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The Resorts at French Lick

June 1-4, 2015

Monday, June 1st

Today you travel to French Lick, Indiana. Nestled in the heart of Southern Indiana and surrounded by the Hoosier National Forest, French Lick is an extraordinary destination that has been revered for over a century. Unprecedented in the nation, the grand hotels in French Lick and West Baden Springsð both listed in the National Register of Historic Places and located one mile apart in southern Indianað offer a fascinating window on the grand hotel era of the early twentieth century and the tradition of ñtaking the waters.ò Guests from Al Capone to FDR and Bing Crosby, captains of industry and pampered socialites came to imbibe the waters and take spa treatments, enjoy sports and entertainment, and perhaps test their luck in the casinos. Today, the lavishly restored French Lick and West Baden Springs Hotels still draw visitors for the same pursuits. Like Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, and Hotel del Coronado in San Diego, French Lick and West Baden Springs offer overnight accommodations in an atmosphere steeped in history. You will be staying at French Lick Resort. *(Dinner is included this evening)*

Tuesday, June 2nd

This morning you will enjoy a guided tour of French Lick Springs Resort and West Baden Springs Resort. Guides will show you the historic architecture and tell the fascinating stories of the turn-of-the-century landmarks. Youôll visit the gardens as well as the hotelsô lavish interiors as our guides relate the hotelsô origins, the famous guests, and the decline and rebirth through award-winning restoration. You will enjoy a delicious lunch and taste award winning wines at the French Lick Winery. Board a historic train on the French Lick Scenic Railway and travel through the beautiful Hoosier National Forest and through the Burton Tunnel. The Railroad boasts some of the best scenery in the Midwest. *(Breakfast and lunch are included today)*

Wednesday, June 3rd

Patoka Lake is the second largest reservoir in the United States and provides habitat for freshwater jellyfish and bald eagle nesting sites. You will experience a narrated lunch cruise on the lake while enjoying beautiful lake shores and wildlife. Monetary Immaculate Conception is known as the "Castle on the Hill". The Monastery, founded in 1867, is home to one of the nationôs largest communities of Benedictine women. The distinctive, recently-restored Romanesque dome, rises majestically over the town of Ferdinand, standing at 87 feet from the floor and 32 and a half feet in diameter. Throughout the church, 89 angels are present, 16 of which are depicted on the stained glass windows surrounding the dome. The church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and has been designated an Official Project of Save America's Treasures. You will enjoy a tour before visiting The Monastery gift shop, "For Heaven's Sake", offering handmade crafts from the sisters and other unique spiritual merchandise. You will enjoy a delicious dinner at West Baden Springs Hotel this evening. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today).*

Thursday, June 4th

After breakfast youôll journey back to Gladstone with fond memories of a wonderful trip.
(Breakfast is included today).

Per Person Tour Price: **$755.00 Double**
$985.00 Single

Price includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, seven meals, and driverôs gratuity. A deposit of $50.00 per person is required to hold space, with final payment due April 17th.

A full refund will be issued in the event of a trip cancellation due to insufficient enrollment. Refunds are available up to the final payment date; a $5.00 processing fee will be deducted. If you have to cancel after final payment has been made, we will get back for you what we can, it is at the discretion of the hotel, restaurants and attractions.

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