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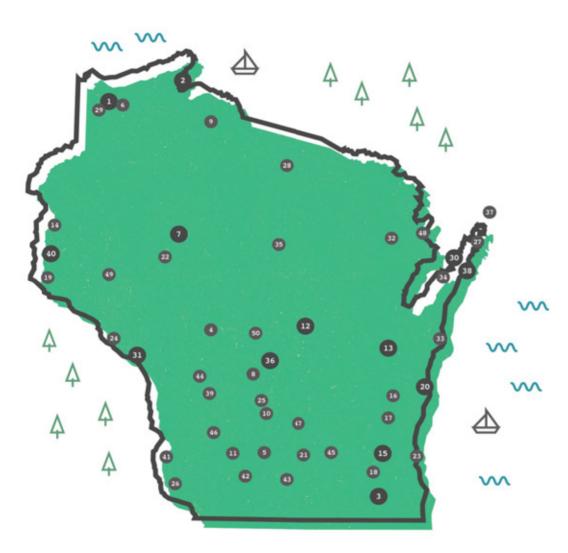
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t's 2020 and we hope that this year's tour planner gives you a clear vision of everything our state has to offer you and your travelers. Our feature story hightlights exploring the Northwoods, the abundance of unique and traditional entertainment venues and of course, the variety of water activities and sightseeing throughout the state. Our annual planner will help you find and discover the sights and attractions off the beaten paths, along the water's edge, the main roads and city streets. Experiences that won't disappoint, entertainment that will delight all the senses and energetic, fun and friendly Wisconsinites waiting to welcome you.

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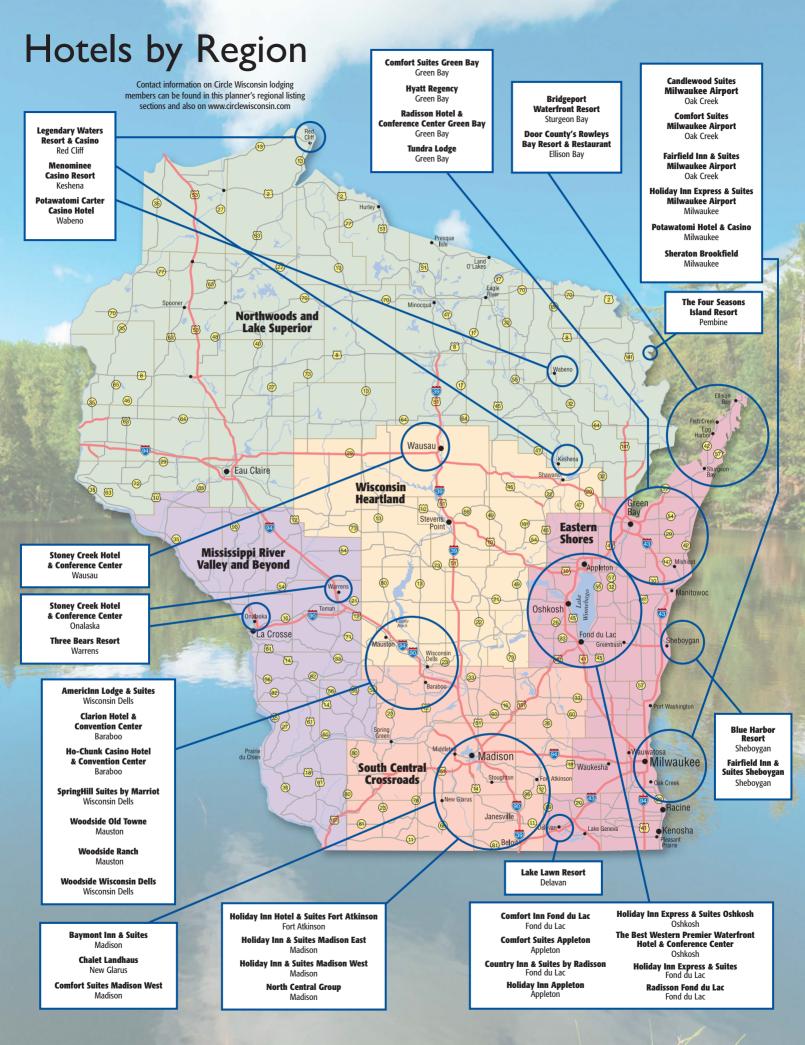
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# Explore Northwoods & Lake Superior Region

### Groups can enjoy tranquil forests, sophisticated cities and waterside retreats in Wisconsin's largest region

G eographically distinct from the rolling hills of the Driftless Area and busy cities of the Eastern Shores, Wisconsin's Northwoods and Lake Superior Region is an outdoor playground comprised of beautiful lake views, preserved national forests and cities filled with logging and pioneer history. Motorcoach groups have the opportunity to tour lumber baron mansions, relax on pontoon cruises and explore the waterfront communities that distinguish this welcoming Wisconsin region.

Scenically positioned along the Wisconsin River and considered the "Gateway to the Northwoods," **Wausau** combines cosmopolitan urban amenities with easy accessibility to Wisconsin's outdoor recreation activities. Its centralized location makes it ideal for hub-and-spoke travelers, and its culinary and architectural offerings will appeal to any group. Tours can begin at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, which is dedicated to the visual depiction of birds and hosts the internationally renowned "Birds in Art" exhibition. Groups can experience galleries in a preserved 1931 English Tudor-style mansion and explore the museum's tranquil sculpture garden at their own pace, or they can contact the museum in advance for a docent-led tour. Art aficionados should visit the city in September for the annual Artrageous Weekend to tour local galleries and explore the Andrew Warren Historic District.





The Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad takes passengers on a 15-mile scenic journey along the Namekagon River between Spooner and Springbrook.

Outdoor activities abound in Wausau, including Rib Mountain State Park. This four-season area welcomes groups to enjoy its hiking trails in the summer, fall foliage chairlift rides in the autumn and winter sport activities, including ski terrain and snowshoe trails. Join the 45 x 90 Club with a short hike to the 45 x 90 Geographical Marker. This precise geographical location is exactly halfway between the Equator and North Pole and a quarter-way around Earth, and visitors can take a photograph on the bronze marker after a brief walk over a crushed gravel pathway. Groups can contact the Wausau CVB for a commemorative coin and entry in the registration book. Seeking an agriculture component for your group itinerary? Marathon County produces over 95% of America's ginseng, and you can learn the health benefits of this Chinese root at Hsu's Ginseng Farm. Tours will explain the plant's multi-year maturation process, harvest and processing into products like medicine, tea and candy.

Groups can venture west to the city of **Chippewa Falls**, a historic logging community that now offers beer tastings, outdoor recreation and Victorian architecture. One of the finest examples of High Victorian Italiante design in Wisconsin, the Cook-Rutledge Mansion is an elegantly restored lumber baron home that was completed in 1887. Call in advance for a docent-led tour so your group can admire the intricately carved

The scenic boardwalks that surround Minocqua Lake offer beautiful Northwoods views during all four seasons and easy access to group-friendly restaurants downtown.

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Consider an excursion along the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, which flows past several state parks that offer hiking and picnicking opportunities.

woodwork, crystal chandeliers and five fireplaces. Learn more about the region's lumber heritage at the Chippewa Falls Museum of Industry & Technology, which explores the six major industries of Chippewa Falls and houses rare collections of World War I toy soldiers and military insignia patches. Today, Chippewa Falls' most famous export is Leinenkugel's, which has been producing its German-style lager since 1867. Group tours include stops at the Leinie Lodge to see vintage brewing equipment and the sampling bar to taste seasonal creations such as the Oktoberfest and Summer Shandy. More local flavors await at Autumn Harvest Winery & Orchard (where you can pair the winery's house-made Pinot Noir with Wisconsin cheeses), Chippewa River Distillery (which serves craft cocktails) and Brewster Bros. Brewing Company (flagship beers include a cream ale and timber stout).

