

Pella Tulip Festival & American Dreams

Featuring Surf Ballroom & the Celebration Belle

May 1-4, 2012

Tuesday, May 1 – Herbert Hoover Museum & Galleria De Paco

We start by heading north, picking up travelers on our way to Iowa with stops along the way. Our lunch is at the Trump Heritage Haus, a quaint Bed and Breakfast that was built in 1875 at the northern edge of the state in Kahoka, MO. The Trump family has been farming in northern Missouri for generations and a visit with the proprietors will give you a peek into the life they live on the family farm. After lunch, we head into Iowa and visit the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site hometown of Iowa's only US President. Hoover grew up in this idyllic landscape and the National Park Service maintains the Quaker Village where he spent his early years. After our tour it's off to dinner in Waterloo at an unusual location - Galleria De Paco's "Sistine Chapel Ceiling" Restaurant. The ceiling is an incredible sight, as artist Paco Rosic created a breathtaking masterpiece using 5,200 cans of Krylon spray paint as he lay on scaffolding for 4 months! Enjoy a presentation by Jacky, his father, and recent U.S. citizen. (L, D)

Wednesday, May 2 – Cruising on the Celebration Belle & the Amana Colonies

After a filling breakfast we head out to our next destination, the John Deere Headquarters in Waterloo, Iowa for a tour of the actual factory where these green and gold machines are built. "Nothing runs like a Deere." Then it's off for a narrated lunch cruise down the Mississippi on the Celebration Belle. The paddle wheeler lets you enjoy the ride while enjoying a delicious lunch along the beautiful upper Mississippi with its clear water and pastoral scenery. We head out from there to the Amana Colonies, a National Historic Landmark settled by German immigrants calling themselves the Community of True Inspiration. From 1855 until 1930 they were nearly completely self-sufficient, with very limited trade with the rest of the US. Our guide will tell us more during our Sightseeing Tour of Amana with stops in 3 shops before we have Dinner in the Amana style. Our evening accommodations are at the Country Inn & Suites in Pella, Iowa.

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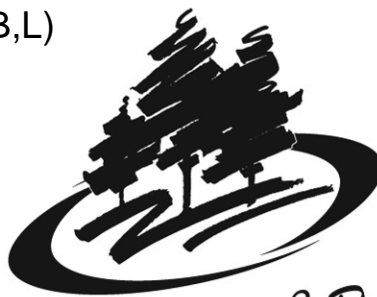
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Thursday, May 3 – Pella Tulip Festival & Buddy Holly

Today is the day you've been waiting for – the Pella Tulip Festival! Since our hotel is right in town you will have a great night's rest without having to get up too early to make our way in to town. We start with a hearty breakfast at the hotel before our City Tour and Windmill Tour with a local guide from Pella! Get the insider's perspective on this annual event celebrating the town's Dutch heritage. There are many events going on, including traditional Dutch dancing, singing by the Dutchesses, and a Glockenspiel Performance. You're on your own to explore the village until the parade at 1:00PM. If you want to hitch a ride, the festival offers golf cart "limos" for only \$4 for an all-day pass. At 1:00 pm watch the parade and pre-parade events in style from our reserved grandstand bleacher seats! We'll have another break before heading to our dinner and musical entertainment this evening at the Surf Ballroom. In 2009 this venue was recognized as a Historic Rock and Roll Landmark by the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, as it was the site of the last concert performed by Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, and "The Big Bopper" before the infamous plane crash that took their lives in 1959. After fun in the 50s we head to our accommodations for the evening, the Best Western, Clear Lake, Iowa. (B,D)

Friday, May 4 – Field of Dreams and Russell Stover

No trip to Iowa is complete without a visit to The Field of Dreams. The location of the set where the 1989 movie loosely based on the story of "Shoeless" Joe Jackson and the scandalized Chicago "Black Sox" was filmed, the Field of Dreams received its first visitors just days after the film hit theatres. Since then people have come from all over the world to this site, and over 20 years later the field remains the same as it was when the shooting wrapped up. We're on the home stretch now, and we'll have some more stops along the way. We'll be home this evening, with fond memories of Iowa safe in our hearts and minds. (B,L)



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Tour Price: \$579 pp dbl occ \$752 single, \$521 pp tpl, \$476 pp quad

Deadline is March 9 to secure your room and reserved seating for the parade. After that date it will be on a space available basis.

Price includes:

9 Meals (3 B, 3 L, 3 D)

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