



Midwest Getaway

Lakes, Legends, and Local Flavor

— MULTIPLE DATES —

Cruise the sparkling waters of Lake Geneva, stroll the historic streets of Galena, explore Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin, and discover the traditions that continue to shape the Midwest. From the sparkling shores of Lake Geneva to the rolling hills of Galena and the mighty Mississippi River, this thoughtfully crafted journey blends relaxation with fascinating discoveries. Along the way, you'll explore historic landmarks, visit local farms, cruise scenic waterways, and experience the communities that make the Midwest so memorable.

DAY 1: MILWAUKEE/LAKE GENEVA/YERKES OBSERVATORY

Your Midwest getaway begins with a warm welcome brunch before traveling to the picturesque resort town of Lake Geneva. Take in the scenery on a narrated cruise, where elegant estates and tranquil shorelines provide a perfect introduction to your getaway. Spend time exploring the lively lakeside downtown before continuing to the historic Yerkes Observatory. Discover one of the birthplaces of modern astronomy as you explore this architectural and scientific landmark. This evening, gather for a casual catered dinner before settling in for the night. **B, D**

DAY 2: NICHOLAS CONSERVATORY/TINKER SWISS COTTAGE/GALENA

Travel to Rockford this morning to visit Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens. Explore colorful plant collections and enjoy views along the river before continuing to the Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum, a beautifully preserved home known for its distinctive architecture and fascinating history. Later, arrive in Galena, where preserved 19th-century buildings and historic charm have made this one of the Midwest's most beloved destinations. Your home for the next three nights is the historic DeSoto House Hotel, Illinois' oldest operating hotel since 1855, conveniently located just steps from Main Street. **B, L**



DAY 3: GALENA TROLLEY TOUR/FREE TIME

Get acquainted with Galena on a guided trolley tour through its historic streets. Along the way, learn about Galena's lead mining heritage, its role during the Civil War, and the legacy of Ulysses S. Grant, whose home still stands as a testament to the town's past. This afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace. Stroll along Main Street, lined with locally owned boutiques, art galleries, antique shops, and inviting cafés housed in historic storefronts. You may choose to visit historic sites, sample local products, or simply soak in the charm of one of the Midwest's most picturesque towns. **B, L**

DAY 4: MISSISSIPPI RIVER/FARM EXPERIENCE/BREWERY/SUPPER CLUB

Dive into the history and culture of the region with a visit to the National Mississippi River Museum, where interactive exhibits bring the story of this iconic waterway to life. Continue to a local farm for an authentic Midwest experience, with a glimpse into daily farm life. Later, visit a regional brewery for a behind-the-scenes tour and tasting, showcasing local craftsmanship and flavor. This evening, enjoy dinner at a classic supper club, a true Midwestern tradition. **B, D**

DAY 5: GRAVITY HILL/TALIESIN/RETURN HOME

As your journey comes to a close, enjoy a scenic drive through the Wisconsin countryside with a stop at the curious Gravity Hill, where things aren't quite as they seem. Continue to Taliesin, the remarkable estate of Frank Lloyd Wright, where innovative design and rolling landscapes provide a memorable conclusion to your Midwest getaway. After lunch, return home with memories of Lake Geneva, Galena's historic charm, local traditions, and the communities that made this journey special. **B, L** 



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TOUR DETAILS

5 Days • 10 Meals

Jun 21-25, 2027

Aug 9-13, 2027

Price Per Person:

Double: \$1,957; Single: \$2,275

Pre/Post Hotel: \$168/night

Depart/Return:

Milwaukee, WI

HIGHLIGHTS

- Cruise the scenic waters of Lake Geneva
- Explore the historic Yerkes Observatory
- Visit Nicholas Conservatory and Gardens
- Tour the unique Tinker Swiss Cottage Museum
- Stay in the charming town of Galena
- Experience the Mississippi River Museum
- Enjoy a farm visit with picnic lunch
- Brewery tour and tasting
- Classic Midwestern supper club dinner

ACCOMMODATIONS

Night 1: Fairfield Inn and Suites, Lake Geneva, WI

Nights 2-4: DeSoto House Hotel, Galena, IL

