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# WISCONSIN'S Great River Road

Groups following the **mighty Mississippi** will encounter **opulent mansions**, **natural beauty** and **charming small towns** 

> Grandad Bluff offers stunning views of La Crosse and the prairie valley bisected by the Mississippi River. In addition to enjoying the breathtaking views, groups can explore several bluffside hiking and biking trails.

eaturing 33 towns to explore, stunning seasonal foliage and scenic bluff-top views, Wisconsin's **Great River Road** appeals to group travelers year-round. The beautiful forest landscapes and views of the Mississippi River drew French voyageurs and Native Americans here for centuries, and your group can walk in their footsteps along hundreds of miles of hiking trails found in the area or embark on a scenic boat tour along the river.

Begin your adventure in the town of Potosi—home of the famous Potosi Brewery. Established in 1852 and one of America's first commercial beer distributors, the building is now on the National Register of Historic Places and is home to the National Brewery Museum. Guests can admire 19th century steins and beer advertisements before embarking on a brewery tour. Guides will explain the brewing process in Potosi's state-of-the-art facility and sample seasonal creations. Your group's next stop will be the nearby town of Cassville, site of Stonefield. This country estate was the property of Nelson Dewey (Wisconsin's first governor) and contains several preserved buildings for history buffs to explore. The property includes Dewey's three-story Gothic Revival home in addition to the 1900 Farming Village, which recreates turn-of-the-20<sup>th</sup>-century life with a schoolhouse, wheelwright shop and blacksmith. Your next stop is **Prairie du Chien**, one of the most important outposts of the early American frontier. Native Meskwaki people occupied the valley for hundreds of years before famed French explorers Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet arrived by canoe in 1673, and the town became a crucial trading post before the construction of Fort Crawford in 1816. Prairie du Chien visitors can tour the fort's remains and learn about its role as a deployment station during the Black Hawk War of 1832 and Union hospital during the Civil War. Visitors can also tour the fort's preserved hospital wing to learn about military life and the work of physician William Beaumont, who studied gunshot victims to explore the digestion process.

Villa Louis on St. Feriole Island will transport visitors to the 19th century as they walk through the Victorian mansion and grounds that belonged to one of Wisconsin's wealthiest Gilded Age families: the Dousmans. Costumed guides conduct tours through the house in its restored 1890s splendor and will learn about the property's grand parties, the family's fur trading fortune and the design by famed Milwaukee architect E. Townsend Mix. The property becomes especially lively every autumn during the Villa Louis Carriage Classic, which welcomes carriage drivers to perform in period-accurate clothing and buggies. Groups looking for a catered meal and a

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spectacular river view can rent the adjoining Dousman House with its grand ballroom and beautiful views of Lawler Park.

Besides its rich history, Prairie du Chien is also known for its natural beauty and biodiversity. Thousands of ducks, geese and tundra swans migrate through the valley during seasonal changes, and the best viewing location for these birds is Wyalusing State Park. Named for the Munsee-Delaware word meaning "home of the warrior," this park encompasses over 2,600 acres and features spectacular views of the Wisconsin and Mississippi rivers' convergence. Groups can admire the valley's stunning foliage in the fall and view eagles as they nest in February and March. Groups will want to explore Prairie du Chien's charming downtown, which features cafes and boutiques welcoming to visitors.

Continue north to **La Crosse**, the largest city on the Great River Road. Before visiting downtown, stop to savor the tranquil atmosphere and gorgeous architecture of the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. A pilgrimage site inspired by the hilltop churches of Tuscany, this complex honors the apparition of the Virgin Mary to the Mexican villager Juan Diego in 1531. Guests orient themselves at the Pilgrim Center before walking the Meditation Trail carved into the hillside (carts are available for guests with mobility issues). Stops along the walk include a votive candle chapel, Stations of the Cross walk and the Memorial to the Unborn—a sacred space that honors infants who died before childbirth. The shrine itself hosts frequent services and is available for tour groups who wish to admire the intricate mosaics and stained glass or pray. The shrine is currently developing a new retreat house that will welcome groups for multiday stays with dining facilities and social spaces. Further inland is **Norskedalen**, a nature and heritage center dedicated to preserving the natural environment and cultural heritage of the area surrounding Coon Valley.

Excellent Mississippi River views are also available at nearby Grandad's Bluff, which offers excellent photo opportunities with the prairie valley below. Descend to downtown La Crosse, a flourishing cultural district known for craft beer and diverse shopping. Orient your group to the area with a Historic La Crosse Trolley Tour, which departs from Riverside Park. An onboard historian will narrate a route that includes the Old Towne North neighborhood, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the Pearl Street—La Crosse's bustling main street. As your trolley returns to Riverside Park, consider the sightseeing expeditions offered by La Crosse Queen Cruises. Daily excursions showcase the region's cliffsides and bridges, and special dinner and brunch cruises can be offered along with live music. Riverside Park also offers a spectacular display during the holiday

Villa Louis (upper left) is an immaculately preserved 19th century mansion that belonged to one of Wisconsin's wealthiest Gilded Age families. Historic Fort Crawford (upper right) served as a Union hospital during the Civil War, and its hospital wing remains open for group tours. Nestled among the bluffs outside La Crosse, the Shrine of our Lady of Guadalupe (lower) invites visitors and pilgrims to walk through meditation trails and beautiful spiritual spaces.