Follow the Chippewa River downstream to **Eau Claire**, the Northwood's largest city and a glimpse into Wisconsin's logging past. Originally a sawmill hub and French trading post (Eau Claire translates to "clear water"), the city now welcomes groups with several museums and historic sites. Begin

at Carson Park, a 134-acre peninsula bordered by Half Moon Lake that was donated by lumber baron

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William Carson. Here you can tour authentic 1890s cabins at the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp, admire unobstructed views of Braun's Bay and catch a baseball game at Carson Park (where legends like Hank Aaron, Joe Torre and Bob Uecker played). Groups are also welcome on the island's Chippewa Valley Museum, which features exhibits about local **Douglas County** abounds with natural beauty and historic sites that will appeal to your group. Fairlawn Mansion, an 1890 Victorian building, was originally home to the Pattison family before housing 2,000 children when it was converted into an orphanage. Today, groups can walk through the mansion's opulent ballroom, preserved bedrooms and

pioneer history and houses an authentic 1950s-style ice cream parlor that can accommodate up to 30 guests.

Continue north to Washburn County, which features railroad excursions, farm tours and DIY art activities to appeal to any interest. Orient your group at the Namekagon River Visitor Center, a National Park Service-operated building where guests can learn about the Namekagon River's tributary relationship to the St. Croix River and see detailed dioramas that depict Northwoods environments. Groups interested in history will want to spend time at the Washburn County Historical Museum, a preserved 1888 Lutheran Church that houses over 150 years of county history, and the Wisconsin Canoe Heritage Museum, which celebrates the golden age of North American canoeing with 25 antique watercraft. Located in an old Chicago & Northwestern depot in downtown Spooner, the Railroad Memories



Pose for a picture next to Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox at the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp in Eau Claire's Carson Park. Visitors will channel their inner blacksmith as they explore a blacksmith shop, barn and cook shanty.

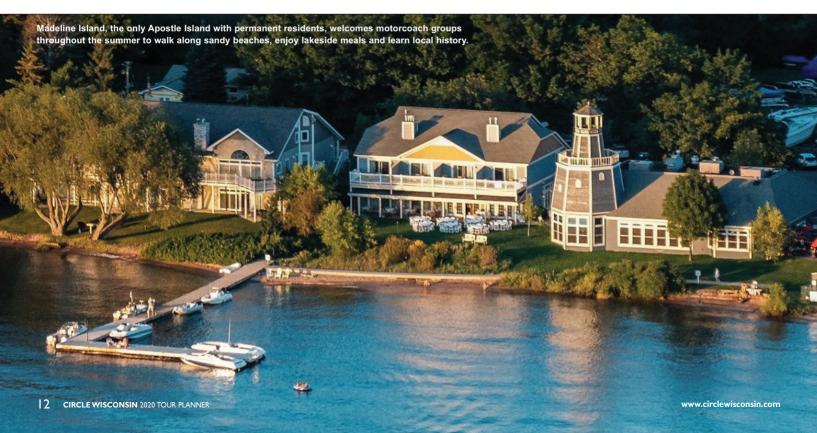
Museum celebrates Midwestern railroading with equipment and memorabilia across 13 rooms, and the Wisconsin Great Northern Railroad transports groups through the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway with several themed meal rides.

Intersected by the Bois Brule River and bordered by Lake Superior,

charming grounds. Other historic sites include the S.S. Meteor Maritime Museum (the last remaining "whaleback" ship designed for Great Lakes transport) and the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center, which honors America's top World War II flying ace. Outdoor enthusiasts will want to walk the trails and see the waterfalls of Amnicon Falls State Park. The home of Wisconsin's tallest waterfall can pair your group with a tour guide to explain how the falls were created from ancient earthquakes and lava flows that resulted in deep ridges and dramatic fractures on the Earth's surface.

Buses can travel along Highway 13 and the Lake Superior coastline before boarding the motorcoach-friendly **Madeline Island Ferry** for a 25-minute voyage to the largest and only inhabited Apostle Island. Visitors disembark in the town of La Pointe, which was once a Superior Chippewa spiritual site and French trading post before becoming a welcoming

tourism community. Group-friendly attractions along the shore include Woods Hall Gallery and Studios (which offers weaving demonstrations), the Madeline Island Historical Museum (which includes a 19th century fur company warehouse and hosts historical reenactments to depict the challenges of island life before modern technology). After enjoying a hot





The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway creates the border between Wisconsin and Minnesota, and a variety of watercraft excursions—from riverboats to canoes—are available for groups to explore this preserved area.

beverage at Mission Hill Coffee House or lunch at the Beach Club, depart for the other side of the island and Big Bay Sand Spit & Bog State Natural Area. Guests can relax on the expansive coastline or walk along the boardwalk through untouched forests.

Groups further interested in Northwoods history will want to spend time at the **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center**. This immense museum just south of Ashland houses exhibits that explain the region's Native American heritage, mining history and continuing legacy as a vacation destination with interactive stations and a movie theater. Guests can also admire the Community of Life Mural—six large vignettes that depict humans interacting with nature over thousands of years. Mobile guests can walk outside and experience the center's interpretive nature trails that display seasonal changes in flora and fauna. A park ranger can accompany your group along either the threequarter-mile boardwalk interpretive nature boardwalk or 1.2-mile Aldo Leopold trail that passes through restored wetlands and forests.

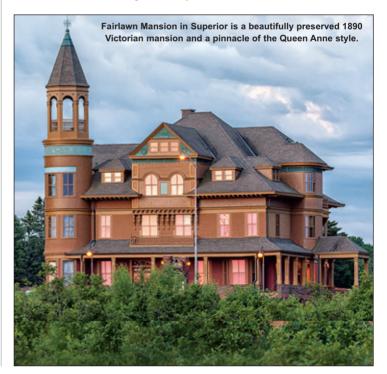
Farther west and bordering Michigan's Upper Peninsula is the town of **Hurley**, which offers mining history and easy access to over 30 waterfalls. Visible from the Black River Scenic Byway and several public hiking trails, the Montreal River is the natural border between Michigan and Wisconsin and is surrounded by several parking lots and picnic areas for groups to take in the crisp breeze and beautiful cascades created by these rock formations. Visitors interested in regional history will want to explore the nearby city of Pence to see more than 20 log buildings built by European immigrants and the world's deepest iron ore mine in the city of Montreal.

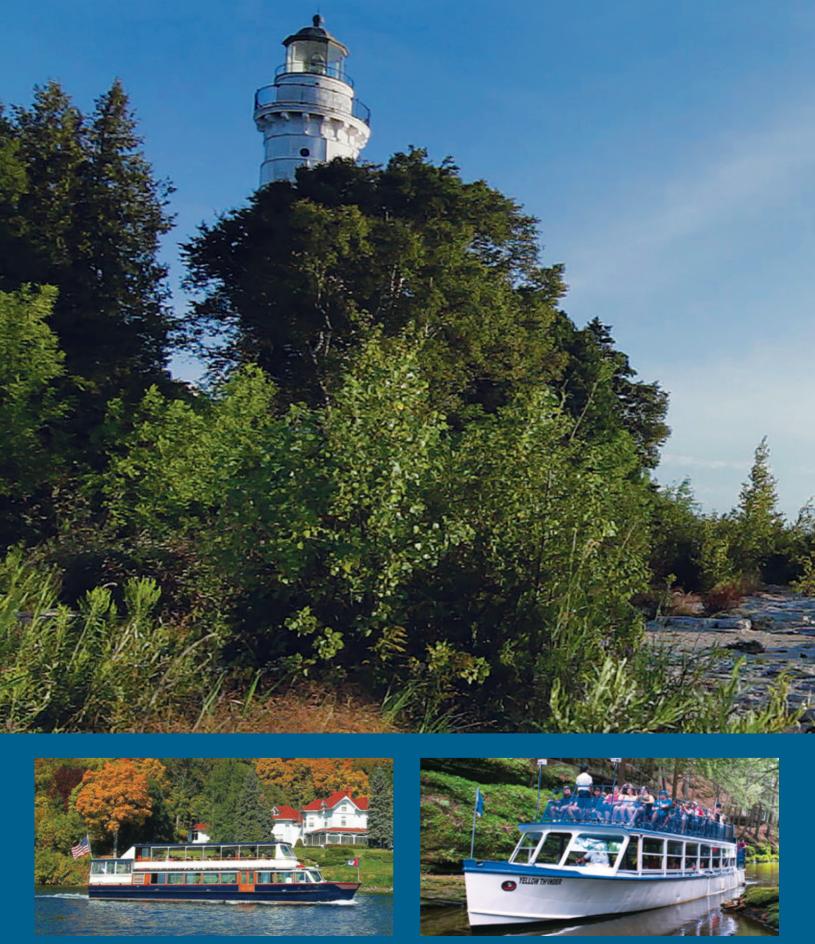
Dubbed the "Island City" and located in the heart of Wisconsin's lake country, **Minocqua** is an excellent hub for your Northwoods outdoor adventure and offers a variety of engaging attractions near its numerous group lodging options. Groups can spot elegant boat houses and wildlife with Minocqua Pontoon Cruises, which organizes group excursions on



