



Gladstone Parks & Recreation

50+ Travel

PELLA TULIP TIME FESTIVAL

May 2-3, 2024

The first Tulip Time Festival in 1935 lacked tulips, so a local cabinetmaker made 125 four-foot-tall wooden tulips, which were placed in flagpole holes around the square. Now they plant more than 300,000 stunning tulips in various shades of reds, pinks, whites, yellows, oranges, purples and even blacks!

Thursday, May 2

Today you will travel to Des Moines, Iowa. You will enjoy a hearty lunch at the Iowa Machine Shed, then enjoy a guided tour of the Iowa Governor's residence, Terrace Hill. When Terrace Hill was completed in 1869, it was Des Moines' tallest home owned by its wealthiest man. Today it is a stunning reminder of Victorian Second Empire architecture, with the 18,000-square foot building serving both as the official governor's residence and as a National Historic Landmark. You will visit the Iowa State Capitol building. The Century-old building features a 275-foot gold-leafed dome and four smaller domes, marble grand staircase and woodwork, the Legislative and old Supreme Court chambers, Governor's office, law library, and a scale model of the Battleship Iowa. Your next stop is the Des Moines Botanical Garden. Reputed for its huge collection of the Midwest's ornamental and native plants, this unique garden features a domed conservatory that houses over 1000 varieties of exotic plants from throughout the world. You will stay overnight in Altoona, Iowa at the Hyatt Place Hotel. (Lunch is included today).

Friday, May 3

Today you will enjoy the 89th Annual Pella Tulip Time Festival in Pella, Iowa. Dutch immigrants fleeing religious intolerance settled here in 1847. A touch of Holland, the town has been renovated to look like a town in the Netherlands. Since the first Tulip Time in 1935, Dutch costumed and wooden shoed residents of Pella invite guests from around the world to join the festivities. Upon arrival in Pella, you will be joined by a step-on-guide for a tour of Pella, then you will have time to sightsee, shop and enjoy all the festival activities. We've included a tour of the Historical Village and Vermeer Windmill, one of the tallest working windmills in North America! You will also visit the 175-year-old Scholte House on the town square. That afternoon you will have reserved seats for the parade, which begins with street scrubbers with their buckets of water and brooms cleaning the streets for the many beautiful floats you will see. The entire community gets involved in the celebration of their heritage. After the parade you will return to Gladstone. (Breakfast is included today).

Cost: Double occupancy - \$449

Single occupancy - \$539

Included: Motorcoach transportation, hotel accommodation, baggage handling at the hotel, tours outlined in the brochure, one lunch and one breakfast, motorcoach driver gratuity, services of a Gladstone Parks & Recreation tour escort.

Reservation deadline: March 26, 2024

Cancellation fees

Cancellations are subject to the following per person fees:

-cancel before March 26: Full refund

-cancel between March 26 – April 26: 20% of total price

-cancel after April 26 – 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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