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October 11-16, 2009
6 Days

This travel package planned for you
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WISCONSIN'S AUTUMN COLORS - DOOR COUNTY & CRANBERRIES!

For many years NorthLand Travel has offered fall tours to Warrens, WI, for the Cranberry Harvest and to Door County to see the fall colors. The past two years these two classic tours have been combined into one 6-day trip. This combination has been well received by our travelers, so we will once again offer this trip. I have changed the trip so that we can spend 3 days and nights in Door County.

October 11 we pick up in our guaranteed departure cities, with a lunch break in Dubuque. As we cross the Mississippi River we are treated to a variety of colors in the trees along the river. Wisconsin in the fall is a treat for the eyes. We will be traveling most of the day in order to get to Oshkosh, WI, for the night. Our hotel has an indoor pool, computer access in the lobby and an elevator. Enjoy **dinner** at Applebee's Restaurant, where you will have a choice of 3 different entrees.

October 12 following **breakfast** we travel to Sturgeon Bay for a **docent-led tour** of the **Maritime Museum**. This afternoon and evening you will be on your own to shop, stroll along lake Michigan and enjoy the unique little village of Fish Creek. Following your afternoon adventure we will check into a very cozy hotel in Sister Bay, which will be our home for the next 3 nights. The hotel has a computer available and an indoor pool.

October 13 following **breakfast** we travel north to Northport pier where we meet our **step-on guide**. We load the bus onto the ferry headed for **Washington Island**. As we cross to the island we will learn the history of some of the other outlying islands. Our guide has lived on Washington Island for many years and provides us with a unique perspective of island life. We will tour the island and enjoy **lunch** of homemade soup, Scandinavian-style, open-faced sandwiches, chips, salad and a choice of home-baked pie or cake. To stretch your travel dollars as far as possible, **all meals are included while touring Door County the next 2 days**. As we travel through picturesque little towns, you will see why Door County is often referred to as the "**Cape Cod of the Midwest**." Mid-afternoon we return to the mainland and our hotel. We will have some time to relax before **dinner at Al Johnson's Restaurant**. The exterior of this unique restaurant was disassembled in Sweden, shipped to the U.S. and reassembled. Goats graze on the sod roof during the day. The menu tonight includes Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, Swedish limpa bread, tossed salad, beverage and cherry cheese pie.

October 14 after **breakfast** our **step-on guide** will tell us the history of each town and take us to **Bjorklunden Stave Chapel**, much like one in Lillehammer, Norway, with many fresco paintings and woodcarvings. **Lunch** features Cornish hen, wild rice, and glazed carrots. Our journey continues as we tour the largest state park in Wisconsin and see **Eagle Bluff Lighthouse**. Next we visit **Door Peninsula Winery** where we will learn about wine production and have an opportunity to sample the various wines. We will also have an opportunity to purchase a variety of food items produced in Door County. We then return to the hotel to rest before a featured meal at Bailey's Harbor where we experience a unique local dining tradition, the **Fish Boil!** Local whitefish, potatoes and onions are boiled in a large kettle over an open fire and just before serving, the fire is intensified, causing the ceremonial boil-over. (If you prefer, an alternative entrée is available.)



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October 15 after another **breakfast** we head west across Wisconsin to our other featured attraction, the **Cranberry Harvest**. We will have a very nice **lunch** at **Burnstad's European Café** in Tomah, Wisconsin. We then travel to a cranberry bog, where we can watch the berries being harvested and learn all about raising and marketing cranberries from the owner. You will have a chance to purchase berries directly from the producer. We will stop at **Wisconsin Cranberry Discovery Center** in Warrens. You will learn the history of cranberry growing, harvesting and have an opportunity to purchase unique cranberry products. How about cranberry ice cream?

October 16 following **breakfast** at our hotel, we tour **Fort McCoy**, an active military base. Our itinerary will include a short, **narrated driving tour** followed by a visit to the **History Center** and the barracks as they were during WW II. We continue our travel west with a short stop at **La Crescent, MN** where you will have an opportunity to buy apples and other fall harvest items. We then drive through the beautiful **Minnesota River Valley** through several little picturesque villages. We will arrive in Decorah for **lunch**. We then make our way back to our departure cities, arriving early enough that you can make it to the Friday night football game in your community.



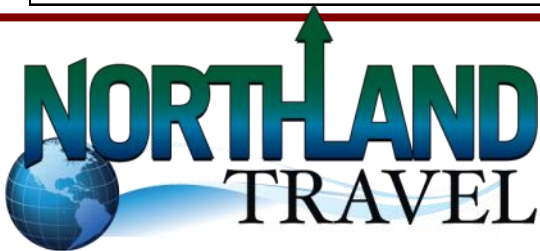
Your 6-Day Wisconsin autumn adventure includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 5 nights, luggage handling, tickets/admission fees to bolded attractions, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners (meals inclusive of tax and gratuity).

\$924 per person, double occupancy
\$844 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds
\$1,130 single room accommodations

Reservations: anytime as long as space is available
Deposit: \$89 per person, due with reservation
Balance due: by September 5
Cancel by: September 10 for penalty-free cancellations
Early Booking Discount: \$25 per person if deposit is received by February 6
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Guaranteed departure cities: Fort Dodge, Webster City, Waterloo, Independence, Rochester, Decorah, West Union, Des Moines, Newton, Coralville and Cedar Rapids

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