



Gladstone Parks & Recreation
50+ Travel
***Christmas Traditions in St. Louis
& St. Charles***
December 4-5, 2015

Friday, December 4th

You will travel to St. Louis, Missouri this morning. Your first stop will be the Missouri Botanical Garden where you will enjoy lunch before touring their holiday exhibits. The annual Gardenland Express Holiday Flower and Train Show delights visitors of all ages with G-scale trains of many eras traveling along 900 feet of track through a miniature holiday landscape made up of festive decorations and thousands of fresh plants, accented by beautiful poinsettias and flowers. You'll also visit the Tower Grove House and see the Victorian country home of Garden founder Henry Shaw decked for the holidays in true Victorian style. Next you'll visit St. Louis Cathedral featuring one of the largest mosaic collections in the western hemisphere. You'll enjoy dinner in historic St. Charles, one of the largest designated Historic Districts in the state of Missouri. After dinner take in some of the many activities of the St. Charles Christmas Traditions Festival. Carolers stroll the streets, the smell of roasting chestnuts fill the air and jingle bells can be heard. Your hotel is the Embassy Suites in St. Charles. *(Lunch and dinner are included today).*

Saturday, December 5th

This morning you'll learn about the history of St. Charles with a guide. You will see Missouri's First State Capitol, the Shrine of St. Philippine Duchesne, the Foundry Art Centre, the beginning of the Boone's Lick Trail, and many historic buildings dating from the 1790's to the early 1900's. After your tour you will enjoy the Festival activities. Visit Santa's Cottage inside the Historic KATY Depot. While there be sure to experience "Santa's Train Land", an interactive 0-27 train display. Main Street comes alive with the music, pageantry, and spectacle of one of the best loved Christmas Traditions events: the Santa Parade. Cheer and celebrate as all of the Christmas Traditions characters and carolers come together in a special procession. You won't want to miss the parade's grand finale, as a cavalcade of international Santa's, each carrying the flag of their native land, heralds the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Clause and their horse-drawn carriage. Following the parade, you'll depart for Gladstone. *(Breakfast is included today).*

**Per Person Tour Price: \$250.00 Double
\$315.00 Single**

Price includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, shows, six meals, and driver's gratuity. A deposit of \$50.00 per person is required to hold space with final payment due October 23rd.

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

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