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Disembark from your cruise and walk through the vibrant downtown, which is filled with galleries, theaters and coffee shops to explore. La Crosse famously has more bars per capita than any American city, and Pearl Street is filled with wine bars and taverns to entice your group. Classic car fans will want to spend time in the Dahl Auto Museum, which celebrates the Dahl family's involvement as automotive dealers spanning over 100 years and five generations. The showroom houses a Thunderbird, Crown Victoria and 1911 Ford Model T Roadster as well as a century-old collection of automobile memorabilia.

North of La Crosse is Perrot State Park, a migratory bird habitat and excellent example of southern Wisconsin's driftless region. During the last ice age, retreating glaciers deposited a blend of silt, clay and gravel called drift that was unevenly distributed in modernday Wisconsin and northwestern Illinois, resulting in the hilly and "driftless" appearance of the landscape. A guide can explain this geological phenomenon and guide groups on the short trail to Brady's Bluff, which overlooks the entire valley. Nearby Fountain City is home to the Kinstone Megalithic Garden, a 30-acre peaceful haven filled with stone sculptures, restored native prairie and Mississippi River views. Visitors can reflect on a labyrinth trail, learn about marshland preservation and pose for photos in the rock arrangements that resemble Stonehenge and were collected from local cliffsides.

Several quirky roadside attractions are easily accessible off the Great River Road for group members with a craving for kitsch. Prairie Moon outside of Fountain City is a collection of nearly 40 stone sculptures that came from the mind of retired farmer Herman Rusch. The property includes a massive 260-foot arched fence, a Hindu temple, dinosaurs and a miniature mountain. Other similar stone gardens include Wegner Grotto in Cataract (which features a Glass Church comprised of encrusted church mosaic shards) and Dickeyville Grotto (home to sculptures of religious figures covered in shells and stones).

Further upstream is the small town of Pepin, notable as the birthplace of *Little House on the Prairie* author Laura Ingalls Wilder. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum includes furnished rooms accurate to the period, a covered wagon and a rare reed organ from 1882. Conclude your adventure in the city of Prescott, which lies at the confluence of the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers. Stop by the Great River Road Visitor & Learning Center, a free museum and discovery center that includes scopes for seasonal birdwatching, a butterfly garden and views of Minnesota across the river.

La Crosse (upper left), the Great River Road's largest city, features numerous dining options on Pearl Street and the World's Largest Six-Pack. Wegner Grotto (upper right) includes a 12-foot ocean liner that pays tribute to the artists' European ancestors. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic (below) spotlights fashion and carriages from previous eras every September.





# Soft Adventures: Gardens and State Parks

s your group excited to experience Wisconsin's natural beauty but less thrilled at the prospect of rigorous hikes or hundreds of stairs? The state features numerous attractions that qualify as "soft adventures"-ways to explore lush gardens and travel along rivers without the physical stress of extensive walking or climbing.

Wisconsin's state park system is intersected by hundreds of hiking trails, but there's an equally deep network of less-rugged nature experiences: botanical gardens.

These attractions feature acres of natural beauty and wildlife without the need for a backpack. Consider Janesville's Rotary Botanical Gardens, a 20-acre property that showcases plants from Japan, Italy and France in lushly landscaped themed areas. Groups of 15 or more can arrange a guided tour that includes a walk through 24 distinctive gardens and exploration of horticulture around the globe. All of northeast Wisconsin's seasons are captured on the 47 acres of the Green Bay Botanical Gardens. Groups with a tight itinerary can see the property's highlights (which include the Vanderperren English Cottage Garden, Kress Oval Garden and Larsen Orchard) within an hour, while a more leisurely "Gardener's Delight Tour" takes two hours and covers approximately two miles.

Farther south, the Paine Art Center and Gardens in Oshkosh includes 20 themed areas across four acres that surround an English country mansion. Paved walkways pass by elegant fountains, sculptures and impeccably manicured beds that recall the elegant British estates of the 19th century. Meanwhile, 40 acres of beauty await at Boerner Botanical Gardens in Milwaukee. With more than 500 varieties of roses, wetlands, herb gardens and one of the state's largest crabapple collections, it's hard to pick a favorite bloom.

Remain in the city and consider an excursion to the Milwaukee County Zoo, where your group will be transported from an African savannah to the Australian

Outback within hundreds of feet. Notable areas spotlight South American penguins, tropical fish and mammals of the American West, while the Herb and Nada Mahler Family Aviary houses over 60 bird species.