Groups will discover Wisconsin's largest waterfall at Amnicon State Park in Douglas County and learn how the falls were created from ancient earthquakes and lava flows.

Lake Minocqua and Lake Kawaguesaga. Up-close animal encounters also await at Wildwood Wildlife Park and Nature Center, the second-largest zoo in the state and home to friendly miniature goats and parakeets. Groups looking for high-energy entertainment can watch the world's oldest continually running amateur water ski team at the Aqua Bowl. The resident Min-Aqua Bats amaze spectators three times a week with daring synchronized choreography. Other area activities include group tours at Hillestad Pharmaceuticals and the opportunity to pose in front of The World's Largest Penny.





Admire stunning estates and the opulent mansions of Chicago businessmen with Lake Geneva Cruise Line (left) or ride past dramatic rock formations on a Dells Boat Tour (right).

# Coastal Roam and revel in all the ways you can take to the water in Wisconsin

Ithough Wisconsin might not be the first state we think of for a waterfront vacation, consider this: three sides of the state kiss the water in big and beautiful ways. To the north is Lake Superior and the rugged Northwoods. To the east are the bustling communities and sandy beaches of Lake Michigan. To the west are charming burgs along the Mississippi and St. Croix rivers. All of it represents hundreds of miles for waterfront wandering, and that is in addition to thousands of pretty inland lakes and navigable streams.

Get onto the water with a kayak, canoe or paddleboard. Take a seat for a scenic cruise, especially at sunset, and perhaps add cocktails or a meal while afloat. Stroll on a paved or planked riverwalk to leisurely explore the heart of cities large to small, including **Milwaukee**, **Green Bay**, **Beloit**, **Wisconsin Dells** and **Superior in Douglas County**. Swim, sunbathe, hike or simply linger at a lakefront café. Dozens of lighthouses in Wisconsin still stand as nautical beacons, especially along Lake Michigan. **Door County**'s 11 lighthouses is the highest concentration within the state. At the 1888 **North Point Lighthouse** in **Milwaukee**'s Lake Park is a museum of lighthouse history and 84-step tower to climb.

North Beach in **Racine** (next to the city's lakefront zoo) and Bradford Beach in Milwaukee are certified Blue Wave beaches, an indication of

Door County contains Lake Michigan beaches to relax on, 11 lighthouses to admire and beautiful coastlines to sail with Door County Scenic Boat Tours.







View Milwaukee's legendary architecture and waterways with an excursion aboard Edelweiss Cruises and Boat Tours (left) or visit the 13-bedroom Black Point Estate with Lake Geneva Cruise Line (right).

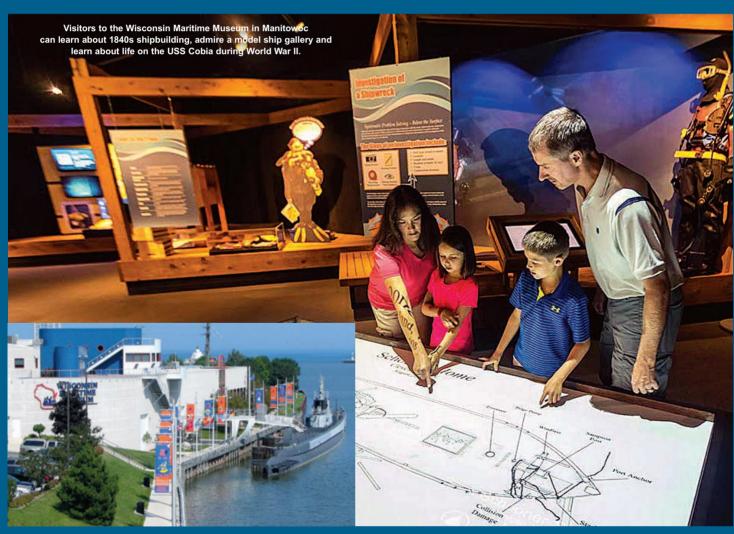
cleanliness and environmental quality. Apostle Islands National Lakeshore beaches, on Lake Superior and near Bayfield, earn this same elite designation from the Clean Beach Coalition. See lakefront cityscapes through **Edelweiss Cruises and Boat Tours** in Milwaukee; some of these narrated trips veer onto the Milwaukee River downtown as well.

Learn about Lake Michigan history at the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum** in Manitowoc, Rogers Street Fishing Village in Two Rivers and the Door County Maritime Museum in Sturgeon Bay. For a Lake Superior education, board **Madeline Island Ferry** in Bayfield and find the island's nautically rich museum, or get acquainted with lake lore at the **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center** outside of Ashland. Stationed in Superior is the S.S. Meteor, the world's last above-water whaleback ship. Excursions with Apostle Islands Cruises get close to Lake Superior's spectacular sea caves, whose windswept and dramatic formations are photographed in all seasons. Another option is to kayak to the sea caves. **Legendary Waters Resort** in Red Cliff is a popular lakeside spot for beginning the adventure.

To experience completely different waterfront rhythms, follow the Great River Road along 250 miles of Wisconsin and see the Mighty

Mississippi at work and play. A narrated ride on the La Crosse Queen, an authentic paddlewheeler, mixes nature and history lessons at a leisurely pace. Add an overnight in **La Crosse**, whose downtown is awash with riverfront dining, lodging and entertainment. Sixty miles south and past 600-foot-tall bluffs is **Prairie du Chien**, Wisconsin's second-oldest city and home to the riverside **Villa Louis Historic Site**, where costumed guides turn back the clock to the 1890s and immerse visitors in everyday Victorian living. Beautiful bluffs of sandstone etch the terrain inland too, particularly in and near **Wisconsin Dells**. That is where an **Original Wisconsin Ducks** ride on a historic amphibious vehicle traverses land and water. Tours began in 1946 after the ducks were retired from transporting World War II troops and supplies between ship and shore. No fleet of these wartime vehicles is larger.

**Dells Boat Tours** get close to dramatic rock formations, let passengers disembark and sometimes add dinner at sunset. Choose an Upper Dells or Lower Dells route: The two are separated by a Wisconsin River dam. Also in the Wisconsin Dells is the Tommy Bartlett Show, a waterskiing entertainment experience that has been thrilling Dells visitors since 1952. Performers create synchronized waterskiing formations, do incredible flips on a jet-propelled FlySki and jump over floating



The Wisconsin Maritime Museum in Manitowoc allows visitors to explore the USS Cobia, a American-made submarine that saw Pacific Theater action during World War II.

