

AUGUST 17-24, 2019
8 DAYS • 19 MEALS

Wisconsin DNR



Meet the friendly owners of Bartling's Manitowish Cranberries

Wisconsin's Northwoods

Discover the Hidden Treasures of the Famed Northwoods

Ah, to experience the essence of the Northwoods. It's something every Wisconsinite longs for – and now we'll share it with you! Every Wisconsinite waits for those warmer summer months where they can head to a lake, enjoy a boat ride, and relive simpler times. That's what the Northwoods delivers – friendly people, quaint small towns, clean lakes, crisp air, the smell of pine trees, and wildlife from bear to bald eagles. This authentic Northwoods tour of the Badger State will enchant.

DAY 1—KEARNEY/MINNEAPOLIS

Kick back and relax as deluxe motorcoach leads us toward Wisconsin. Tonight's stay is in Burnsville, MN. **B, L, D**

DAY 2—WELCOME TO WISCONSIN!

Following a "Welcome to the Badger State" lunch, we'll arrive in Wausau and visit the Internationally-acclaimed Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. This museum features both an indoor art exhibit and an amazing outdoor sculpture garden. Later, we'll meet retired Wisconsin teacher Jim Harris. What he does during his free time will amaze – travelling to Laos, Cambodia, he works to dismantle bombs, land mines and other unexploded devices leftover from war. Jim will explain his experiences with the villagers in Nakai District, Khammuan Province of Laos. Tonight we stay in the charming city of Wausau at the Jefferson Street Inn. **B, L**

DAY 3—RIB MOUNTAIN/GINSENG PRODUCTION/MINOCQUA

This morning we start our day at the top of hard-to-miss Rib Mountain, which peaks at 1,942 feet. Later, we'll tour Hsu Ginseng, a highly-sought after ingredient used in Asian medicine. As one of the world's most successful ginseng growing operations, Hsu Ginseng cultivates this unique crop on more than 1,000 acres. Next, we join the 45 X 90 club at the precise center of the Northern half of the Western Hemisphere. You will stand exactly halfway between the equator and the North Pole, and a quarter of the way around earth from Greenwich, England. Enjoy the first of 3 nights in downtown Minocqua in the heart of the Northwoods Lake Country. You can shop at the many boutiques, dine at local restaurants, or take a scenic lakeside stroll. On summer nights, locals grab their bats, gloves – and snowshoes! For more than 50 years, weekly snowshoe baseball games have entertained as players run the bases wearing full-size snowshoes. We'll take in tonight's festive matchup! **B, L, D**

DAY 4—CRANBERRY BOG/UPPER PENINSULA/STORMY KROMER/WATERFALLS

Today we take an up-close look at a family-run cranberry farm at Bartling's Manitowish Cranberries. Wisconsin produces more cranberries than any other state and more than half of the entire world's supply. From the bogs, we journey to Ironwood, MI, for a behind-the-scenes tour of Stormy Kromer's factory. They have been manufacturing their iconic railroad caps since 1903. We next traverse through the scenic Upper Peninsula of Michigan, or what locals call "The U.P.", to marvel at spectacular Bond Falls. Flowing out of the Ontonagon River, Bond Falls is one of the most picturesque waterfalls in all the Midwest. **B, L**



DAY 5—NORTHWOODS FIRE PROTECTION/ CHARMING EAGLE RIVER/SUPPER CLUB

Today, we learn about Dr. Kate, who in winter months traveled long distances via snow shoes to reach her patients. Then, David Osborne and Ferdy Goode show us why they are renown for their amazing handwork with canoes. We also travel to the Woodruff DNR Fire Station Headquarters to learn how the DNR tracks and fights forest fires. We enjoy lunch on our own today in downtown Eagle River, where Mom-and-Pop soda shops and delectable restaurants beckon. After lunch, we discover the hidden gem known as the Northwoods Petroleum Museum. A homage to simpler times, the exquisitely-kept vintage petroleum equipment will spark fond memories. Tonight, we're in for an authentic Wisconsin experience – dinner at a traditional supper club. The famous Little Bohemia is one of the locations where John Dillinger's gang had a shootout—bullet holes are still preserved in the walls. **B, D**



Take a step back in time at the Northwoods Petroleum Museum

DAY 6—RHINELANDER/FISHING LURES/POTATO FARM

After a hearty breakfast at Paul Bunyan's Lumberjack Camp, we are on the lookout for a Hodag, this mythical, mischievous beast has become the official symbol of the city of Rhinelander and lived in Northwoods' legend since 1896. Keeping a watch out, we visit the Pioneer Park Historical Complex in Rhinelander. Here we experience life in 1900's schoolhouse, logging museum and lumberjack camp, civilian corps museum and railroad depot. As we leave Hodag country, we take an exclusive tour of Mepp's Fishing Lures Factory. Mepp's will demonstrate the step-by-step hands on process of making world class fishing lures. Next we visit Schroeder Bros. Potato Farm. This award-winning family farm is a top level producer for Frito Lay. We spend the night in Shawano. **B, L**

DAY 7—AMISH COUNTRY/CHAIN OF LAKES/DRIFTLESS AREA/IOWA CITY

This morning make sure you wake up hungry – we are guests at a local Amish home in Shawano for a homemade breakfast. Next, we'll cruise on the Chief Waupaca on Waupaca's crystal-clear Chain of Lakes. This scenic lake excursion will pass many log cabin lake homes, provide breathtaking views and teach us about the history of the Chain of Lakes. Afterwards, we will enjoy a delicious lunch dockside at the Clear Water Harbor Boat House. We'll then drive through Wisconsin's Driftless Area, a scenic region untouched by glaciers, and through Dubuque on our way to our overnight in the Davenport/Iowa City area. **B, L, D**

DAY 8—WESTWARD BOUND

With amazing memories of Wisconsin's famed Northwoods fresh in mind, we continue home to Kearney. **B, L**

Discoveries Experience

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Price Per Person:

Double: \$1,689; Single: \$2,259

Depart/Return: Kearney, NE

Highlights & Inclusions

- Personal visits with working ginseng, cranberry and potato farmers
- Behind-the-scenes tours of Mepp's Fishing Lures and Stormy Kromer hats
- Attend a Snowshoe Baseball game in Lake Tomahawk
- View gorgeous Bond Falls in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan
- Enjoy a delicious homemade breakfast at an Amish home
- Visit the geographic marker exactly halfway between the Equator and the North Pole
- Experience the nostalgic Northwoods Petroleum Museum
- Sightseeing cruise on Chain of Lakes
- Bag handling (1 per person) at Wisconsin hotels
- Fees/tips for included attractions and meals
- 24-hour emergency call service, free bottled water on coach
- Gratuities (Tour Director and Driver included)

Quality Accommodations

Night 1: Burnsville, MN

Night 2: Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau

Nights 3-5: The Pointe Hotel and Suites, Minocqua

Night 6: Quality Inn, Shawano

Night 7: Davenport/Iowa City

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Spectacular Bond Falls

Tour Pricing

- \$1,689 per person based on double occupancy
- \$2,259 per person based on single occupancy

Departs from Kearney, Nebraska.

Note: To fully enjoy and experience this tour, travelers should be in good walking condition.

The Group Protection Plan has been purchased on behalf of all travelers. A copy of the plan document will be provided. Claims will be processed through Travel Insured International. No refunds after final payment.

This tour is operated by our friends at:



Deposit: A \$250 per person deposit is required to confirm your reservation. Reservations are confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Your deposit will be credited against your final payment.

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