Wisconsin's extensive state park system offers short hiking excursions and stunning scenery of the area's lakes and Driftless Area landmarks. Devil's Lake State Park just south of Baraboo is the most-visited park in the system. Over 29

> miles of hiking trails offer magnificent views of prehistoric quartzite bluffs that overlook the 360-acre lake, and ample beachfront is available for a relaxing sunbathing session. Easy trails include the Johnson Moraine Loop, which winds through the grassy moraine environment caused by the last ice age, and the Grottos Trail, which offers natural air conditioning during hot summer days.

Located at the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers and close to historic Prairie du Chien, Wyalusing State Park (which translates to "home of the warrior") features numerous hiking trails and nature activities. The park's picnic facilities and trails are especially attractive in autumn, when the region's trees begin to turn brilliant shades of red and orange.

The park is also a one of the state's birdwatching hubs; groups can embark on a short guided adventure to spot yellow-throated warblers, bald eagles and wild turkeys.

Northern Wisconsin is home to some of the Midwest's most accessible waterfalls. Groups in the **Superior** area seeking an excellent photo opportunity should venture to Amnicon Falls State Park. Your group can view the series of waterfalls from foot trails or a historic bridge that crosses the Amnicon River. A friendly tour guide can explain the falls were created from ancient earthquakes and lava flows that resulted in deep ridges and dramatic fractures on the Earth's surface.

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From **Racine** and **Milwaukee** to the shores of **Lake Superior**, a little **name-dropping** will add pizazz to your next itinerary

hey made their marks in industry, the arts, sports and politics. And happily for groups touring Wisconsin, some of that fortune and fame may rub off on visits to museums and other attractions associated with famous names like Wright, Lombardi and Houdini. Some of these sites are nationally known, while others are a bit off the radar. But all provide insights into the careers and personal lives of those who excelled in their chosen fields.

Wisconsin-born Frank Lloyd Wright, widely regarded as America's greatest architect, designed several public buildings and private homes in southern Wisconsin that are open for tours. Wright fans flock to Racine, where free tours showcase the SC Johnson Administration Building and Research Tower, the architect's largest commercial project. The 15-level Research Tower, distinguished by alternating bands of brickwork and glass tubing, housed labs that developed products like Pledge, Raid and Glade. At the Great Workroom in the threelevel Administration Building, visitors see employees busy at their desks. Supporting the 31-foot-high ceiling are 62 concrete dendriform columns, which rise from nine-inch bases to become 181/2-footwide "lily pads" at the top; they've been compared to golf tees, trees and mushrooms. You can sit at a Wright-designed desk with rounded corners and swivel drawers.

Wright also designed Wingspread, the last and

largest of his Prairie-style homes, for H. F. Johnson Jr. Located in the village of Wind Point (just north of Racine), the 1937 residence is now a conference center operated by the Johnson Foundation of Wingspread; tours are free. Available for tours in Two Rivers/Manitowoc area is the 1940 Wright-designed Bernard Schwartz House, known as Still Bend.

For insights into the history of an important Milwaukee community, visit the **Jewish Museum Milwaukee**, which covers early immigration, the American Jewish experience, the Holocaust, founding of Israel and other topics. You will find that Golda Meir immigrated to Milwaukee with her family as a child and went on to become the fourth prime minister of Israel. The elementary school she attended is named after her, and the Golda Meir Library is at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, where she studied teaching.

One of Milwaukee's best photo ops is the Bronze Fonz, a must-visit selfie spot. The statue on downtown's Milwaukee Riverwalk depicts actor Henry Winkler as "Fonzie" or "The Fonz," a character named Arthur Fonzarelli in the 1970s TV sitcom *Happy Days*, which was set in 1950s Milwaukee. Unveiled in 2008, the pop art favorite shows The Fonz clad in leather jacket and jeans and flashing his trademark double thumbs up.

At Discovery World Science and Technology Museum in Milwaukee, music-minded visitors will







The Milwaukee Jewish Museum chronicles the local Jewish community, which included Israeli leader Golda Meir. Below: The Great Workroom at Frank Lloyd Wright's SC Johnson Administration Building in Racine.





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

want to explore Les Paul's House of Sound, named for the Waukesha native who is credited with inventing the solid-body electric guitar and with his wife Mary Ford sold millions of records in the 1950s. You can immerse yourself in his music and get to know the innovations he introduced, plus create your own sounds and have your picture taken with Les in the virtual photo booth.

Thirty miles from Milwaukee, in the rolling hills near Genesee Depot, is **Ten Chimneys**, the estate of Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontanne, the premier acting team in the English-speaking theater world from the 1920s until their retirement in 1960. Known as "The Lunts," they graced stages on Broadway and around the globe. The romance of an earlier era permeates the elegant, three-story Main House, which displays the couple's personal effects, including original furnishings, art work, photographs and gifts from fellow actors. There really are 10 chimneys—the Main House has six, the quaint country Cottage three and the rustic Studio (used for artistic creation) one. Estate tours include the three buildings and restored gardens. Boxed lunches can be arranged for groups.

