



Douglas County Historical Society
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**Douglas County Historical Society
Presents
Omaha Tours
for the
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Conference
July 15-20, 2012**

Sunday, July 15, 2012

Tour #1: Sunday River Cruise and Dinner

Enjoy a scenic one hour cruise on the Missouri River aboard the River City Star. The cruise will be followed by a short tour of Omaha and dinner at Rick's Boatyard Café.

Depart at 1:30 PM 5 Hours \$65.00

Monday, July 16, 2012

Tour #2: Discover Omaha and Father Flanagan's Boystown

Visit the historical and newer neighborhoods of Omaha as stories of famous Omahans are told. Lunch will be followed by a tour of the Boystown campus including a visit to the Dowd Chapel, burial site of the Reverend Father Flanagan, the Hall of History, the Garden of the Bible, Father Flanagan's house, and the Visitors' Center. (Lunch included)

Depart at 9:00 AM 7 Hours \$55.00

Tour #3: Discover Holy Family Shrine, Mahoney State Park, Strategic Air Command Museum

Tour the newly opened glass chapel of Holy Family Shrine just outside of Omaha on Interstate 80. Continue to Mahoney State Park for lunch overlooking the beautiful Platte River. We will stop at the Strategic Air Command Museum in Gretna to see restored aircraft and learn the stories of our military past. (Lunch included)

Depart at 9:00 AM 7 1/2 Hours \$65.00

Tour #4: Discover Omaha and the Henry Doorly Zoo

Visit the historical and newer neighborhoods of Omaha as stories of famous Omahans are told. Then on to Nebraska's number one tourist attraction, the Henry Doorly Zoo. Visit the Desert Dome, Kingdom of the Night attractions, and the Lied Jungle. Continue down the paths to visit the sharks, penguins, butterflies, and of course, the lions and the tigers. Stop for lunch at the Treetop Restaurant and take away with you memories of your new found animal friends. (Lunch on your own)

Depart at 10:00 AM 5 Hours \$48.00

Tour #5: Discover Lauritzen Gardens and Joslyn Art Museum

The beauty of Lauritzen Botanical Gardens lies in the diversity of the environment and its native plants. Tour the numerous gardens, water features, architectural features, and sculptures that have made the garden a favorite destination. We go from outdoors to indoors as we tour Joslyn Art Museum which houses treasures from past centuries to the modern period. See the works of Monet, Renoir, Cassatt and American artists Grant Wood, Jackson Pollock, and Thomas Hart Benton. Of special interest is the collection of Bodmer Indian Art and the glass works of Dale Chihuly. (Lunch on your own)

Depart at 10:00 AM 5 Hours \$42.00

Tour #6: Discover Durham Museum and the Omaha Press Club

The Durham Museum, housed in the former Union Pacific Railroad Depot, is one of the nation's leading examples of Art Deco architecture. Of special interest are the bronze passenger sculptures and the operating soda fountain. Visit the history of early Omaha, the Byron Reed coin collection, and the special Smithsonian exhibit. Lunch will be on the 24th floor of the First National Bank Building at the Omaha Press Club. The restaurant offers spectacular views of the city. (Lunch included)

Depart at 9:45 AM 5 Hours \$55.00

Tour #7: River City Star Dinner Cruise

Ollie the Trolley will take us to the banks of the Missouri River to board the River City Star. We will cruise the river, enjoy a three course buffet dinner, and be entertained by local musicians.

Depart at 5:30 PM 3 Hours \$65.00

Tuesday, July 17, 2012

Tour #8: Discover Lincoln, The International Quilt Museum, the Governor's Mansion and the Capitol Building

This tour will take you to Lincoln, the capital of Nebraska, to tour the International Quilt Study Center and Museum on the University of Nebraska campus. Following lunch at The Governor's Mansion and a tour, we will visit the Capitol Building, home of Nebraska's Unicameral. (Lunch Included)

Depart at 9:00 AM 8 Hours \$62.00

Tour #9: Discover Omaha and Father Flanagan's Boystown

Same itinerary as Tour #2

Depart at 9:00 AM 7 Hours \$55.00

Tour #10: Discover Holy Family Shrine, Mahoney State Park, Strategic Air Command Museum

Same itinerary as Tour #3.

Depart at 9:00 AM 7 1/2 hours \$65.00

Tour #11: Discover Omaha and the Henry Doorly Zoo

Same itinerary as Tour #4.

Depart at 10:00 AM 5 Hours \$48.00

Tour #12: Discover Lauritzen Gardens and Joslyn Art Museum

Same itinerary as Tour #5

Depart at 10:00 AM 5 Hours \$42.00

Tour #13: Discover Durham Museum and the Omaha Press Club

Same itinerary as Tour #6

Depart at 9:45 AM 5 Hours \$55.00

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

Men's' Tour #1: Bryson Air Boat Trip on the Platte River

Enjoy the unique experience of traveling onboard a 21 foot airboat with a 700 horsepower motor which is capable of reaching speeds of 60 mph. Rest assured the pilots have years of experience gliding across the Platte River. Wildlife and nature are just a few feet away. (Lunch included)

Depart at 10:00 AM 5 1/2 Hours \$95.00

Men's' Tour #2: Discover Fontenelle Forest, Old Bellevue, Union Pacific Museum, And the Squirrel Cage Jail

Visit Fontenelle Forest Nature Center featuring 1,400 acres of wooded hills, hallows, marshes, and 19 miles of trails followed by a tour of Old Bellevue, home of Nebraska's first settlement. After lunch at the Bass Pro Shop in Council Bluffs, we will tour the Union Pacific Railroad Museum and the Squirrel Cage Jail, the only three story rotary jail in the United States. (Lunch on your own)

Depart at 9:00 AM 7 Hours \$46.00

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Men's' Tour #3: Discover Fort Omaha, the Crook House, and Mormon Center

The Mormon Center tells the story of the heroic pioneers who set up their winter quarters on the west side of the Missouri River after a long journey across Illinois and Iowa. The many souls buried in the Mormon cemetery are a testament to the sorrow and anguish of that dangerous trip. We will proceed to Fort Omaha which was designated as the headquarters for the Department of the Platte in 1878. The property has a history of varied uses including use as Signal Corps in 1905 and a Balloon School in 1916. Historically, the fort played an important part in the Trial of Standing Bear and the ruling in favor of the rights of the Native American. You will tour the fort, the Crook House, and hear an informative lecture after lunch. (Lunch included)

Depart at 9:00 AM 5 Hours \$50.00

Friday, July 20, 2012

Men's' Tour #4: Discover Nebraska City and Lewis and Clark

A short 26 mile trip will take us to Nebraska City and a morning tour of the Lewis and Clark Missouri River Basin Visitor's Center. This will be followed by lunch at the Lied Conference Center and an afternoon tour of Arbor Lodge, the home of J. Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day. (Lunch included)

Depart at 9:00 AM 7 Hours \$60.00