



Twelve Countries Without a Passport!

September 23 - 26, 2019

Join us on a trip around the world to experience the culture, attractions and culinary delights of 12 different countries!

Monday, September 23 (Dinner)

Mexico

Step aboard our deluxe motor coach and enjoy the ride through America's Heartland with friends old and new. We'll travel to **Omaha, Nebraska** where our first stop is the historic **Old Market** neighborhood which has been transformed into a lively shopping, dining and nightlife destination. You'll have time to wander in and out of the unique boutiques, bakeries and galleries that line the cobblestone streets. Later, we'll check into the **Holiday Inn Downtown Omaha** for three nights. Get settled in your comfortable room before we depart for an exciting evening in **Mexico!** Enjoy an authentic Mexican meal followed by a performance of traditional dances complete with elaborate costumes. We'll learn about the history of each dance and the meaning behind the costumes.

Our hotel offers free shuttle service to the Old Market for those who would like to go out after we return from dinner.

Tuesday, September 24 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

France, Ireland, Ukraine and Germany

After breakfast we're off on a **guided driving tour** of Omaha's past, present and future. A **professional guide** will join us for an overview of the city's top points of interest. Tour highlights include the historic spot where Lewis & Clark landed, the historic Gold Coast District, billionaire Warren Buffet's home, the theater where Henry Fonda got his start and Pioneer Courage Park, which features more than 100 larger-than-life sized bronze sculptures. Savor a taste of **France** with lunch at **Le Voltaire Restaurant**. As we dine, Chef Cedric Fichpain will speak about the customs and traditions of his native country. When not at the restaurant, Chef Cedric is an instructor at the Omaha Institute for Culinary Arts. Next, we'll tour the expansive campus of **Boys Town**, a National Historic Landmark District. Preserved in time inside this world-renowned village are the Hall of History museum, historic chapels, gardens, and Father Flanagan's 1920s home. It's the stuff that movies are made of - *Boys Town*, the 1938 movie starring Spencer Tracey and Mickey Rooney, won two Academy Awards and one is on display in the Hall of History. Our "world tour" continues with a visit to the **Ukrainian Assumption Catholic Church of Byzantine Rite** where Olesia Reprichowskyj shows us beautiful Ukrainian linens and, in an entertaining way, tells us about the Ukrainian history as we tour this picturesque church. We'll return to the hotel to freshen up before an evening of dancing, singing and great food at the **German American Society Center**.



Enjoy authentic cuisine and watch the society's dance group perform dances from various regions of Germany. The men's choir will lead us in a traditional German sing-a-long to cap off our evening of fun!

Wednesday, September 25 (Breakfast, Snack, Dinner)

Czech Republic, India, Spain and Greece

Breakfast is included at the hotel this morning, but save room for **Kolaches**, a pastry from the **Czech Republic**. While enjoying Kolaches and coffee we'll learn about the Czech culture, then visit the museum and gift shop featuring hand-decorated eggs, and jewelry. We'll see animals from around the globe at the **Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium**, ranked one of the world's best zoos. It is home to North America's largest indoor rainforest and the world's largest indoor desert. You'll find a variety of options for lunch, everything from light snacks to grilled steaks. Next we're visiting **India** to see the elaborate and striking **Hindu Temple**, featuring beautiful hand-carved elephants and religious figures. Discover basic information about the Hindu faith as it relates to the symbolic expression in the temple. During our stop in **Spain** we'll tour **Saint Cecilia Cathedral**, learn about its famous architect and the fifty year struggle to complete the structure. We'll view beautiful stained glass windows, amazing Spanish colonial artwork, and a massive three ton pipe organ. Tonight, we travel to **Greece** for a tour **St. John's Greek Orthodox Church**. In this beautiful

gold-dome Byzantine church we'll hear about the history of Orthodox Christianity, Byzantine iconography, vestments, architecture and traditions. A delicious Greek dinner and dessert will be served and there will be a lesson in Greek culture and dancing!

Thursday, September 26 (Breakfast, Snack, Lunch)

Lithuania, Scotland and Poland

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before we travel to **Lithuania** for an inspirational visit. Through the eyes of the owners of the **Lithuanian Bakery** we'll hear how the Machevicius family escaped Germany in WWII and moved to Omaha to start a bakery business. Taste some of their famous breads and enjoy their signature dessert which takes three days to make. Next, we'll be transported to **Scotland** as we visit the historic 1903 **Joslyn Castle**. This 30-room stone mansion resembles a traditional Scottish castle. As you enter through the huge front doors, you'll be amazed by the craftsmanship of the elaborate wood interior, which comes from all parts of the world. Our final destination is **Poland** for an authentic meal prepared by the Polish Heritage Society of Nebraska and a special **dance presentation**. We are now homeward bound, filled with great memories and delicious food from the twelve countries that we visited, without a passport!

Tour Costs per person:

Double \$

Single \$

Triple \$

Tour Includes:

- ✦ Transportation by deluxe motor coach
- ✦ Three nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- ✦ Baggage handling

- ✦ Three breakfasts, two lunches, two snacks & three dinners
- ✦ All activities and admissions as listed in the itinerary
- ✦ All trip related taxes and gratuities
- ✦ Services of a **Farmers State Bank** representative
- ✦ Services of a **Cruises and Tours Worldwide** tour manager

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Deposit: \$100 per person

Balance Due: June 17, 2019

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