On the shores of Lake Monona in Madison, the Otis Redding Memorial Plaque recalls the tragic crash of a twin-engine plane carrying a 26-year-old soul singer on the brink of superstardom. En route to a Madison engagement, Redding, along with four band members, an assistant and the pilot, perished in the lake. The young talent was best known for his hit single "(Sittin' On) the Dock of the Bay."

Appleton's History Museum at the Castle remembers renowned magician Harry Houdini. Born Ehrich Weiss in Budapest, Hungary in 1874, he lived in Appleton for four years as a child. On display are photos, video and artifacts used by the escape artist himself. In interactive exhibits, visitors have a chance to learn and perform some of his iconic illusions and even escape from "jail." The museum can arrange a 1½-hour walking tour of Houdini-related sites, including

The Al. Ringling Theatre, a jewel dating back to 1915, is one of several reminders of the Ringling Brothers' ties to Baraboo, their hometown.



A replica of Coach Vince Lombardi's office is on display at the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, a shrine housed in the atrium of Lambeau Field.

where his storefront apartment once stood and the synagogue where his father was a rabbi. A 45-minute bus tour with step-on guide also can be arranged.

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, housed in the atrium of Green Bay's Lambeau Field, pays tribute to some of the best players and teams ever to grace the gridiron. Besides honoring legendary quarterbacks like Bart Starr and Brett Favre, it also enshrines Coach Vince Lombardi; a replica of his office is on display, and outside the atrium stands a 14-foot-tall statue of the man who led the Packers to three NFL championships and victories in Super Bowls I and II. Visitors can hear Packers legends describe historic games in their own words, view trophies from 13 world championships and scroll through touch screens to click on game video clips. Groups might want to arrange a stadium tour and have lunch at the 1919 Kitchen





Wingspread, a 1930s masterpiece near Racine, is the last and largest of the Prairie-style homes designed by Wisconsin-born Frank Lloyd Wright.

& Tap, which is just across from the Hall of Fame.

Baraboo, the hometown of the Ringling Brothers, was the winter headquarters of their famed circus from 1884-1918 and contains several Ringling-related attractions. **Circus World Museum** offers exhibits of circus memorabilia (including the world's largest collection of circus wagons), a giant-screen theater and traditional Big Top performances in summer. **Baraboo's Big Top Parade**, an annual extravaganza, will bring joy to downtown streets July 20, 2019. Also in town are the 1905 Al. Ringling Mansion, the opulent red-stone home of the eldest brother, and the beautifully restored 1915 Al. Ringling Theatre, a venue for live shows and films.

Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center in Superior salutes World War II's "Ace of Aces," a Wisconsin farm boy who grew up to become a decorated pilot and Congressional Medal of Honor





The Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center honors the famous World War II flying ace with preserved airplanes and wartime paraphernalia.

recipient. On more than 200 missions in the South Pacific, Major Bong, a native of nearby Poplar, shot down 40 enemy planes—the most of any U.S. pilot before or since. Against the backdrop of Lake Superior, visitors can stand on a re-created Pacific atoll with palms, thatched huts and machine-gun turrets. The museum's centerpiece is a restored Lockheed P-38 Lightning, the kind of plane Bong flew (his was named for his wife, Marge). Movies and artifacts remember not only Bong's accomplishments but heroes from all branches of the Armed Services who served in the Korean, Vietnam and Cold War as well as WWII. Sadly, Bong died at age 24 in a test-flight crash in California just before the war ended. He is buried in Poplar.

Visitors to **Portage** can visit the Zona Gale House, commissioned for the parents of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist and playwright who became one the premier American authors of the 1920s.

Another aviator is honored at the Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum in **Sparta**. Slayton, a Sparta native, was one of the country's Mercury 7—the first group of astronauts formed by NASA in 1959. In 1975 he was part of the crew for the US/Russian Apollo-Soyuz docking mission, the first international space mission of its kind. Space memorabilia includes artifacts from Slayton and a piece of moon rock on loan from NASA. Displayed are model planes, a real 1932 plane and more than 100 bicycles.

Other notable Wisconsinites who have made an impact on the arts, entertainment and politics in the U.S. and globally include renowned artist Georgia O'Keeffe, born and raised in Sun Prairie; the flamboyant Liberace, from West Allis; and one of the leaders of the women's suffrage movement, Carrie Chapman Catt, who hails from Ripon. The Rahr West Art Museum in Manitowoc has O'Keeffe's 1924 *Virgin Pine Tree No. 2*.

From the Broadway stage to the gridiron to realms out of this world, many talented people with Wisconsin connections have made notable contributions to society at large. Their accomplishments are on full display at attractions throughout the state.

n Wisconsin are significant and diverse tributes to the world of transportation. It's enough to float any boat because chances are very good your favored mode for getting around is covered in a fascinating manner. Motorcycle lovers from Alaska to Australia find their way to the edgy and stylish **Harley-Davidson Museum** in Milwaukee, world headquarters for the motorcycle's production. It's not just gearheads who are smitten: Engine components are displayed like fine art, bike displays teach history and fun pop culture connections are plentiful. Everybody gets a chance to mount vintage cycles and pretend to ride with the wind.

