



Minnesota's Great River Road:

THREE DAYS OF SCENIC WONDERS, RIVER TOWNS & THE MIGHTY MISSISSIPPI

Winona, Minnesota offers groups breathtaking Mississippi River scenery, rich history, and unique cultural attractions. Explore the Minnesota Marine Art Museum, discover the city's stained-glass heritage, shop at the historic Watkins General Store, and watch for more on the soon-to-open Minnesota Masterpiece Hall.

DAY 1

Marine Art Museum and More

Morning/Lunch: At the Minnesota Marine Art Museum, groups enjoy a seamless experience with docent-led tours through six galleries of world-class, water-inspired art. Motorcoach parking, easy drop-off access, spacious galleries, the scenic Waterbar Cafe overlooking the Mississippi River, and six acres of native gardens make it an ideal group stop.

Afternoon: Explore downtown Winona with a guided tour from the Winona County Historical

Society through 13 blocks listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Along the way, admire the historic architecture and stained glass of WNB Financial and Merchants Bank. Continue to the iconic Watkins General Store & Museum, where guests can discover a piece of Winona's local history through unique displays and products.

Evening: Dinner at Signatures Restaurant pairs locally inspired cuisine with panoramic bluff views in a welcoming setting designed for groups. Flexible private dining spaces, outdoor patio seating, signed memorabilia—including a surprise Elvis sighting—and a private mixology class create a memorable end to the day.



Today's Highlight: Discover Winona's architectural legacy through its historic downtown district, featuring preserved storefronts, civic buildings, and cultural landmarks that showcase the city's rich river heritage.

DAY 2

An Up-Close Eagle Encounter

Morning: Experience the majesty of our nation's bird at the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN, set along the scenic Mississippi River. Home to live Bald Eagles on exhibit daily, the Center offers an unforgettable, up-close encounter with these iconic raptors through engaging educational programs.

Lunch: Tap into your inner child at LARK Toys in Kellogg, a whimsical destination featuring a hand-carved carousel, mini golf, café, bookstore, resident llamas, antique toy-filled hallways, and a curated selection of toys, games, candy, and gifts that delight visitors of all ages.

Afternoon: Tour Willet Stained Glass Studio and step inside a working studio where centuries-old craft meets world-renowned artistry. Founded as Hauser Art Glass in 1946, the studio has created and restored stained glass featured in more than 15,000 buildings worldwide—including the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

Evening: River City Grill offers groups a relaxed dining experience with a diverse menu of American favorites, friendly service, and ample space to gather for a memorable meal.

Today's Highlight: Take in sweeping views of the Mississippi River Valley from Garvin Heights Overlook, where limestone bluffs, winding waterways, and the city below create an unforgettable Driftless Region photo opportunity.



DAY 3

A Cruise on the Mighty Mississippi

Morning: Located just off Hwy 61, groups can enjoy a private tour with the owner of Remlinger Collector Car Museum. Jim Remlinger brings the collection to life through stories of Midwest drag racing history, featuring vintage race cars, rare go-karts, antique bicycles, and nostalgic Main Street displays.

Lunch: Enjoy a relaxed meal at Wellington's Pub & Grill, offering a welcoming atmosphere and classic favorites before continuing the day's adventures.

Afternoon: Your Winona experience would not be complete without a cruise along the mighty Mississippi River aboard the Winona Tour Boat. Captain Aaron and his co-captain and son River share stories of the Upper Mississippi River Valley while guests spot wildlife and experience Winona's unique boathouse community.

Late Afternoon: End your visit with a stop at Bloedow Bakery, a beloved local tradition serving handmade donuts, pastries, and sweet treats since 1924.

Today's Highlight: Experience the Mississippi River from a new perspective aboard the Winona Tour Boat, where history, wildlife, and river culture come together for an unforgettable group experience.



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