



Gladstone Parks & Recreation

50+ Travel

Christmas Around the World

December 5-6, 2018

Omaha, Nebraska is your destination on this exciting trip that is sure to get you in the holiday spirit!

Day 1: Wednesday, December 5th

Your first stop is Durham Museum in Omaha's impressive Union Station. You will see Omaha's largest Christmas tree in the main hall and several smaller Christmas trees that have been decorated by Omaha's ethnic communities. The museum itself contains everything from antique passenger trains to exhibits from the Smithsonian. Experience Christmas in Greece when you visit the St. John Greek Orthodox Church for lunch and a tour of the Byzantine Style church. You will be amazed by the décor of gold and traditional icons. You will hear about the meaning of the décor and the history of the Greek Orthodox Church and their holiday traditions. Next, you'll visit Omaha's famed botanical gardens, Lauritzen Gardens. During the holidays, their floral display hall is transformed into a celebration of the season with a beautiful poinsettia display and evergreens, twinkling lights and other festive decorations (and they have a great gift shop)! You will experience St. Cecilia Cathedral, ranked as one of the ten largest in the United States when it was completed in 1959. It is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The architectural style of the building is Spanish Renaissance Revival. You will enjoy a tour and a chance to visit the gift shop. This evening will be one of the highlights of your trip when you participate in The Madrigal Christmas Feaste. Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The Lord and Lady of Essex invite you to join them for feasting, music and merriment, madrigal style. At this unique and original form of "dinner theatre" you will return to the Renaissance years for a festive holiday evening. The meal is divided into courses, each of which is heralded with a traditional song. A play is performed between the courses and a concert of choral music concludes the festivities. Every person, from your table server to the kingdom's favorite performer, is dedicated to making this an unforgettable event. From the rousing Wassail Toasts to the last spoonful of plum pudding and the final fading melody of the Madrigal Syngersø performance, you will be enchanted and filled with the spirit of Christmas. Your hotel is the Sheraton Omaha Hotel. *(Lunch and dinner are included today).*

Day 2: Thursday, December 6th

This morning you will experience an Irish Christmas at Father Flanagan's Boys Town. In 1917, a young Irish priest named Father Edward J. Flanagan grew discouraged in his work with homeless men in Omaha, Nebraska. He shifted his attention and in December of that year, borrowed \$90 to pay the rent on a boarding house that became Father Flanagan's Home for Boys. Since then, Boys town has become one of the largest non-profit child-care agencies in the country. You will visit the Father Flanagan House, decorated according to a traditional Irish Christmas, and you'll enjoy a guided tour of the campus and tour the impressive Hall of History Museum. You will enjoy a Polish holiday luncheon and entertainment at The Polish Home in Papillion, Nebraska. After lunch you will depart for Gladstone. *(Breakfast and lunch are included today).*

**Per Person Tour Price: Double - \$330.00
Single - \$405.00**

Price includes motor coach transportation, hotel accommodations, tours, 4 meals, and driver's gratuity. A deposit of \$50.00 will hold space with final payment due October 19th.

Cancellation policy: A full refund will be issued if participant cancels before the deadline for final payment. After that time, a full refund cannot be guaranteed. It will be at the discretion of hotels, restaurants and attractions. A \$5.00 processing fee will be withheld for any refunds issued.

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