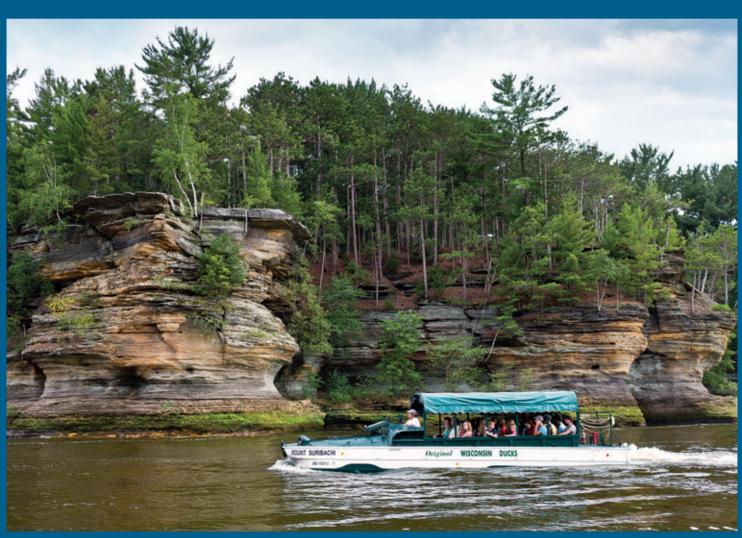
obstacles. Group rates are available for parties of 20 or more, and the show pairs perfectly with a Wisconsin Dells itinerary. In **Madison**, three lakes – Monona, Mendota and Wingra – Iull and engage visitors. Rent a paddleboat or canoe for a quiet encounter with nature on Lake Wingra. Take a Betty Lou Cruise as a pleasant introduction to the two larger bodies of water; go for just the sightseeing or add a themed meal. The State Capitol is Madison's tallest landmark, but more recent architecture – Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center – is a reminder that you're in Frank Lloyd Wright country. Monona Terrace, on Lake Monona, was designed by Wright but not built until decades after the architect's death.

It is possible to walk around the lake in Lake Geneva, where the lakeshore path is 21 miles and passes one gorgeous mansion after another. Another way to see the opulence and hear the stories behind the structures is through **Lake Geneva Cruise Line**. Tours of the 13-bedroom and blufftop **Black Point Estate**, a beer baron's family getaway in the 1880s, begin with a Lake Geneva Cruise Line ride. It is a reminder that this city is where many of Chicago's richest businessmen vacationed. The vibrant vibe in Lake Geneva is in bold contrast to Horicon Marsh , a federal- and state-protected sanctuary for hundreds of species

of birds. The nation's largest cattail marsh is roughly 14 miles long and up to five miles wide. North of Geneva is Delavan Lake, which guests can admire during a stay at **Lake Lawn Resort**. A ride on the 76-foot Lake Lawn Queen includes views of five Frank Lloyd Wright-designed homes and the opportunity for a catered meal on the open-air deck.

Horicon Marsh Boat Tours uses pontoon boats to guide visitors into the swampy oasis, which is a tranquil habitat for a complex ecosystem. Visit **Horicon Marsh Education & Visitor Center** for additional details. A short drive north is Lake Winnebago, the largest inland lake in Wisconsin and an unusual fishing destination because of the robust sturgeon population, enough for a spearing season in winter. Stop at Lakeside Park in **Fond du Lac** or Menominee Park in **Oshkosh** to get better acquainted with the lake.

Lake country is nearly everywhere in Wisconsin, and that includes the Northwoods community of **Minocqua**, where anglers cast for bass, pike, walleye and muskellunge on the area's 2,300 bodies of water. The locals call it "Nature's Original Waterpark" because of the lovely range of settings and activity: waterskiing, fishing, swimming, boating and paddling. Public beaches and boat access are plentiful too – more proof that the Badger State is a water lover's dream destination.



An Original Wisconsin Ducks voyage passes by dramatic sandstone formations along the Wisconsin River that were formed during the last ice age.

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ome to three major league franchises, a rich tradition of winter sports and several minor league baseball teams, Wisconsin offers plenty of sports-centric activities for group tours.

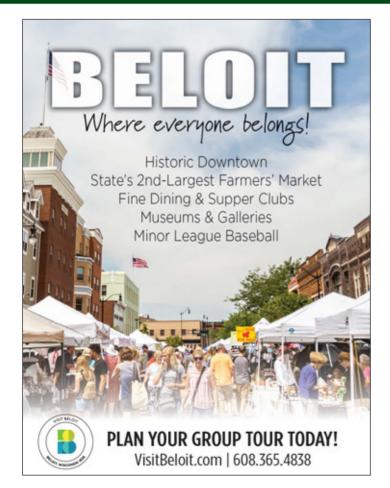
One of the world's most iconic franchises and a founding member of the National Football League in 1920, the **Green Bay Packers** are a Wisconsin institution whose

fandom spans generations. If your group doesn't want to endure the elements of the "Frozen Tundra" during a game, stop by to tour Lambeau Field (the oldest operating NFL stadium). Groups will pass through the Packers' locker rooms, press box and sidelines as guides explain the Packer's unique distinction as the only publicly traded American sports franchise. Later, explore the adjoining Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame to admire Super Bowl trophies, Vince Lombardi's desk and memorabilia from a century of team history.

More sports history awaits across the Northwoods in **Eau Claire**. Future stars Hank Aaron, Bob Uecker and Joe Torre all played in historic Carson Park as minor leaguers, and the venue still hosts

the Eau Claire Express summer league team. The franchise offers several group ticket packages, including seats in the 10th Inning Terrace Fan Deck, Bud Balcony and Best Seats in the House along the first base line. Groups can enjoy plated five-course meals and alcoholic beverages at discounted prices while watching America's pastime. Be sure to snap a photo of Hank Aaron's statue before departing.

The Beloit Snappers in the South Central Crossroads also offer a group-friendly



baseball experience. Currently the Single-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, the Snappers claim former All-Stars Paul Molitor and Prince Fielder among their alumnus and have played in Harry C. Pohlman Field since 1982. Groups of eight or more can register for the Hog Heaven Special, an all-you-can-eat and all-you-can-drink pass to the party deck, while groups of 20 or more will receive discounted tickets and hear their name announced over the PA system.

> Surfing may seem like an unintuitive activity in a state thousands of miles from the ocean, but the waves of Lake Michigan offer plenty of challenge to aspiring surfers and have given **Sheboygan** the moniker "Malibu of the Midwest." Aspiring surfers

can visit EOS Surf & Revolution Board Shop for private lessons and rental equipment, while group members who prefer to stay onshore can relax and watch surfers from across the world challenge the waves along the beaches of Deland Park.

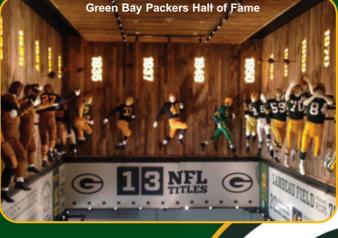
> Pictured: Guided Historic Tour by Roam Around Tours

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# **Theaters** and other **live performance venues** throughout the state provide group tour planners with **crowd-pleasing options**

hether your group is looking for Broadway musicals, classical concerts, ethnic entertainment or just a lot of laughs, Wisconsin stages deliver. Indoors or outdoors, matinee or evening performance, mainstream fare or something a little quirky—the choices are many. Some places combine the show with a meal, an allin-one arrangement that tour organizers always appreciate.

The Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson, for decades a staple of motorcoach tours in south-central Wisconsin, embraces groups with open arms. A destination in itself, The Fireside offers not only a 1,000seat restaurant and 700-seat theater-in the-round but also four gift shops and a bakery. Fine dining, old-fashioned hospitality and Broadwayquality productions make the Klopcic family's pride and joy one of the Midwest's premier meal-cum-entertainment attractions. The Fireside's 2020 playbill features lunchtime and dinnertime performances of *Saturday Night Fever, Guys & Dolls, A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement* (The Church Basement Ladies series), *What Happens in Vegas, Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn*. Nice little touches: Your

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group's presence is announced in the theater, and there are cookies for the trip home, compliments of the bakery.

