

Door County Delights

Featuring Washington Island, lunch at Al Johnson's, private cruise on Edelweiss II, Lambeau Field and Farmer's Markets!

Sept 21-25, 2025

Sunday, Sept 21 – We're on Our Way!

This morning depart from Columbia, IL with Dea heading to the Cape Cod of the Midwest. We'll take breaks along the way, with lunch on our own at one of our favorite stops, Portillo's! Portillo's is a local chain famous for their hot dogs, burgers, ribs and sandwiches, made quick and served right. We arrive at the Hyatt Regency hotel in downtown Milwaukee where we can walk to the dock. You will be treated like a VIP on our private cruise with dinner aboard the Edelweiss II. Watch the sunset as we enjoy a two-hour cruise along the Milwaukee River and the Inner Harbor of Lake Michigan. **(D)**

Monday, September 22 –EAA and arrive the Door County Peninsula

Put out your luggage, enjoy a hot breakfast at the hotel and we'll make a fun stop for a guided tour outside of Greendale, Wisconsin. Along with Greenbelt, Maryland and Greenhills, Ohio, Greendale, WI is one of three government sponsored "greenbelt" communities built as part of the Resettlement Administration under Franklin Delano Roosevelt's administration. Greendale was chosen due to its proximity to a major city (Milwaukee) and had to have enough space to develop a village center for shops, a community center and offices. Homes would be built around the center for ease of walking. We will enjoy lunch on our own at Culver's, started right here in Wisconsin, then we will stop at one of the most fascinating museums about flight, the EAA. What is that? It's the museum of the Experimental Aviation Association located in Oshkosh. Every year they have a famous fly-in for pilots from all over.

Then we head up the peninsula known as Door County. We head to Door County with a stop in Sturgeon Bay to enjoy a wine tasting at the Door County Peninsula Winery, a candle and coffee shop (based on owner's availability)



Our dinner today is at the The Log Den, in the heart of Door County. A wooded drive leads to the hand-carved masterpiece; a meticulously detailed 10,000 square foot restaurant and lounge was designed and built by the Lautenbach family, residents of Egg Harbor for five generations. With an atmosphere like no other, an eager to serve staff, and a savory menu, it is sure to be a one-of-a-kind Door County experience.

Our hotel is the Open Hearth Lodge, located on 6.5 acres of scenic Door County open space with landscaped lawn, rural meadows and young forests. Explore the property, catching a glimpse of deer, ducks or other wildlife with a walk beyond the patio. The owners and operators give guests a first-hand account of the ins-and-outs to enjoying Door County, while offering all the expected accommodations and amenities for a quiet night's stay. **(B, D)**

Tuesday, Sept 23 – Onward to Washington Island

This morning after breakfast, we head to the docks for our ferry ride to Washington Island! During the 30-minute boat ride, our local guide will explain the history of the outlying Islands with their lighthouses and give them an introduction to Washington Island. This island at the tip of Door County is home to quaint lighthouses and an incredible Norwegian Church that is an exact replica of one in Norway. We will learn about life on an island as they meet some of the residents. We have lunch at a local favorite before a stop at “Den Norske Grenda” for pictures of the sod-roofed Norwegian Building. Next we head to Historic Washington Harbor and beautiful School House Beach, where we will have a “stone skipping contest.” Step back into history at the farm museum and learn about island life without electricity! We enjoy a visit the Fragrant Isle Lavender Farm. We then return to the harbor before returning to Door County.



Dinner tonight is a Fish Boil at Pelletiers in Fish Creek. The Fish Boil is one of the iconic traditions of Door County, complete with a fiery “boil over.” (If you want chicken instead of the white fish, let us know prior to the tour) **(B,L,D)**

Wednesday, Sept 24 – Farmers Market, a Lighthouse and Goats on the Roof!

This morning after breakfast we tour Bjorklund Chapel, a small wooden chapel built in a late 12-century Norwegian stave church style. It has 41 fresco paintings and beautiful wood carvings. A chapel of peace



located on the Lake Michigan shore was built during WWII. It is a beautiful picture stop! Next up is Koepsel’s Farm Market, the oldest farmers market in Door County. Sample some of Wisconsin’s famous Cheddar Cheese as well as dried cherries and chocolate covered dried cherries, homemade jams/jellies/relishes. With a selection of cheese, fruits, meat and beer, there’s always something to find and bring home!

We stop for lunch at the world famous Al Johnson’s Restaurant for a Swedish Variety Lunch. For years visitors would stop for photos of the goats on the roof, and would then keep returning for the great food! They have become so popular that the goats have their own web cam.

Then it’s off to Peninsula State Park & Eagle Bluff Lighthouse. Perched on a bluff 76 feet above Green Bay’s glistening waters, Eagle Bluff Lighthouse’s lamp brought solace to many a sailor suffering through a storm’s gale or the dark of night. Restored to its past glory, Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Museum is a tribute to the keepers who kept the lamp lit on many a dark and stormy night.

We have a tour by knowledgeable docents who share the personal stories of the keepers who manned the light from 1868 – 1926. Furnished with some of the keepers’ original furnishings, as well as authentic period antiques, the Eagle Bluff Lighthouse Museum is a story of not only the men who toiled through the night, but also their wives and children.

Alas, it’s time to depart this lovely peninsula and head back down to overnight at the Oneida Hotel (formerly the Radisson) in Green Bay, WI located next to the Oneida Casino. The hotel will provide a \$10 voucher for any restaurant on property to apply towards dinner and the casino will give you some fun money.

(B, L, \$10 Dinner Voucher)

Thursday, Sept 25 – Lambeau Field and Mars Cheese Castle

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then we head down the street to one of the NFL's most beloved teams' home field, Lambeau. We enjoy a guided tour and learn all about the history of the Green Bay Packers, also known as cheese heads for the triangle shaped cheese hats they wear to the game. Enjoy a stop in the gift shop before we head . And we'll be sure to stop at a cheese shop for that authentic Wisconsin experience. Mars Cheese Castle is a city in itself. Enjoy lunch on your own and bring home some great sausage and cheese for the fall wine and beer season. We return home this evening with wonderful memories of our time together in Door County. Thank you for traveling with us! **(B)**

Trip includes:

- ✓ Round-Trip transportation on a luxury Motor Coach from Monroe County Y
- ✓ Edelweiss Dinner Boat Cruise
- ✓ Eagle Bluff Lighthouse
- ✓ Ferry to Washington Island and day tour there
- ✓ Guided 2 day tour of Door County Peninsula with our local guide
- ✓ Lambeau Field Tour
- ✓ Admission to the EAA – Experimental Aviation Association Museum, Osh Kosh, WI
- ✓ Mars Cheese Castle
- ✓ Stay 1 night Hyatt Regency, 2 nights Open Hearth Lodgn and 1 night Onieda Lodge, Green Bay
- ✓ 11 meals (5 Breakfasts, 2 Lunch, 4 Dinners) plus Drink Coupon at Oneida
- ✓ Round-trip luggage handling from the coach to your room
- ✓ 2 Professional Tour Directors throughout tour
- ✓ All gratuities to Driver, Guides, and Wait Staff at included meals

\$1,972 Per person, Double Occ \$2,396 Single \$1,895 Per person, Triple/ Quad

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