Add a two-hour, weekday tour of powertrain operations – engine and transmission production – at Harley-Davidson's suburban Menomonee Falls factory. Or a one-hour, hands-on class in Harley Engines 101, which does not require mechanical skills and is capped at eight students.

Like two wheels but prefer pedal power? **Sparta** is known as the bicycle capital of America because it is home to more than 100 miles of state trails. That includes the Elroy-Sparta, the nation's first conversion of a railroad line to a recreational route. Along this scenic, 32.5-mile rails-to-trails path are stone bridges and three tunnels drilled through rock.

Look for a 32-foot-tall, high-wheel bicycle in Sparta, and reserve time for the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bicycle Museum, named after the Mercury Seven astronaut, a Sparta native. "Progression of transportation" is an overriding theme in the aviation and bike exhibits.

Exhibits at the Kenosha History Center acknowledge the area's proud auto-making heritage under Nash, American Motors, Renault, Chrysler and other brands. Autos in the Rambler Legacy Gallery change every year.









# **REV IT UP.** Ride the rails. **Take a spin**.

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Open since 2016 in Green Bay is **The Automobile Gallery**, a revamped car dealership that treats about 50 restored vintage cars as gorgeous gems that visitors are allowed to carefully touch. In a few cases, you also can take the driver's seat. Expect an unusual mix of the flamboyant and ordinary: Think DeLorean to Javelin.

The masterpiece at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Manitowoc, is the USS Cobia, a World War II submarine that can be toured, torpedo rooms to crew's quarters. Or dive beyond the basics: A longer immersion at this National Historic Landmark ventures into lesserknown nooks and tighter spaces, via ladders and climbing.

Inside the Door County Maritime Museum, Sturgeon Bay, are tales of Great Lakes fishing, nearby shipbuilding, Lake Michigan shipwrecks and a multitude of other maritime history. Artifacts, art, underwater photography, ship models and oral histories all tell a part of the story. Reserve time to tour the shoreline in the John Purves, a restored, century-old tugboat.

Evidence of rugged rail travel is well preserved in Wisconsin too. The **National Railroad Museum**, Green Bay, is devoted to railroad history and among the nation's largest devoted to this mode of transportation. Take a 25-minute, narrated train ride and learn about everything from steam power to hobo culture. Check out the Dwight D. Eisenhower locomotive, the only one of its kind left in the United States.

In Spooner, Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad excursions include choices of pizza with the kids, a romantic dinner for two, even an ontrain overnight in an authentic Pullman bedroom. The train's route follows the pretty Namekagon River through forest and farmland. The shortest trip is 90 minutes.

The **East Troy Railroad Museum**, East Troy, preserves electric railroad cars and equipment. Seasonal shuttles chug 10 miles, linking



Original Wisconsin Ducks operates World War II-era amphibious vehicles on rollicking land-and-water adventures in group-friendly Wisconsin Dells.



The National Railroad Museum in Green Bay features dozens of railcars and locomotives from the steam and diesel eras. Train rides are available.

## Take to the Water

S ometimes the best way to see the sights is from water. That applies to both natural and urban settings. Amphibious vehicles from World War II, which have wheels and can float, in 1946 began providing the most unusual landwater tour of Wisconsin Dells. An **Original Wisconsin Ducks** trip navigates water and woodland trails, showcasing unusual rock formations, secluded canyons, steep hills and valleys.

Scenic Wisconsin River cruises operated by Dells Boat Tours get close to the majestic cliffs, gorges and outcroppings of the Upper Dells and Lower Dells. Disembark to walk through narrow passageways at Witches Gulch. Watch a dog leap from one high-above landing to another at Stand Rock. Book a ride for daytime, with dinner at sunset or after dark (to hear eerie ghost stories). For a different thrill, board a high-speed jet boat whose captain carefully orchestrates spinouts and power stops. Seasonal, daily mailboat rides are a one-of-a-kind option with Lake Geneva Cruise Line. Watch an agile mail carrier deliver and pick up the mail at dozens of lakeshore homes during this narrated excursion. This method of postal service is rare nationwide. Also unusual are tours of historic Black Point Estate, which is only accessible by boat (via this cruise line), and the option for lakeshore path walkers to get picked up by boat instead of hiking the lake's full circumference of 20-plus miles. Additional cruises come with a meal or music.

The menu of options at Madison-based Betty Lou Cruises ranges from pizza and beer to a seafood buffet with wine. Brunch on Sunday, a Friday fish fry and late-night cruises with appetizers and cocktails are other choices. Yachts sail rain or shine on lakes Mendota and Monona.

Narrated history tours, murder mystery dinner cruises, sightseeing and party cruises are business as usual for **Edelweiss Cruises**, whose boats include European-style canal vessels that can navigate under Milwaukee River bridges as well as Lake Michigan shoreline.

