

Christmas Around the World in Omaha



December
3rd-6th
2024

Day 1 - Tuesday, Dec 3 Omaha is an amazing place to visit and offers so much in every season but with its culturally diverse population, it's especially delightful during the holidays. As we make our way to Omaha, we will get to know our travel companions, listen to music and movies. We will arrive in the mid-afternoon, and start our journey through the unique holiday celebrations. We will start with some exploring in Old Market—cobblestone streets with unique boutiques, art galleries and other specialty places. We will check into our hotel for the next 3 nights before our Christmas in Greece Dinner. We will tour St. Johns Greek Orthodox Church, a Byzantine Style church, after which we will join members of the congregation for dinner and a holiday program. (D)

Day 2 - Wednesday, Dec 4 Our day will start with a tour of Omaha learning about the past, present and future. We will visit Poland for lunch today prepared by the Polish Heritage Society, with a dance presentation celebrating the culture of Poles in the Nebraska/Iowa area. After lunch we will visit the Union Train Station of Omaha, The Durham Museum, with its huge holiday tree in the main hall. Ethnic communities decorate small holiday trees to represent their own unique heritage. It's a step back in time to the 1930's here. Our evening will start with a Frontier Dinner at the General Cook House, with actors playing the part of the General and his wife, Mary. The year is 1879 and the place is Fort Omaha. Capping of our evening will be a performance of "A Christmas Carol" at the Omaha Community Playhouse. (B, L, D)

Tour cost includes:

All hotel accommodations, luggage handling for one bag where available, deluxe motor coach transportation, professional Spring Lake Park Recreation Tour Manager, all tours, admissions, tickets and included meals. Meals: 3 breakfast, 2 lunch, 3 dinners.

**Note: There is a 3% charge on credit cards pay-*

Day 3 - Thursday, Dec 5 Today's adventure will start with a visit to Ireland and Father Flanagan's Boys Town. This tour of Boys Town included the hall of history, guided driving tour of the grounds and Father Flanagan's house. We will enjoy lunch here also. Journey onto Christmas in Ukraine, with Olesia Reprichowsky. She will present Ukrainian history, customs and traditions with laughter in her voice. Scotland is next on the day at Joyslyn Castle, where we will tour the 1903 Castle, a 30 room stone mansion. We will be amazed by the craftsmanship of the elaborate wood interior, which comes from around the world. Our evening concludes with Germany, where we will see a holiday program of dancing singing and food. The evening ends with a sing-a-long of the song "Silent Night" (B, L, D)

Day 4 - Friday, Dec 6 Our final day in Omaha will be one of holiday color and beauty. We will visit Lauritzen Gardens, for a display of poinsettias, including a tree consisting of over 700 poinsettias. Miniature trains travel across the display with includes replicas of famous Omaha landmarks. We will depart for home after this stop with rest breaks along the way. (B)

Fees

Price per Person

Double, \$885/pp
Single, \$1025/pp
Triple, \$835/pp *

**please expect 2 double beds*

Call to Register 763-792-7201

\$100/person deposit along with completed registration form required to reserve space.

Final payment is due on Oct 1, 2024

Travel Insured International is available for purchase

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