



Gladstone Parks & Recreation 50+ Travel *Autumn on the Mississippi And the Amana Colonies* October 17-19, 2024

Join us as we embark on an enchanting autumn journey to Hannibal and the Quad Cities. These picturesque destinations offer a delightful blend of natural beauty, history, and autumn colors.

Thursday, October 17

Today you will travel to **Hannibal, Missouri** and visit the Mark Twain Boyhood Home, Becky Thatcher's House, Huckleberry Finn House, J.M. Clemens Justice of the Peace Office, Grant's Drugstore, Interpretive Center, and the Museum Gallery. You will also discover a treasure trove of original paintings by the iconic Norman Rockwell. This afternoon you will travel to the **Quad Cities**. Located on the Mississippi River, the region encompasses five cities: Davenport, Iowa, Bettendorf, Iowa, Moline, Illinois, East Moline, Illinois, and Rock Island, Illinois. Your hotel for the next two nights is the **Bally Casino Resort**. (Lunch is included today).

Friday, October 18

This morning you will visit the **Mississippi River Visitor Center**, nestled on Rock Island Arsenal Island. This center provides a unique opportunity to observe navigation through the Lock & Dam system at Lock & Dam 15, where you'll have one of the best views of vessels locking through the Upper Mississippi River. Next you will board the **Celebration Belle Riverboat** for a four-hour Fall Foliage Lunch Cruise, where the mighty Mississippi River showcases its autumn splendor. You will experience the fascinating process of locking through Lock & Dam 14 and enjoy a delicious lunch all while listening to live music spanning from the 1940s to the present. Next you will visit the **John Deere Pavilion** where you'll get up close to vintage machines and engage with interactive exhibits that highlight the connection between John Deere's past and its future. Tonight, you have reserved seats at **Circa '21 Dinner Theatre** where you'll enjoy a delicious dinner, a performing waitstaff, and an enjoyable theatre production all in a historic 1921 venue! With its blend of theater magic and delectable cuisine, Circa '21 promises an unforgettable evening to end our time in the Quad Cities. (Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today).

Saturday, October 19

This morning you will travel to the **Amana Colonies** where you'll step into a world of authentic German ambiance. These seven scenic villages have a rich history rooted in communal living that flourished for over 90 years. The history of the Amana Colonies, a National Historic Landmark and one of America's longest-lived communal societies, begins in 1714 in the villages of Germany and continues today on the Iowa prairie. You will be joined by a step on guide and learn the history of the colonies, and you'll enjoy a delicious family style meal at the Ox Yoke Inn. Later you'll return to Gladstone with great memories and new friends. (Breakfast and lunch are included today).

**Cost: Double occupancy - \$895
Single occupancy - \$1095**

A \$100 deposit is required to hold space with balance due on September 5, 2024

Included: Motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodations for two nights, baggage handling at the hotel, tours and attractions outlined in the brochure, six meals, motorcoach driver gratuity, services of a Gladstone Parks & Recreation tour escort.

Cancellation fees

Cancellations are subject to the following per person fees:

- cancel before September 5: Full refund
 - cancel between September 5 – September 19: 20% of tour price is nonrefundable
 - cancel after September 19 – Refund will be at the discretion of hotel and attractions.
- A \$5.00 processing fee will be withheld for any check refunds issued.

Final documents

Approximately two weeks before the trip, you will be mailed final information to include departure time and location, a detailed trip itinerary, luggage tag, medical information form and any other information pertinent to the trip.

For reservations or further information, please contact:

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