Rather appreciate watercraft and water life from ashore? Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, Spooner, is devoted to canoe building and the history of canoes. **Horicon Education and Visitor Center**, Horicon, explains the significance of the nation's largest cattail marsh, which the United Nations recognizes as an internationally important wetland.



Vintage equipment transports visitors back to the past on nostalgia-filled rides offered by the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom.



the depot with The Elegant Farmer's fresh harvests and bakery in Mukwonago. (Buy apple pie baked in a paper bag.)

At the **Mid-Continent Railway Museum**, North Freedom, is a coach shed with restored train cars, especially those made with wood. Punctuate the experience with a 55-minute ride on a century-old steel coach. It's especially gorgeous when tree leaves turn brilliant in autumn, and especially popular when Santa visits and a high school choir performs on rides taken before Christmas.

The Sheboygan Railroad Museum, with its exhibits and model layouts, and Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin, are featured on Visit Sheboygan's "Planes, Trains & Automobiles" sample group itinerary. Also in the area are the **Wade House**, an 1850s stage-coach inn with a fine collection of carriage and wagons, and Elkhart Lake's Road America, one of the top motor sports racetracks in the country.

Come winter, snow lovers find myriad ways to play. Wolfsong Adventures in Mushing, near Bayfield, organizes dog-sledding excursions of 2.5 hours or longer, morning to sunset, Christmas through late March. Learn to mush or let a guide lead the way.

In Wisconsin are 25,000 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, and what looks like fun on motorized sleds is serious business for some drivers. Visit the Snowmobile Hall of Fame Museum in St. Germain to see how the snow-gliding machinery has evolved, and the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River, for an introduction to the people whose inventions, adventures and achievements have elevated snowmobiling from a hobby to a competitive sport. Why Eagle River? The city is the World Snowmobile Headquarters and hosts the World Championship Snowmobile Derby every January.



Guests at Milwaukee's Harley-Davidson Museum have a chance to "test-drive" a motorcycle. The company gives tours at its Menomonee Falls factory.

# Made in Wisconsin

W isconsin is famous for many fine products, with some of the most notable ones in the food and beverage category.

Cheese and beer are the two products most closely associated with the Badger State. Throughout America's Dairyland are shops selling freshly made cheese, including string cheese and those squeaky cheese curds. At the Swiss-style **Alp and Dell Cheese Store**, attached to the Roth Kase Creamery in Monroe, your group can

view the cheese-making process behind glass walls and sample many varieties. In metro Milwaukee, a group favorite is **West Allis Cheese and Sausage Shoppe**, which has a wide range of cheeses, meats and gourmet foods, plus a cafe/deli seating area with a full breakfast and lunch menu and a garden patio great for group gatherings. Mars Cheese Castle is a popular stop for bus tours passing through Kenosha on I-94.

Milwaukee Food Tours offers bus groups the 5.5-hour "Custard Capital of the World" tour. It includes lunch at a classic diner, narrated city sightseeing and a "custard crawl" with stops at three historic custard stands. It's just one of the company's many tours that focus on good foods made in the Milwaukee area.

Tours of Milwaukee's **Lakefront Brewery** are not only informative but filled with laughs, thanks to

clever commentary by hilarious tour guides. The 45-minute tour includes a souvenir glass and four six-ounce pours of beer like the Eastside Dark, a Bavarian-style dark lager, and Eazy Teazy, a tea-infused ale. For non-beer drinkers, Lakefront's Golden Maple Root Beer is available. Private tours can be arranged on weekdays for \$9 a person. Stay for a meal in the restaurant or at least have some cheese curds.

The Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company in Chippewa Falls also offers tours that include a glass and beer samples. Tours start at the northwoods-style Leinie Lodge, which is filled with historical photos, vintage brewing equipment, and Leinenkugel



wearables and collectibles. The six-generation family company, founded in 1867, is the nation's seventh oldest working brewery.

Candy lovers flock to the **Jelly Belly Visitor Center**, which offers a complimentary, entertaining tram tour of the warehouse facility in Pleasant Prairie, just south of Kenosha. After learning about the company and how the candy is made (in California), guests are free to sample as many flavors as they want in the Jelly Belly store.

> Another Wisconsin-made treat is the Cherry De-Lite dried cherry, a healthy snack made by **Country Ovens** from tart Grade A fancy Montmorency cherries grown in Door County. Country Ovens' factory retail store in Forestville has a wide range of cherry products, including chocolate-covered dried cherries and cherry chutney, juice and syrup.

> A trip to southeastern Wisconsin is not complete without sampling the state's official pastry, as biting into a rich, sweet, buttery, flaky slice of kringle is one of the true joys in life. Groups visiting **Racine, America's Kringle Capital**, can tour two of the five bakeries that produce this oversized, oval-shaped Danish pastry ring hand-formed from 48 delicate layers of dough and hand-coated with white icing after being baked to a golden brown. Pecan, almond, raspberry, cherry and apple are popular fillings.