Dinner with a show is also on the docket at **Rosewood** in Delavan, a community in the Lake Geneva area. Lunch, brunch and dinner packages (with choice of plated or buffet menus) include a cabaret show by entertainers Mark and Gretchen Hladish and Jo Hodgins. Among the many themed shows staged throughout the year are *Cruisin*' (favorites from the '50s and '60s), *Heart and Soul* (love songs from the past and current artists like Michael Bublé), *Salute to Broadway* and *Christmas Remembered*. Groups of 35 or more may choose their show.

Dancing Horses Theatre, also in Delavan, presents dazzling spectacles of equestrian artistry. Horses in a variety of breeds perform with exacting precision alongside their trainers in a 90-minute show that concludes with Dancing Waters, which features hundreds of water jets choreographed in a kaleidoscope of changing lights. Special holiday shows are available from November to January. Packages include the performance, a meal and an exotic bird show with parrots singing, roller skating and playing basketball. On backstage tours, visitors meet the trainers and horses up-close.

The **Marcus Center for the Performing Arts**, a cultural magnet in downtown **Milwaukee**, is home to the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Milwaukee Ballet Company and Florentine Opera Company. It also hosts touring Broadway shows, with this year's line-up including *The Lion King*, *My Fair Lady* and *Miss Saigon*.



Door County's Peninsula Players, America's oldest resident summer theater, stages comedies, dramas and hit Broadway musicals like The Drowsy Chaperone.

Numerous outdoor entertainment options await groups touring Milwaukee in the summer. Rousing ethnic entertainment draws crowds to Festival Park during events like **German Fest** (July 24-26, 2020) and **Irish Fest** (August 13-16, 2020). Summer visitors also flock to the **Wisconsin State Fair** (August 6-16, 2020) in West Allis, where 30 free stages showcase top local bands and national headliners.

Eastern Wisconsin's **Door County** peninsula is well known for its scenery, culinary treasures and recreational activities, but live theatrical and musical performances can also be part of the mix on your next itinerary. Did you know that this forested finger of land jutting into Lake Michigan is home to America's oldest resident summer theater? Since 1935, the **Peninsula Players** of Fish Creek has been pleasing audiences with comedies, dramas and musicals. In a pretty garden setting overlooking the waters of Green Bay, the company offers five plays each season (late June to mid-October) in a fully covered theater with side walls that raise or lower depending on the weather. Guests in autumn appreciate the heated floor. Play-goers often come early to stroll along the shore, enjoy a picnic or admire the sunset over a drink in the Beer Garden.

Northern Sky Theater is a summer theater experience outdoors under the starry sky located in the beautiful Peninsula State Park in Door County. Only original musical shows are presented that have been created specifically for Northern Sky audiences. Shows are performed here before being seen anywhere else. In the fall season, head indoors to enjoy an original show at the new Creative Center Gould Theater.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Egg Harbor, on the campus of a music academy centered around an old dairy barn with exceptionally fine acoustics, is another entertainment option in Door



"Go West!" is the name of the Western-themed Big Top shows in 2020 at Circus World, a Baraboo attraction that celebrates the town's circus heritage.

County. Percussion/steel band, symphony and Big Band jazz concerts are given in the 380-seat venue from mid-June to mid-August by students and nationally and internationally renowned musicians.

Groups in **Green Bay** will laugh their heads off at one of the all-original musicals created by **Let Me Be Frank Productions**. Fusing elements of *Saturday Night Live* sketches and pop concerts, the shows take



Fare at Milwaukee's Marcus Center for the Performing Arts ranges from Florentine Opera Company's The Tragedy of Carmen to English a cappella group Semi-Toned.



Tour groups looking for big laughs in Green Bay will find plenty of them at zany shows staged by Let Me Frank Productions at the historic Meyer Theatre.

place in downtown's historic Meyer Theatre. *Sputnik Manitowoc*, one of six shows scheduled for 2020, tells the story of a piece of Russia's Sputnik satellite that falls on Manitowoc in 1962—the Russians want it back and send their best to retrieve it; music is from the early 1960s

In the **Wisconsin Dells**, the **Palace Theater** presents Broadwayquality fare, headliner concerts, and tribute shows honoring great artists and bands of the past on its 48-foot stage. Highlights in 2020 include the comedy *Moon Over Buffalo* (January 15-March 8), *Legally Blonde—The Musical* (May 20-August 30), *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels—The Musical* (March 13-May 10), *Dial M for Murder* (September 9-November 1) and *Beauty and the Beast* (November 11-December 29). The dinner theater (a three-course meal is served directly to your seat) is located across from Wilderness Hotel & Golf Resort, the country's largest waterpark resort.

Dinner-and-show packages also are available at **Paul Bunyan's Cook Shanty & Dells Lumberjack Show**. World-champion athletes compete in chopping, sawing, log rolling, axe throwing and other events, all of which are derived from workday lumberjack skills. Fried chicken, buttermilk donuts and other hearty fare are served familystyle in pine log dining rooms decorated with logging camp artifacts and fixtures.

In neighboring **Baraboo**, audiences can watch live performances at venues that recall the town's legacy as the former winter quarters of the Ringling Bros. Circus and base of operations for other circuses early in the 20th century. **Circus World**, a themed attraction set on the banks of the Baraboo River, offers Big Top performances every summer, complete with elephants, horses, dogs, clowns, acrobats, jugglers and aerialists. "Go West!" is the name of its Western-themed show in 2020. On the third weekend in July, live performances and other festivities will draw thousands for **Baraboo's Big Top Parade and Circus Celebration**, an annual event. The parade (Saturday, July 18, 2020) will pass downtown's Al. Ringling Theatre, built in 1915 by the eldest of the world-famous Ringling brothers. The beautifully restored playhouse features live touring shows, classic films, local theater productions, facility tours and demonstrations on its Mighty Barton Organ.

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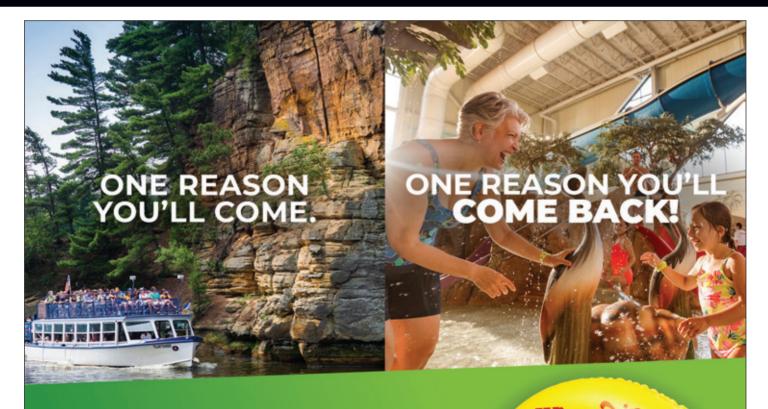
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#### **KENOSHA, PLEASANT PRAIRIE, RACINE, MILWAUKEE**

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#### **CEDARBURG, SAUKVILLE, MILWAUKEE**

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Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts

#### **MILWAUKEE**

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**Charles Allis Art Museum** 



Milwaukee Food Tours

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PAINE ART CENTER AND GARDENS Sherry Esslinger tours@thepaine.org 920-235-6903 1410 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI 54901 www.thepaine.org

#### Oshkosh/Fond du Lac/Appleton DMO



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Oshkosh/Fond du Lac/Appleton LODGING



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#### Oshkosh/Fond du Lac/Appleton LODGING



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#### Oshkosh/Fond du Lac/Appleton LODGING



The Comfort Inn Fond du Lac is conveniently located right off Highway 41. The 78-room hotel offers a complimentary continental breakfast buffet. Rooms feature a microwave, refrigerator, coffeemaker and complimentary Wi-Fi. Pool, whirlpool and 24-hour fitness center are also available. Comfort Inn is within an hour of Milwaukee, Madison, Green Bay and Sheboygan.

