

See Europe in Iowa

*Featuring the Pella Tulip Festival and Amana Colonies
European Castle, Danish Village, German Hausbarn, Czech Village, Vesterheim*

5 Exciting Days, May 4-8, 2011



Day 1 – Orange City Tulips and Council Bluffs Castle

This morning we head to northwestern Iowa for a visit to the charming Dutch village of **Orange City**, famous for their annual Tulip Festival. Enjoy a tour around town to see the authentic **Dutch windmill**, colorful downtown area, and of course lots of beautiful tulips!. Enjoy lunch at the popular

Nederlander Restaurant before traveling on to our first overnight in Council Bluffs. Tonight enjoy an included “dinner in a castle” at the spectacular **Castle Unicorn**, a sprawling European-style stone and brick castle on 400 acres, featuring breathtaking views of Iowa's Loess Hills. The Castle was recently featured in **Midwest Living Magazine**. Overnight in



Council Bluffs, just minutes from the late night fun at **Harrah's Council Bluffs Casino**. (D)

Day 2 – Danish Village and German Heritage Park

This morning we travel to the very **Danish Village** of Elkhorn, IA. We will visit the impressive **Danish Immigrant Museum** where visitors explore the rich heritage of Danish Americans and share in their immigration story. We will also visit the **Danish Windmill**, an



authentic windmill imported from Denmark. The windmill was built in 1848 and we will learn more about how it was brought to Elkhorn, and about how windmills work. The Windmill is also the **largest Danish import shop** in the United States! Next enjoy a special wine tasting and shopping at **Danish Countryside Wines and Vines**. Everyone will also be treated to an included lunch at the **Danish Inn Restaurant**, praised for its complete menu of home-cooked, traditional Danish and American dishes, smorgasbord and daily



specials, the restaurant is a favorite of food lovers! This afternoon be head to see the **German Hausbarn and Heritage Park** in Manning, IA. Boasting tourists from all over the nation, and even some from beyond our country's borders, the Manning Heritage Park has built a reputation of providing guests with an enjoyable experience that has been described time and time again as "just like a mini-tour of Germany."

The three jewels of the site include the **350-year-old authentic German Hausbarn**, the early 20th century American Bungalow style home and farmstead, and the beautifully preserved historic Trinity Church. Overnight in the Des Moines area for the next two nights. (B, L)



Day 3 – Pella Tulip Festival

Discover all that Pella has to offer today including reserved seating at the grandstand show and parade, admission to the **Historical Village** and **Vermeer Windmill tour**, **Scholte House tour**, **Pella City tour**, and a pass on the **golf car shuttles**. Take your pick of

many interesting things to do today, including the **Dutch Family Singers, Dutch traditional organ recitals, Rolscreen Museum tour (retired depot), quilt displays, Klokkenspel carillon clock performances, and antique auto displays.** Don't miss the **bakeries and meat markets** specializing Dutch pastries, Pella bologna and dried beef! Tonight it's back to Des Moines for our second overnight. (B, L)

Day 4 – Amana Colonies and Czech Village



Journey to the **Amana Colonies** where a step-on guide will join us for tour through this colorful **German Mennonite community** which consists of seven villages listed as a National Historic Landmark. You'll see **woodworking** in progress, visit the **sausage store**, and have some time to shop in the town of Amana after a wonderful included family-style **lunch at the Ox Yoke Inn.** After lunch we depart for the very **Czech Community** of Cedar Rapids where we will enjoy a tour the **Czech Heritage District** with a stop at the National Czech and Slovak Museum followed by time for shopping and dinner on own in the area. Visit at the popular **Sykora Bakery** or the **Bohemian Restaurant** for authentic Czech food including **Czech Goulash and**

Kolaches. Other popular shopping include Maria's **Tea Room, Village Antiques** and the **Czech Cottage.** Overnight in Cedar Rapids. (B, L)

Day 5 – Vesterheim Norwegian American Museum

Depart Cedar Rapids this morning for the **Norwegian community of Decorah, IA** to see the **Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum.** Decorah was recently listed as one of the seven prettiest painted places in America by the Quality Paint Institute. This museum embodies the living heritage of Norwegian immigrants to America. With 16 historic buildings in its main complex, which occupies most of a square block in downtown Decorah, Iowa, Vesterheim houses over 24,000 artifacts, which include large samplings from the fine, decorative, and folk arts, and the tools and machinery of early agriculture, lumbering, and other immigrant industries. You'll enjoy shopping in their gift shop which features many **authentic Scandinavian gifts.** Also enjoy a unique **church basement lunch** on the grounds of Vesterheim, followed by shopping time in adjacent downtown Decorah with it's many cute boutique stores and historic buildings, including the elegant **Hotel Winneshiek,** a turn-of-the-century hotel. Whether hunting for novelty Scandinavian specialties, antiques or just plain browsing, you'll not be disappointed with the array of unique shops and people watching opportunities in Decorah. All too soon, it's time to head for home after a wonderful tour. (B, L)



Tour Includes:

- ◆ **Transportation via luxury motorcoach**
- ◆ **Luggage Handling**
- ◆ **4 nights lodging**
- ◆ **9 meals (1 dinner, 4 lunches and 4 breakfasts)**
- ◆ **Admittance to listed attractions/events**
- ◆ **Professional Tour Guide and Driver**

\$599 per person, based on double occupancy.

Single—add \$150.00. Triple/Quad—deduct \$25 per person

Deposit—\$100 per person