



Wisconsin's Autumn Colors - Door County & Cranberries!

6 Days: October 7-12, 2012



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For many years NorthLand Travel has offered fall tours to Warrens, WI, for the Cranberry Harvest and to Door County to see the fall colors. The past several years these two classic tours have been combined into one very popular 6-day trip, spending 3 days and nights in scenic Door County.



October 7 we pick up in our scheduled departure cities, with a lunch break in Du-buque. As we cross the Mississippi River we should be treated to a variety of colors in the trees along the river. Wisconsin color in the fall is a treat for the eyes. We will stop in Middleton, WI, to visit the **National Mustard Museum** where we will learn all about mustard and their famous "Poupon U", America's mustard college. We will continue our travel to Oshkosh for the night. Our hotel has an indoor pool, computer access in the lobby and an elevator. Our catered **evening meal** in our hotel allows us the opportunity to relax and get to know our new traveling companions.



October 8 following **breakfast** we travel to Sturgeon Bay for a **docent-led tour** of the **Maritime Museum**. For lunch today you will be on your own at Culvers, famous for their custard ice cream. This afternoon and evening you will be on your own to shop, stroll along Green Bay and enjoy the unique little village of Fish Creek. There are several nice restaurants in Fish Creek including one that will be offering a fish boil for those of you who want to experience a unique local dining event. You will be able to watch as potatoes, onions, and white fish are boiled in a large kettle over a wood fire. Just before serving, the fire intensifies, causing the ceremonial boil over. Following your adventure we check into a very cozy hotel in Sister Bay, which will be our home for the next 3 nights. The hotel has a computer available and an indoor pool.

October 9 following **breakfast** we travel north to the Northport pier where we meet our **step-on guide**. We load the bus onto the ferry headed for **Washington Island**. As we cross to the island we will learn the history of some of the other outlying islands. Our guide has lived on Washington Island for many years and provides us with a unique perspective of island life. We will tour the island and enjoy **lunch** of homemade soup, Scandinavian-style open-faced sandwiches, chips, salad and a choice of home-baked pie or cake. To stretch your travel dollars as far as possible, **all meals are included while touring Door County the next 2 days**. As we travel through picturesque little towns, you will see why Door County is often referred to as the "**Cape Cod of the Midwest**." Mid-afternoon we return to the mainland and our hotel. We will have some time to relax before **dinner at Al Johnson's Restaurant**. The exterior of this unique restaurant was disassembled in Sweden, shipped to the U.S. and reassembled. Goats graze on the sod roof during the day. The menu tonight includes Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, Swedish limpa bread, tossed salad, beverage and cherry cheese pie.



October 10 after **breakfast** our **step-on guide** will take us on a tour of Door County and tell us the history of each town along the way. We will visit many unique sites including **Bjorklunden Stave Chapel**, much like one in Lillehammer, Norway, with many fresco paintings and woodcarvings. **Lunch** features Cornish hen, wild rice, and glazed carrots. Our journey continues as we tour the largest state park in Wisconsin and see **Eagle Bluff Lighthouse**. Next we visit an area **winery** where we will learn about wine production and have an opportunity to sample various wines. We will also have an opportunity to purchase a variety of food items produced in Door County. We then return to the hotel to rest before a featured meal in Bailey's Harbor where we will enjoy a **prime rib dinner** set against a backdrop of Lake Michigan.



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October 11 after another **breakfast** we head west across Wisconsin to our other featured attraction, the **Cranberry Harvest**. We will have a very nice **lunch** at **Burnstad's European Café** in Tomah, WI. We then travel to a **cranberry bog**, where we can watch the berries being harvested and learn all about raising and marketing cranberries from the owner. You will have a chance to purchase berries directly from the producer. We will stop at **Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center** in Warrens. There, you'll learn the history of cranberry growing & harvesting and have an opportunity to purchase unique cranberry products. How about cranberry ice cream before heading to our hotel to relax?



October 12 following **breakfast** at our hotel, we tour **Fort McCoy**, an active military base. Our itinerary will include a short, **narrated driving tour** followed by a visit to the **History Center** and the barracks as they were during WW II. We continue our travel west with a short stop at **La Crescent, MN**, where you will have an opportunity to buy apples and other fall harvest items. We'll drive through the beautiful **Minnesota River Valley** on our way to Decorah for **lunch**. We then make our way back to our departure cities, arriving home early enough that you can make it to the Friday night football game in your community.

Your 6-Day Wisconsin Autumn adventure includes: Luxury motorcoach transportation, lodging for 5 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admission fees to bolded attractions, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$1,035 per person, double occupancy

\$975 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$1,255 single room accommodations

Deposit: \$99 per person, due with reservation. If deposits are not received within 10 business days, reservations may be cancelled without notice.

Balance due: September 7

Cancel by: September 7 for penalty-free cancellations

Delayed reservation fee: after September 7, a reservation for this trip requires an additional \$25 per person.

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with deposit or travel insurance is available at a group rate. Please contact our office for details.

Scheduled Departure Cities: Ames, Cedar Rapids, Clear Lake, Coralville, Decorah, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Newton and Waterloo

When circumstances arise beyond our control, NorthLand Travel reserves the right to make itinerary changes.



Moderate+ itinerary - some standing or stairs, a few blocks of walking plus options for additional activity/walking



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