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### Oshkosh/Fond du Lac/Appleton LODGING

INN & SUITES' BY RADISSON

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# Oshkosh/Fond du Lac/Appleton

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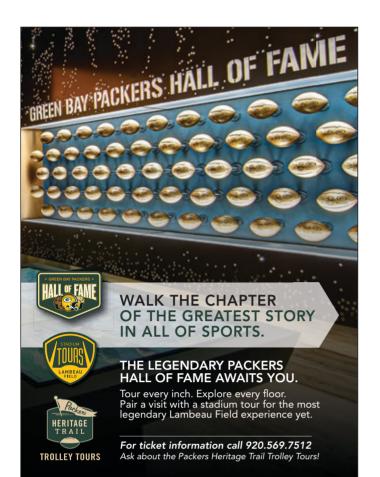
#### Sheboygan/Manitowoc Area ATTRACTION

#### Art Preserve John Michael Kohler Arts Center

The Art Preserve of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center lets visitors interact with the Arts Center's world-renowned collection of artist-built environments—evocations of the gardens, homes, parks and yards that artists filled or covered with works of art. Art Preserve opens August 29, 2020. Free admission.

#### ART PRESERVE

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Sheboygan/Manitowoc Area ATTRACTION



Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center is a state-of-the-art, interactive agricultural education center located in Manitowoc County. It provides visitors with the opportunity to connect to the industry by better understanding where their food comes from and why agriculture is so important to them. Free bus parking, cafe onsite.

FARM WISCONSIN DISCOVERY CENTER Angel Johanek angel@farmwisconsin.org 920-726-6004 7001 Gass Lake Rd., Manitowoc, WI 54220 www.farmwisconsin.org

#### Sheboygan/Manitowoc Area ATTRACTION



Horse-play allowed! You can almost hear the clip-clop of the horse hooves on the old plank road. Take a horse-drawn wagon ride back in time. Tour the Wade House stagecoach hotel, Dockstader Blacksmith Shop, Herrling Sawmill and Wesley W. Jung Carriage Museum.

WADE HOUSE Mary Burke wadehouse@wisconsinhistory.org 920-526-3271 W7965 State Hwy. 23, Greenbush, WI 53026 www.wadehouse.wisconsinhistory.org/group-tours/

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VISIT SHEBOYGAN Shelly Harms shelly@visitsheboygan.com 902-335-0065 826 S. 8th St., Sheboygan, WI 53081 www.visitsheboygan.com Sheboygan/Manitowoc Area ATTRACTION



You're invited to the Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum in Two Rivers to learn about typography, wood type and the rich history of American printing. The Hamilton Company, founded in 1880, became known as America's largest type maker. The Hamilton Museum features over 1 million pieces of this history.

HAMILTON WOOD TYPE MUSEUM Tootsie Marie Sommers tootsie@woodtype.org 920-794-6272 1816 10th St., Two Rivers, WI 54241 www.woodtype.org



The Wisconsin Maritime Museum engages and educates the public about the maritime history of Wisconsin in the Great Lakes region, including Wisconsin's World War II submarines and the USS Cobia, by collecting and preserving artifacts and archival materials, creating interactive exhibits, promoting research and developing and implementing maritime educational programs.

WISCONSIN MARITIME MUSEUMR Abbie Diaz adiaz@wisconsinmaritime.org 920-684-0218 75 Maritime Drive, Manitowoc, WI 54220 www.wicsonsinmaritime.org

#### Sheboygan/Manitowoc Area FESTIVAL



Making Spirits Bright is a drive-through show beginning Friday after Thanksgiving through December 31, 2020. Admission free in Sheboygan's Evergreen Park, where light displays are choreographed to music. Experience entertainment, photos with Santa and wreath raffles at nearby Quarryview Center.

MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT Gerry Plehn gplehn46@charter.net 920-234-2292 P.O. Box 441, Sheboygan, WI 53082 www.makingspiritsbright.com



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#### John Michael Kohler Arts Center

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CEDARBURG HISTORY MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER director@cedarburg.org 262-377-9620 N58 W6194 Columbia Rd., Cedarburg, WI 53012 www.cedarburg.org

#### Greater Milwaukee Area ATTRACTION



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GROHMANN MUSEUMN Ann Rice ricea@msoe.edu 414-277-2333 1000 N. Broadway, Milwaukee, WI 53202 www.msoe.edu/museum

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FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES SHEBOYGAN Joan Pinch jpinch@wiscohotels.com 920-322-8204 4117 S. Taylor Drive, Sheboygan, WI 53081 www.wiscohotels.com

## Greater Milwaukee Area ATTRACTION Charles Allis Art Museum

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CHARLES ALLIS ART MUSEUM Matt Pappas mpappas@cavtmuseum.org 414-278-8295 1801 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 www.charlesallis.org

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## Jewishuseum

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JEWISH MUSEUM MILWAUKEE Ellie Gettinger educator@jewishmuseummilwaukee.org 414-390-5730 1360 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53202 www.jewishmuseummilwaukee.org

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### MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

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MILWAUKEE IRISH FEST (CELTICMKE) Mike Mitchell info@irishfest.com 414-476-3378 1532 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213 www.irishfest.com

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# Central Eastern Shores

Sheboygan, Greenbush, Kiel, Manitowoc

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ead north to Sheboygan to open your eyes at an innovative cultural oasis recognized as a visionary leader in the international art world and a lively place for gathering: the John Michael Kohler Art Center. Offering participatory tour experiences, hands-on workshops and engaging curriculum, the Kohler Art Center can customize your group's experience and offers changing exhibits. What was once a dream grows closer to reality as the Kohler Arts Center nears completion of the Art Preserve - a 6.000-square-foot space designed to elevate the presentation and preservation of the center's well-known collection of artist-based environments. The public will have access to view the collection year-round. The main level is a facsimile of Eugene Von Bruenchenhein's pastel-colored frame home in Milwaukee where he created and stores thousands of photographs, paintings, sculptures and other works of art. The Preserve will also highlight the works and lives of over 30 artists with tableaux settings of art environments.

If visiting at the holidays, be sure to mark your calendar for **Making Spirits Bright** – a drive-through festival of lights choreographed to music from the Friday after Thanksgiving to the

Appleton Oshkosh Fond du Lac Greenbush

## SHEBOYGAN, GREENBUSH, KIEL, MANITOWOC

last day in December in Sheboygan's Evergreen Park. Make a stop at Quarryville Center across from the park for entertainment, photos with Santa and a wreath raffle.

On to Greenbush to tour the **Wade House** – a stagecoach hotel, blacksmith shop and carriage museum. Experience the thrill of a horse-drawn wagon ride through the woods. The Wesley W. Jun Carriage Museum offers a view of the past when horse-drawn transportation was the only means of getting around, with over 100 carriages and wagons spanning the period between 1870 and 1915.

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After your cheese appreciation tour head to the **Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center** in Manitowoc to learn more about where your food comes from, how it's produced and who is producing it. From interactive displays to a cow birthing barn and a café, the center offers your group insight into the world of today's farmer.





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**Oshkosh**, known as Wisconsin's Event City, offers groups a variety of experiences that include theater waterways, super clubs, waterfront dining, breweries and chocolate shops. Itineraries for groups include "Beer, Wine & Cheese," "Fun in the Sun" and "Museums & Art." An insight into aviation history awaits with a tour of the **EAA Aviation Museum**. Featuring more than 200 historic aircraft and a real working aerodrome, the museum is recognized as one of the most extensive aviation attractions in the world. The **Paine Art Center and Gardens** is a preserved historic estate featuring art, gardens and inspiration. Known as an "American Castle," the breathtaking 1920s mansion offers changing exhibits and amazing holiday displays.