Another group tour option in Racine County is the 2.5-hour walking tour of **Case IH tractor assembly plant.** Guided by retired employees, the tour shows each step of the manufacturing process, from engines

being painted by robots to tires being mounted. Wisconsin's industrial might also is on display at the Harley-Davidson Pilgrim Road Powertrain Operations facility in Menomonee Falls. The "Classic Factory Tour" is 30 minutes and includes a video, while the 90-minute "Steel Toe Tour" provides a closer look at how motorcycle engines and transmissions are manufactured by the Milwaukee-based company.



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# **History Trail**

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# day 1&2

S tep into the shoes of the one million men from the Upper Midwest who served in the Civil War and provided food and raw materials for the military. The **Civil War Museum** in Kenosha explores how the war impacted the nation through the personal stories and narratives of those who served. Then travel west to the **Baker House** in Lake Geneva, a lavish 1885 Queen Anne mansion with 13 working fireplaces and a

restaurant and lounge that takes guests back to the Gilded Age. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this home overlooks the lake with music that harkens back to the 1920s and waitstaff in period costumes.

Conclude your stay in the Walworth County area with a delightful evening at **Rosewood** with great food, song and dance that planners can customize to their groups interests.



#### MILWAUKEE

Make your way to Milwaukee for a visit to the Milwaukee Public Museum, Wisconsin's natural history museum. The museum has more than four million objects and specimens covering anthropology, history, botany, zoology and geology. Stroll through the Streets of Old Milwaukee and be transported back to a fall evening at the turn of the 20th century. The popular exhibit has been reimagined to incorporate storytelling and a heightened sensory experience.

day 3

The **Grohmann Museum** at the Milwaukee School of Engineering is home to the world's most comprehensive art collection dedicated to the evolution of human work. With more than 1,400 paintings and sculptures, groups will identify with many pieces in the collection. The museum hosts changing exhibitions, so be sure to check out the current exhibits.

Visit the **Charles Allis Art Museum** or Villa Terrace, these stately mansions offer two very different styles of homes built by two renowned industrialist on Milwaukee's east side in the early 1900's. Enjoy the world-class art collection at the Charles Allis and Villa Terrace not only offers a stunning view of Lake Michigan but a variety of decorative arts exhibits.

# day 4

#### SHEBOYGAN MANITOWOC

ead north up Wisconsin's east coast to **Sheboygan** to wander, explore and discover. Unearth the hidden gems of the community and well-recognized icons like the art center, the maritime museum and the unique shopping and dining.

Wade House Historic Site offers a glimpse back to a horse-powered world. Discover Wisconsin's largest collection of carriages and wagons. Explore a 1850s nationally recognized landmark stagecoach inn with costumed guides.

Manitowoc invites you to experience the new **Farm Discovery Center**, where you go beyond the barn to learn about how Wisconsin agricultural producers make food, fiber and fuel safely, humanely and sustainably. More than ever people want to know where their food is coming from, and the Farm tells the story with interactive exhibits, a tour of a dairy farm and farm-to-table fare at the Wisconsin Café.



Grohmann Museum



# day 5

t's on to **Green Bay**, Wisconsin's oldest settlement and where legendary football is a national treasure. Blend what's old with what's new for a story of one of the friendliest cities in the country. Featuring itineraries that range from City Tours to Brewery & Winery Tours to Packer Hall of Fame and Lambeau Stadium Tours, your group will be treated to hands-on signature experiences.

Combine a skit from *Saturday Night Live* with a pop concert and you'll find yourself at **Let Me Be Frank Productions** in a suburb of Green Bay. All-original musicals will have you in awe of the talent, laughing in the aisles and singing together afterwards on the coach. The **Oneida Nation of Wisconsin** is a federally recognized tribe of Oneida people that offers visitors experiences that tell the story of the Oneida way of life both now and in the past. Enjoy a historical look into significant artifacts, artwork and people in this northeast Wisconsin homeland. Take in concerts at the outdoor amphitheater, view a buffalo herd, take the Walk of Legends and shop at the Oneida Market.

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**day 687** Oshkosh, Wisconsin's Event City, invites you to rekindle relationships, explore the arts and taste life to the fullest. From an aeronautics museum to a military veterans' educational center to cruises and wineries - by gosh your group will love Oshkosh!

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The **Coloma Historical Society** tells the story of the early settlers of the area. Stop in at the 1876 Spalding Store, which was moved to Village Park and renovated.

The convergence of trails, nature and scenery make **Green Lake Country** a wonderful place to visit and make memories. From arts and antiques and to birding and eco-travel, from cruising the lake to enjoying a spa, this destination takes you to a different state-of-mind and stimulates your senses while relaxing your body. For more eco-tourism travel, it's on to **Horicon Marsh Education & Visitor Center**. The interactive Explorium tells the story of the marsh throughout history from the days of the glaciers to now. The Marsh has been formally recognized as a wetland of international importance and is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the country.

