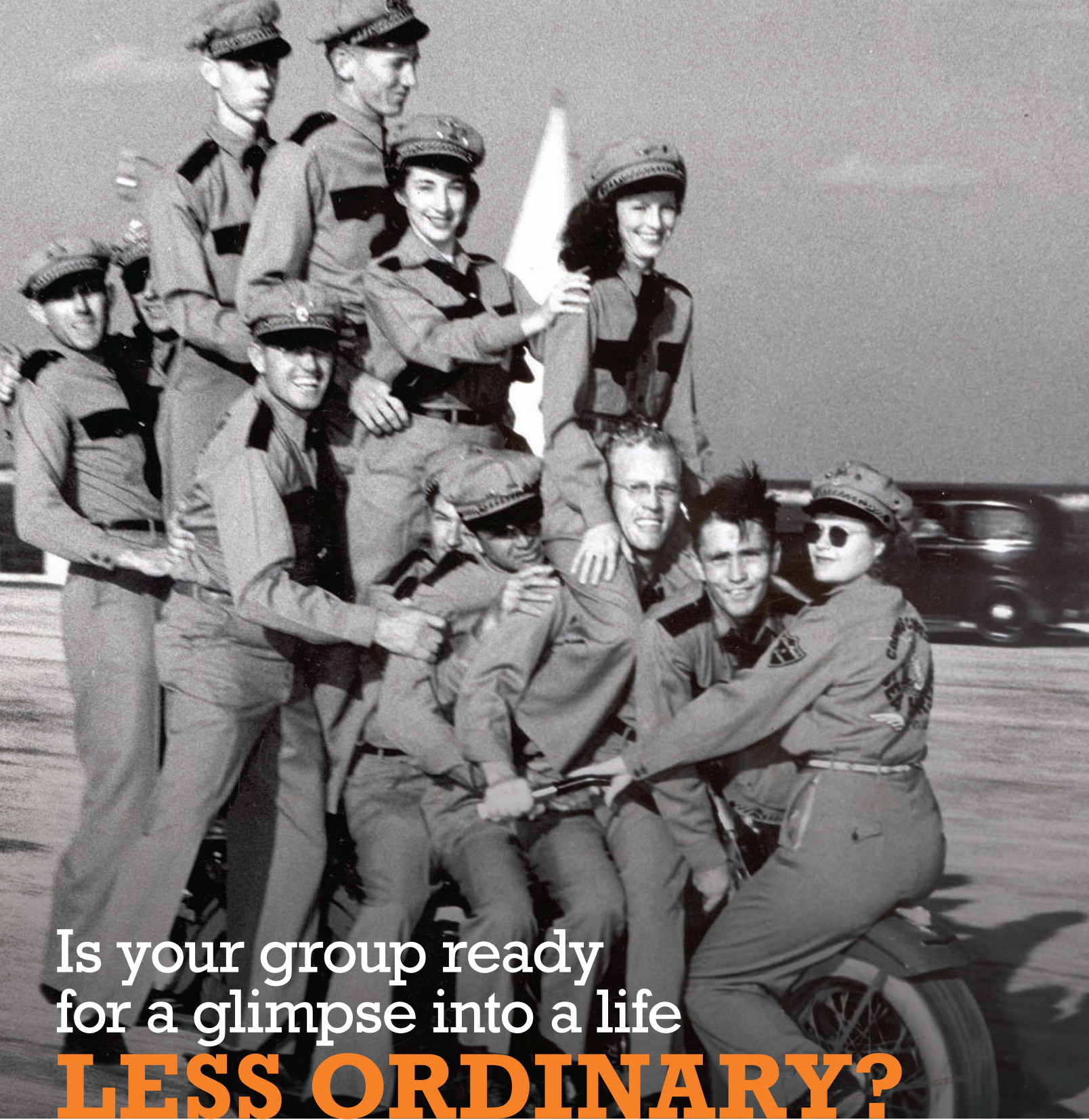
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