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# West Eastern Shores

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East Troy Railroad Museum

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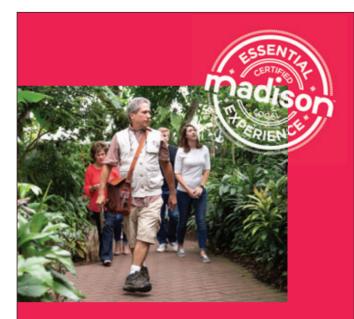


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## South Central Crossroads Europe in Wisconsin

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Nestled in the bend of the Yahara River, **Stoughton** celebrates its roots with four historic districts. Stroll back in time to an historic opera house. The downtown reflects the city's Norwegian heritage

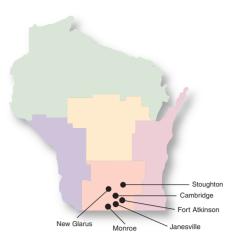


Janesville Rotary Botanical Gardens

## day 2

FORT ATKINSON

Spend the day in Fort Atkinson, founded in 1832 by General Henry Atkinson. Tour the city's downtown to see a replica of the original fort, a historical museum and dairy shrine. Fort Atkinson is best-known as the home of The Fireside Theatre, which presents professional Broadway musicals year-round along with fine dining and boutique shops. Make reservations well in advance to enjoy lunch and a show.



### JANESVILLE, CAMBRIDGE, STOUGHTON, NEW GLARUS

with gift and specialty shops as well as a heritage center. Travel to the picturesque community of **New Glarus**, which was settled in 1845 by Swiss immigrants. Known as "America's Little Switzerland," here you'll be immersed in Swiss architecture, customs and cuisine. The **New Glarus Hotel Restaurant** is known for its cozy atmosphere, Swiss yodeling and authentic Swiss and German cuisine. Enjoy the locally brewed beer and live polka music. Located in the Roth Kase Creamery, **Alp & Dell Cheese** proclaims "Eat cheese and live well." Located in Monroe, the viewing hall allows your group to observe the cheese-making process. Wisconsin cheesemakers start early, so reserve your day and time weekdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.



Alp & Dell Cheese



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## Northwoods and Lake Superior

## Members

### ATTRACTION

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## ATTRACTION



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#### DMO



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# Northwoods & Lake Superior

Wisconsin – Naturally!

#### EAU CLAIRE, CHIPPEWA FALLS, SUPERIOR, RED CLIFF

Start your tour at the Western Gateway to Wisconsin on the banks of the St. Croix River in Hudson. Head east to **Eau Claire**, which has things to do for history buffs, indie music lovers, art connoisseurs and foodies. Two rivers converge in the heart of downtown, and your group will enjoy museums, breweries and everything from fine dining to cafes and pubs.

Just north is **Chippewa Falls**, the invisible link that welcomes you to Wisconsin's Northwoods, or as the Wisconsinites call it, "Up North." This is where natural beauty meets local charm with a variety of tours including "Food & Farm," "Brews, Wines & Spirits," "History & Theater" and "Art & Ice Cream."

Then your northern point of view becomes the top of the western tip of the state in **Superior** on the Great Lake Superior. Tour museums and mansions, arts centers and a train depot. There's plenty of outdoor recreation, but when the sun goes down there's lots of arts and entertainment, including galleries and performing arts. The **Legendary Waters Resort & Casino** offers a panoramic view of Lake Superior and the Apostle Islands.

#### **MADELINE ISLAND, ASHLAND, MINOCQUA**

The Apostle Islands beckon you for a closer look at the spectacular landscape and island living as you board the **Madeline Island Ferry** in Bayfield. Be carried away on the 25-minute trip and enjoy island artistry, shopping and dining once you arrive at the city of La Pointe. Before leaving Lake Superior Country make a stop at the **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center** in Ashland. The Center will round out your tour of "God's County" with exhibits, an observation tower, theater and gift shop.

Now head south to **Minocqua**. A quick side trip before you get there takes you to Phillips to visit the Wisconsin Concrete Park. Guided tours can be arranged in advance to see this outdoor museum of 237 embellished concrete and mixed media sculptures. In **Minocqua**, natural resources combine with group-friendly attractions to make memories that last a lifetime. From dining and fall color tours to walkable downtown shopping and waterskiing shows, your group will enjoy this "Up North" experience in all seasons.

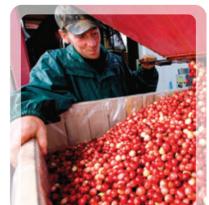
## WAUSAU/CENTRAL WI

n the center of the state is the greater **Wausau** area. Stop at the Center of the World in the tiny Wisconsin town of Poniatowski and have your group's picture taken at the marker designating the 45 North Parallel and the 90 West Parallel. Tour a large dairy farm or ginseng field, an art museum, and an historic district. You'll enjoy big city vibe with small town hospitality.

The **Central Wisconsin Tourism Association** represents three communities in the heart of the state: Marshield, Stevens Point/Plover and Wisconsin Rapids Area. They will assist you with a themed itinerary to include "Spud, Berry and Dairy Tour," "Garden/Nature Tour," "Industry Tour" or "Cranberry Tour." Or ask them to help customize your experience based on the group's interests.



Madeline Island Ferry







Chippewa Falls

# Mississippi River Valley & Beyond Expand your Range of View

on The Great River Road

#### **PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, COON VALLEY, LA CROSSE**

ake on a new perspective in Prairie du Chien. Wisconsin's oldest community rises above the confluence of the Mississippi and Wisconsin Rivers and offers spectacular views from the bluffs. Your scenic River Road Tour starts here! Your first stop is a Villa Louis, where you step into prosperous life of one of Wisconsin's wealthiest historic families. Their Victorian home was restored to its 1890s British Arts & Crafts splendor. This historic site offers groups step-on and walking tours of the downtown and a behind-the-scenes tour of the mansion: an in-depth look at the Dousman family from attic to basement.

Then it's on to Coon Valley to see Norskedalen Nature & Heritage Center, a Norwegian homestead. Set in the dramatic Driftless Area of high hills and green valleys, this site is a combination of heritage that focuses on the Norwegian immigrants who settled here and the charm of natural setting. Tour the 1890s restored log cabin, take a refreshing walk along the trails and enjoy a box lunch in an open-air shelter.

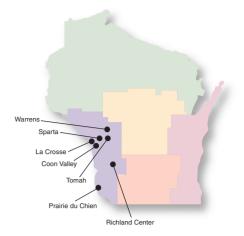
Travel to La Crosse, "God's Country," and make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. View traditional sacred art and architecture, take a walk along the Meditation Trail and visit the Pilgrim Center that houses a gift shop and restaurant offering delightful menu selections. The shrine has a fleet of golf carts and volunteers to transport your clients along the trails up to the Rosary Walk and Way of the Cross.

### **TOMAH, SPARTA, WARRENS, RICHLAND CENTER**

ead east to Tomah, known as Wisconsin's "Cranberry Country." Besides cranberries, discover the quiet simplicity of 19th century Amish farming traditions where horse-drawn buggies and colorful quilts drying on the line are all part of this quaint lifestyle. Explore the refuge and breeding ground for migratory birds and other wildlife at Necedah Wildlife Refuge, which is responsible for preserving a natural diversity and abundance of fauna and flora. The Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail is 33 miles of wilderness that passes through three railroad tunnels. In Sparta visit the Deke Slayton Memorial Space and Bike Museum with over 100 unique bikes and artifacts on loan from NASA and a real piece of moon rock. Make time for a stop at the Paul & Matilda Wegner Grotto - a fantastic garden of concrete sculpture decorated with thousands of glittering glass shards.

Head east to the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center in Warrens, which details the history of the state's cranberry industry. Call ahead for your group tour of the Cranberry Museum & Exhibit Hall. Your guided tour includes a vintage ice cream parlor and cranberry gift boutique.

Before you leave Wisconsin, head south to Richland Center to the Town of Stevenson Museum. This fictional town boasts a unique collection of antique and vintage vehicles from the 1800s to the 1950s. Tours by appointment offer a walk through a small Midwestern town in a farm building with recreations of the Richland Center General Store and the Town of Stevenson Fire Department. Among the collections are a Lucille Ball look-alike who is staffing the "switchboard" and a purse owned by Elizabeth Taylor. Your group will bring home stories to last a lifetime.





Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail

## Mississippi River Valley and Beyond

#### ATTRACTION

Norskedalen

Open year-round, enjoy the beauty of the Driftless Region while learning about the area's earliest settlers: Norwegian immigrants! See their homes, their belongings, hear their stories. Hike miles of trails through the wooded bluffs, enjoy a typical Norwegian meal. Complete your visit with a stop in the Gift Shop!

#### NORSKEDALEN NATURE & HERITAGE CENTER Lori Dubczak Lori.dubczak@norskedalen.org, 608-452-3424 N455 O. Ophus Rd., P.O. Box 235

Coon Valley, WI 54623

#### **ATTRACTION**



Walk through the doors of the Villa Louis Mansion and step into the life of one of Wisconsin's most historic families. Stroll through the extravagant lifestyle of the Dousman family from the fur trade industry to the end of the 19th century. Tours are offered at a discounted rate for groups of 10 or more. Tours can also be customized to cater to special interests (behindthe-scenes tours, kitchen-focused tours, etc.) for an additional fee.

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## ATTRACTION



Group tours are welcome at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse. Enjoy a guided tour of the Shrine Church, candle chapel, scenic paved trails and fragrant flower gardens. Don't forget to visit our large gift shop and delightful café. The Shrine offers group catering packages, daily Mass, and onsite bus parking. There is never a cost to visit!

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Steven Doll, sdoll@guadalupeshrine.org 608-780-9620 P.O. Box 1237, 5250 Justin Rd. La Crosse, WI 54602 www.guadalupeshrine.org

## ATTRACTION



The Knoepker and Van Wychen families, new owners of the Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center, welcome you to their 4,800square-foot facility that details the history of the state's cranberry industry. This former cranberry sorting warehouse houses a history exhibit hall, ice cream parlor and cranberry gift shop.

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Tomah is known as "Cranberry Country," but we head "Beyond the Bog," too! There's so much going on...Downtown Thursday Nights, Grand National Tractor Pull, Monroe Country Fair, Warrens Cranberry Festival, shopping, fitness studios and many dining options. Be sure to book at one of our many great hotels!

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## ATTRACTION



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# Wisconsin's Heartland

Iconic Wisconsin

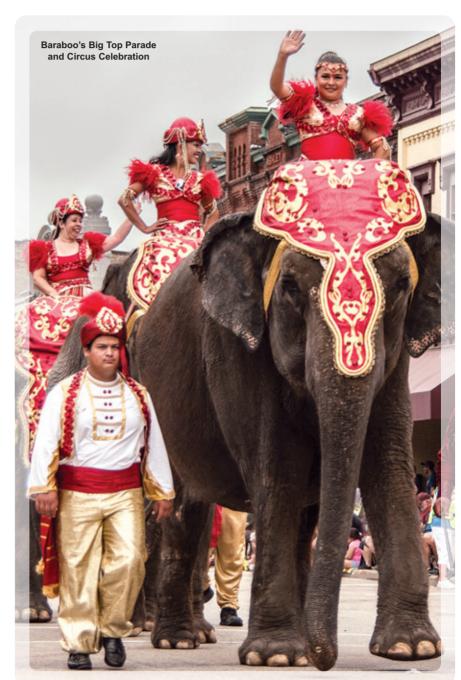
Your tour begins in "The Waterpark Capital of the World": the Wisconsin Dells. Stop in the Visitor Center for a welcome bag for everyone on the coach and choose from a variety of itineraries including Summer and Fall Senior Tours and a Day Tasting Tour that starts with cheese and fudge and moves on to popcorn before shopping and lunch. The Dells offers a variety of experiences and adventures that keep you coming back year after year. Nestled along the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers is the historic town of **Portage**. Take a Historic Portage Downtown & Waterfront Walking Tour. See one of the oldest log houses in Wisconsin or enjoy a concert in the Park.

Then it's on to **Baraboo** – Circus City. Roll through breathtaking views of bluffs and hills to the town that celebrates everything Big Top; it's home of the Ringling Brothers and winter headquarters of the famed circus from 1884 to 1918. **Circus World** offers animals, shows and exhibits. Witness the largest collection of circus wagons in the world and hear their colorful stories as told by museum docents. **Baraboo's Big Top Parade and Circus Celebration** honors all things circus every summer in July. Enjoy concerts and performances and the main attraction: the Big Top Parade with over 85 circus-themed entries.





#### WISCONSIN DELLS, PORTAGE, BARABOO



## day 2

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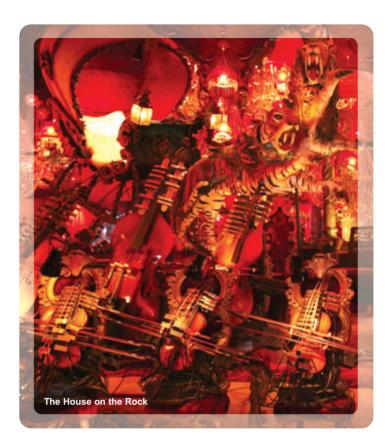
#### **NORTH FREEDOM, SPRING GREEN**

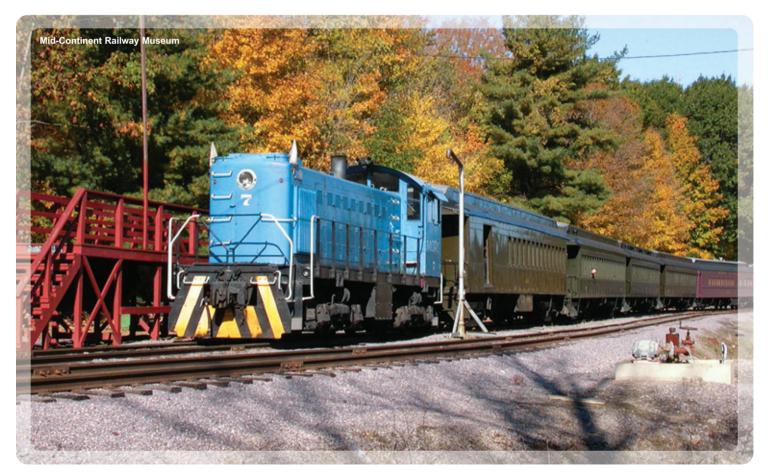
The whistle blows for your first stop at the **Mid-Continent Railway Museum**, an outdoor history museum and operating railroad in North Freedom. The museum recreates, preserves and interprets "The Golden Age of Railroading." Excursions based on the time of year include "Autumn Color," "Pumpkin Special," "Santa Express," "Snow Train," "Stars and Stripes" and "Vintage Rail Car Tours."

Built on a chimney of rock in Spring Green, **The House on the Rock** is one of Wisconsin's most iconic attractions with the world's largest collection of collections, including the world's largest carousel with all kinds of animals but no horses!

### **MIDDLETON. MADISON**

Your South Central Crossroads tour now takes you to Middleton just minutes from the state capital in Madison. Choose from a variety of tour options for full-, half- and multi-day tours that include shopping, a brewery tour, a historical museum, a mustard museum, one of the largest year-round garden centers, downtown Madison tour and may other options. You'll enjoy the wide choice of dining experiences in the area with a myriad of cuisine from around the world to please every palate.





## Wisconsin Heartland Region

WI Rapids/Marshfield/Stevens Point



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Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo **ATTRACTION** 



rain rides, railroad museum and gift shop. Trains depart from an authentic 1894 C&NW depot where you'll discover fascinating displays. The museum grounds and buildings house more steam engines, vintage railroad coaches, freight cars and cabooses, many artfully restored and nationally renowned.

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he Wausau/Central Wisconsin CVB welcomes groups to experience many attractions in the greater Wausau area. Visit the Leigh Yawkee Woodson Art Museum, explore the Andrew Warren Historic District, stop at the 45x90 Marker, tour a ginseng farm and more. Big city amenities and small town hospitality await your next visit.

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> Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo ATTRACTION



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