

Dubuque Summer Fun

July 8-11, 2025



Enjoy a short getaway with us for some summer fun!

Tuesday, July 8: Minnesota to Dubuque, IA (D)

We begin our journey leaving Minnesota traveling through southern Minnesota through Rochester with comfort stops along the way to Iowa where we will stay for the next few nights. Tonight, we will head over to the Stone Cliff Winery for a fun night with dinner and a murder mystery show!



Wednesday, July 9: Dubuque, IA (B,D)



Rise and shine to breakfast at the hotel before we explore Dubuque for the day. We begin with a tour of the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium. Learn about the Mighty Mississippi River and explore the only interpretive center for the entire Mississippi River that is also affiliated with the Smithsonian Institute. After our tour we will have lunch and some shopping time in the Dubuque area. We will return to our hotel before heading out on our exciting Progressive Dinner tour. We will enjoy a gourmet dining experience at three of Dubuque's historic sites and be entertained as local performers share facts about the facilities and events that made Dubuque so unique in the 19th Century.

Thursday, July 10: Galena, IL (B,L,D)

Today we will make our way to the neighboring city of Galena, IL. Here we will hop on a Trolley Tour to hear about three historic homes including the Italianate Ulysses S. Grant Home, Belvedere Mansion, and the Dowling House. After our tour we will enjoy lunch at the historic DeSoto House Hotel, named after Hernandez DeSoto, the Spanish explorer who first saw the Mississippi River in the 1500's. The hotel was built in 1855 to service many people who were attracted to this area for lead mining and as a major trade center.



After lunch, we will have free time to explore and shop in downtown Galena with more than 100 charming stores and boutiques. After our Galena adventures we will head back to Dubuque to get ready for the evening. Tonight, we will enjoy a sunset dinner cruise aboard the American Lady which is the perfect way to take in Dubuque's beautiful river scenery while enjoying a delicious meal catered by Catfish Charlie's Restaurant.

Friday, July 11: Galena, IL to Home (B)

After breakfast, we will start heading for home but not before making a stop at the fifth largest collection of Tiffany-stained glass windows in the country, and Iowa's oldest Methodist Church. It's one site you group won't soon forget. Then were off to the Dickeyville Grotto and Shrines. These religious and patriotic shrines were constructed without any blueprints by Father Mathius Wernerus, the pastor of Dickeyville's Holy Ghost Parish from 1920 to 1930 and dedicated to the unity of two great American ideals – love of God and love of Country. After our visit, we will make one more stop at the favorite Russell Stover Cany Outlet to satisfy your sweet tooth before we get home.



Price per Person:

TBD

DON'T WAIT! - REGISTER EARLY!

Deposit of \$100 Per Person to reserve your spot!

Final payment due 5/16/25



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