



Gladstone Parks & Recreation
50+ Travel
Orange City Tulip Festival
May 18-20, 2017

Thursday, May 18th

Heading north today, you will stop for lunch in Omaha at Spaghetti Works located in a restored warehouse, serving Italian classics, plus a salad station in the beds of 2 Model-T trucks. After lunch you will have a chance to browse in The Old Market, Omaha's most historic, most entertaining neighborhood. The cobblestone streets are home to a diverse mix of shopping and galleries. Later you'll visit Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha's Botanical Center. The gardens contain over 100 acres of flower and plant displays from around the world. Dinner is included in Souix City, Iowa at the World Tour Buffet in the Hard Rock Hotel. Your hotel for the next two nights is the Holiday Inn Express in Souix Center, Iowa. *(Lunch and dinner are included today).*

Friday, May 19th

Today you will enjoy the annual Orange City Tulip Festival. What began in 1936 as a small celebration of Orange City's Dutch heritage has led to over 75 years of what is now known as the Tulip Festival. The internationally recognized festival features music and dancing by children and adults in authentic Dutch costumes, parades, a carnival midway, Dutch delicacies, delicious food, plus thousands of tulips and a dozen replica windmills throughout this charming village. You will visit the Quilt Show and see nearly 175 handmade quilts. You'll enjoy a city bus tour stopping at the Vogel Old Mill. The windmill represents a typical workplace and home in the Netherlands and illustrates how the power of the wind was harnessed by generations of Dutchmen. Everything within the Vogel Old Mill is genuine or recreated in typical Dutch fashion with many of the artifacts on display brought over from the Netherlands. You'll visit the Dutch Heritage Center & Flower Show featuring historical Dutch artifacts and 1,000 tulips in one-of-a-kind arrangements. You'll enjoy a performance by the Dutch Dozen. The Dutch Dozen was formed in 1947, and continues to be a highlight of the festival each year. A group of 12 young ladies and 12 young men, all in high school, provide a colorful, light-hearted and melodious journey through Old Holland, with most of the choreographed singing in Dutch. Dutch Dozen members wear traditional Volendam costumes, and the ladies wear signature orange *klompen*, or wooden shoes. You have reserved seats for the Straatfeest, Street Scrubbing & Volksparade, the Festival's main event! After the parade you'll have time to browse the Straatmarkt, try your hand at a Dutch Street Game, listen to the Dutch Street Organ, stroll through the tulip gardens, and much more. There are many activities to choose from. A Dutch dinner is included at Nederlanders Grill. *(Breakfast and dinner are included today).*

Saturday, May 20th

You will begin your journey back to Gladstone this morning with a stop at Palmers Old Tyme Candy Shoppe. You will learn about the history of Palmer Candy Company at a small museum featuring retired candy making equipment, vintage photos and other fun historical items! Find your favorite treats from homemade brittle, gourmet truffles, roasted nuts, chocolate snorkels, La Fama chocolates and more. A delicious lunch is included at Big Mama's Kitchen in Omaha. Big Mama's is famous for their Fried Chicken and has been featured on the Cooking Channel, Food Network, and the Travel Channel. You may even get to meet Big Mama today. Later you will return to Gladstone with wonderful memories of your three-day adventure. *(Breakfast and lunch are included today).*

**Per Person Tour Price: \$475.00 Double
\$625.00 Single**

Price includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, included festival events, six meals, and driver's gratuity. A deposit of \$50.00 per person is required to hold space with final payment due April 7th.

A full refund will be issued in the event of a trip cancellation due to insufficient enrollment. The deposit is refundable up until the final payment date. After the final payment date you will receive a refund if we can replace you. If we cannot replace you, we will get back what we can for you, but we do not guarantee a full refund. A \$5.00 processing fee will be deducted if a refund check is required

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