As you head out of the state, a visit to **Beloit** with stops at the Beckman Mill a restored and functioning 1868 grist mill, complete with a pond, saw mill display, visitor center and of course a gift shop. A visit to Beloit College's 40-acre wooded campus is highly recommended. Check out all twenty-eight buildings on campus, some built as early as the 1840s, and the ancient effigy mounds. Take a relaxing walk through the winding pathways and spot the Beloiter bunnies, squirrels, and chipmunks! The oldest private college in Wisconsin is also home to two museums – The Logan Museum of Anthropology and The Wright Museum of Art.

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**Potawatomi Hotel & Casino** in the heart of downtown Milwaukee is the largest Native American casino in the Midwest, with over 3,000 slot machines, a 2,500-seat bingo room and over 100 table games. The complex also houses seven restaurants and the Northern Lights Theater, which hosts live music and comedians. The casino's 19-story hotel includes 500 rooms, meeting space for social events and a gourmet coffee bar.

Legendary Waters Resort & Casino, located in the tranquil Northwoods region, offers unbeatable views of the Apostle Islands and the nearby town of Bayfield. Here guests can discover thrilling no-limit Texas Hold'em tables, indulge in fresh seafood at the Wii-Kway-Ong restaurant and and relax in 47 deluxe hotel rooms. Outdoor amenities include an adjacent campground and RV park, and a marina is available for adventures on Lake Superior.

An all-in-one destination for gaming groups that boasts more than 33,000 square feet of casino space, **Menominee Casino Resort** is an exceptional gaming experience less than one hour from Green Bay. The casino floor includes over 850 exciting slots, six poker tables and the new Menominee Bingo Hall. The resort also houses two outstanding restaurants: Autumn Leaf Café (which serves tasty burgers) and Forest Island (where guests can indulge in the house specialty of pressure-fried chicken).

Directly north of Menominee is **Potawatomi Carter Casino & Hotel** in the town of Wabeno. Amenities include more than 500 slots, a spa/ whirlpool area and tempting menus at the Springs Restaurant & Lounge and Flames Sports Bar & Grill (which features a 165-inch TV screen). Recharge in one of the casino's 98 Northwoods-inspired hotel rooms or plan an unforgettable gathering in its numerous meeting spaces.

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German Fest



#### STOUGHTON MOUNT HOREB NEW GLARUS

K nown for its Norwegian heritage, **Stoughton** not only celebrates its Scandinavian culture but invites you to experience boutique shopping, locally-owned restaurants and an opera house. Visit the new Norwegian heritage center with shopping, dining and performances.

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*Velkommen* to **Mount Horeb**, where the trolls play. Waiting to guide you through this offbeat destination, the trolls embody small-town charm. Norwegian heritage is celebrated throughout this city.

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#### LA CROSSE

ead west to La Crosse to the Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center, which is dedicated to preserving and sharing the natural environment and interpreting the cultural heritage of this Norwegian valley. Take a guided tour of the buildings and wander the grounds, enjoy handson demonstrations of heritage arts and crafts and spend time with friends at a catered meal or for dessert.



New Glarus



Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center

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# South Central Crossroads

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#### New Glarus/Mt. Horeb DMO



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#### Janesville/Beloit DMO



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# South Central Crossroads

Fort Atkinson/Cambridge DMO

# Stoughton.

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# Culinary Trail

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#### **STURTEVANT, MILWAUKEE**

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#### WARRENS, TOMAH

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# Heritage Trail

Historic lighthouses, a sprawling state fair and quirky museums dot the Wisconsin landscape

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**Dancing Horses Theatre** 

#### MILWAUKEE

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If you're in Milwaukee in August, be sure to save time for the **Wisconsin State Fair**. This annual event lasts 11 days and is the state's largest agriculture showcase, with 30 stages of free entertainment, the ever-popular pig races, educational exhibits and hundreds of savory and sweet food offerings. Be sure to save room for the award-winning cream puffs (after something with bacon on a stick, of course).

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North Point Lighthouse

# day 3&4

ead over to **Cambridge** for a stroll down historic Main Street with quaint shops. Hike the CamRock Trail system. Founded by early settlers with a flour and feed mill in 1847, Cambridge has vintage brick buildings filled with artisan offerings, pottery, boutiques, coffee, wine, beer and dining.

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**Circus World** 

# TOWN OF STEVENSON

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#### **Town of Stevenson Museum**

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# day 3

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Chicago7	hours
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### WATERFRONT ACTIVITIES

Along the shore of the Fox River in downtown Green Bay, you'll find a la carte dining Wednesdays at Dine on the Deck, free concert Fridays and dining options that make visiting the riverfront an enjoyable time. See the freighters cross under the bridges, leisure boats cruising, kayaks paddling and the River Tyme river boat touring groups of guests.





# **CULINARY** FINDS

Our destination offers field to fork dining experiences, the famous Wisconsin cheese you always hear about, some of the best chocolate you'll ever taste, craft brewing operations that each have a unique twist and wineries producing a coldweather grape flavor only found in Northeastern Wisconsin.

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