



Gladstone Parks & Recreation 50+ Travel *ADVENTURES ABOVE & BELOW* July 9-10, 2020

Thursday, July 9th

Traveling to Hutchinson, Kansas today, you will stop in Cottonwood Falls and tour the historic Chase County Courthouse followed by lunch at the Grand Central Hotel & Grill. Two of the “8 Wonders of Kansas” are located in Hutchinson, Kansas. First you will visit the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center where you’ll take a journey through the history of space travel. With a U.S. space artifact collection second only to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum and the largest collection of Russian space artifacts outside of Moscow, The Hall of Space Museum is one of only three museums in the world to display flown spacecraft from all three early-manned American space programs – Mercury (Liberty Bell 7), Gemini (Gemini 10) and Apollo (Apollo 13). You’ll also experience “Journey to Space” in the Carey Digital Dome Theatre. A two-story Dome with an amazing 4K digital projection system creates a theater experience so vivid, you’ll feel like you’re part of the action. Later you will travel a short distance to Yoder, an Amish community where you’ll enjoy a delicious family-style Amish dinner. You will overnight at the Comfort Inn & Suites Inn in Hutchinson. (Lunch and dinner are included today).

Friday, July 10th

The Kansas Underground Salt Museum is located 650 feet below Hutchinson in a working salt mine. The museum is built within one of the world’s largest deposits of rock salt. There are just 14 other salt mines in the United States, none of which are accessible to tourists. Stops on your tour include the Mining Gallery where you will learn about all aspects of the modern-day mining process, as well as earlier procedures through a three-part exhibit, the Undercut and Drill Area, the Blast Area and the Load Area; The Geology Gallery is where visitors learn the physical and geological characteristics of the salt bed in Kansas. You will also see the Underground Vaults & Storage Gallery home to the original camera negative of many movies, like *Gone with the Wind* and *Ben Hur*, as well as television show masters. A tram tour, the Dark Ride, will take you through a maze of chambers beyond the museum area to see various features of the mine environment, with a brief pause to experience the sensation of complete darkness. The tour also includes a stop at a salt pile for a souvenir, filling a sample bag with salt crystals. You will enjoy lunch in Newton on the way back to Gladstone. (Breakfast and lunch are included today).

Per Person Tour Price: **Double - \$285.00**
 Single - \$360.00

Price includes motor coach transportation, accommodations, 4 meals, tours and driver's gratuity. A \$50.00 deposit will hold space with final payment due May 29th.

Cancellation policy: A refund will be issued if participant cancels before the deadline for final payment. After that time, a refund cannot be guaranteed. A \$5.00 processing fee will be withheld for any refunds issued.

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