

PELLA TULIP FESTIVAL, AMANA COLONIES

3 Day Motorcoach Tour

May 7-9

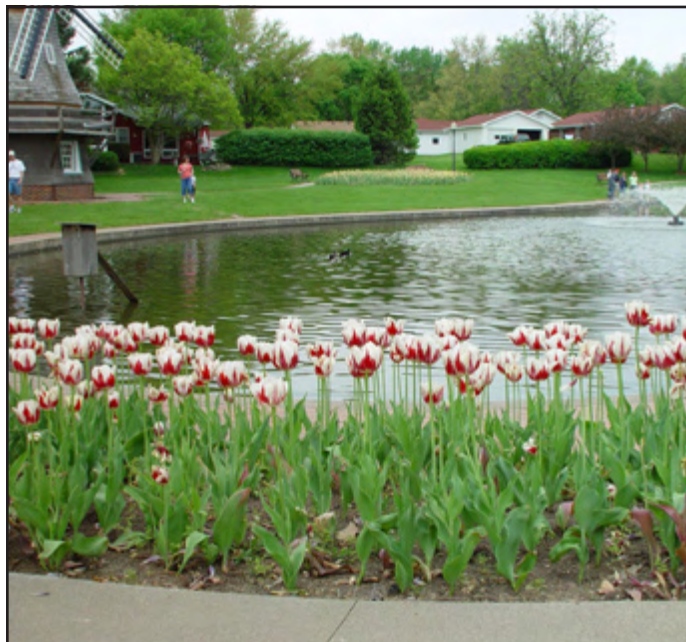
\$549 Double
\$529 Triple
\$669 Single

74th Annual Pella Tulip Festival
Pella Dutch Craft Market
Tulip Gardens, Scholte House, Historical Village
Reserved Seats at Tulip Festival Parade
Amana Colonies Touring,
Historic Ox Yoke Inn Lunch
6 Meals, Earn \$15 "Travelchecks"

Day 1: Pella Dutch Craft Market. Convenient home pickups connect to our deluxe motorcoach heading west across Illinois farmlands and the Mississippi River into Iowa. Lunch is included enroute. Our first look at Pella is its annual Dutch Craft Market with over 100 booths selling ethnic clothes, crafts and foods. We continue to Des Moines and lodging for the next two nights at the Courtyard by Marriott. Dinner is at the Iowa Machine Shed Restaurant amid its collection of antique tools for home and farm. (L,D)

Day 2: Pella Tulip Festival. Breakfast is included at the hotel this morning. Today we see the millions of brightly colored flowers in the Dutch community of Pella in its 74th annual Tulip Festival. Tour the town to see magnificent tulip lanes and the sunken garden. We visit the Scholte House, home of Pella's founder, with its amazing gardens featuring over 2,500 tulips and annuals! We also visit the Historical Village, a restoration of early Pella, including a Dutch bakery, craft demonstrations and the boyhood home of Wyatt Earp. We have reserved bleacher seats this afternoon for the colorful stage and street performances. Enjoy the traditional street scrubbing, Dutch dancers and costume parade! Dinner is included at Pella's Tulip Time Tea Room before returning to our hotel. (B,D)

Day 3: Amana Colonies, Ox Yoke Inn. This morning breakfast is included at the hotel. Surrounded by the fertile Iowa fields, the Amana Colonies is our next stop. Established in the 1850's as a religious commune, the Colonies are now a national historic landmark. Our guided tour usually includes stops at a furniture shop, bakery, meat market or winery. A delicious luncheon is planned this afternoon at the historic Ox Yoke Inn. This 130 year-old building was once a community kitchen where workers from the Amana Colonies would gather for freshly prepared, family-style meals. We return to our home transfers later today after a fun-filled spring excursion. (B,L)



GRAND HOTEL RETREAT

4 Day Motorcoach Tour

Oct. 3-6

\$1099 Double
\$1069 Triple
\$1369 Single

2 Nights Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island
Straits of Mackinac Ferry Crossings
Mackinac Island Relaxation
White River Light Station
Silver Lake Sand Dunes Ride
Castle Farms, Gardens, Lunch
Robinette's Apple Haus
9 Meals, Earn \$20 "Travelchecks"



Day 1: White River Light Station, Silver Lake Sand Dunes Ride. Our springtime retreat to the magnificent Grand Hotel and Mackinac Island begins with a convenient pickup at home. Leaving the interstate, we enjoy a scenic ride along U.S. 31 passing western Michigan lakeside towns and resorts. At Whitehall, MI, we visit the White River Light Station Museum. Built in 1875, this lighthouse offers panoramic views of Lake Michigan and the surrounding dunes. After lunch we continue north to Mears, MI. Aboard 18-passenger dune buggies, we experience a seven-mile trip through the Silver Lake Sand Dunes. A lakefront restaurant in Ludington, MI, hosts our get-acquainted dinner, followed by the night at the Holiday Inn Express. (L,D)

Day 2: Castle Farms, Mackinac Island. After a continental breakfast, we continue on scenic highway 31 up the coast and around Grand Traverse Bay, to Castle Farms at Charlevoix. Built in 1918, the manor house resembles a French chateau castle. Explore the soaring towers, stone arches and formal gardens on a guided tour. Our lunch is served in this restored splendor before continuing to Mackinaw City. Here we board a high-speed ferry for a 20-minute ride over the Straits of Mackinac. From the modern ferry we disembark to the earlier elegance of Mackinac Island. No cars are allowed on the Island so we ride horse-drawn carriages up to the luxurious Grand Hotel. Dating from 1887, the Grand was the location for the 1980 romance movie "Somewhere In Time" with Christopher Reeve. The next day and two nights are your time for this special place. Dinners here are special, too, so jackets and ties are required for gentlemen. (CB,L,D)

Day 3: Grand Hotel. The beautiful views seen from the Grand Hotel veranda have been enchanting guests for over a century. After breakfast in the dining room, the day is at your leisure for exploring the resort and island. Swim in the indoor pool or stroll the manicured gardens. Other available options include a round of golf or spa treatments. Hire a horse-drawn taxi and ride down to Main St. for souvenir shopping and fudge sampling. Dine in elegance again tonight at the Grand Hotel. (B,D)

Day 4: Robinette's Apple Haus. The day begins with breakfast then a fond farewell to the Grand Hotel. After the carriage ride to the dock and the ferry trip to Mackinaw City, we reboard the motorcoach and head south. Near Grand Rapids, our lunch is at Robinette's Apple Haus. Shop for fresh fruits, pastries, wines and hard ciders in Robinette's gift barn. Return to your door late this afternoon with great memories of the Grand Hotel. (B,L)