

Omaha Christmas “Around the World” December 1-6, 2025



Join the fun with us!

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Monday, Dec 1: Minnesota to Des Moines, IL (D)

We're heading to Iowa with comfort stops along the way to our first overnight in Des Moines at the Drury Inn. You'll enjoy their light dinner along with cocktails to get to know your travel companions.

Tuesday, Dec 2: Des Moines, IL to Omaha, NE (B,D)

We're packed up and moving on after breakfast to Omaha for a guided city tour to see all the history and landmarks that are part of this beautiful city. After lunch you will be transported to Scotland with a visit to the historic 1903 Joslyn Castle. A 30-room stone mansion resembling a traditional Scottish castle. A docent will guide you through the life of George and Sarah Joslyn and how they shared their wealth with the community.



After checking in and relaxing in our accommodations for the next 4 nights, we will head over to the German American Society Center and enjoy a delicious German meal with holiday dancing and entertainment by the Men's Choir.

Wednesday, Dec 3: Omaha, NE (B,L,D)

Father Flanagan's Boys Town is where we're headed after breakfast to hear the heartwarming stories and history of Boy Town which is decorated for the holidays according to Irish Christmas traditions.



We're headed to Poland next at the Belvedere Hall where they will prepare an authentic Polish meal by the Polish Heritage Society of Nebraska and dance presentation.



Next, we're stopping at the Duham Museum to see the huge holiday tree and small holiday trees decorated by ethnic communities to represent their own unique heritage. You will also travel back in time to the 1930's train depot and explore Omaha's past.



It's time for some afternoon tea with a professional Tea Master where you will get a brief overview of the blending and flavoring of teas, variety of holiday teas, unique serving ideas and get a chance to sample the teas.



This evening we will enter General Crook's home, complete with actors playing the part of the General and his wife, Mary. The year is 1879 and the place is Fort Omaha. A new Italianate style house, known as Quarters One, has just been built for its revered Army General and the most successful Plains Indian fighter in the country. You will celebrate with dinner and be escorted after throughout the historic home.

Thursday, Dec 4: Omaha, NE (B,L,D)

After breakfast we will meet Olesia at the Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church who will give an entertaining presentation about the linens and the connection to Ukrainian history, customs and tradition, life in Ukraine, and life as a child slave laborer during WWII.



After our visit we will take an inspiring tour of a facility where SKILCRAFT products, including everyday essentials like toilet paper, are produced for government use. These items can be found in most U.S. military bases

and Federal Bureau of Prison facilities. Discover the fascinating manufacturing process and see firsthand how the organization has adapted its machinery to empower employees with low vision or blindness to operate equipment independently.




It's lunch time! We will experience a Master's Hand Christmas American Tea Party with sweet and savory Christmas delicacies and lunch at "Every Woman's Dream Shop".



After lunch, we will experience the art of violin making from one-of-the-best, Alex Louis Rexa. You'll learn the magic behind this craft and see the collection of rare violins, violas and bows.

Big Mama's Kitchen, a tv culinary staple and featured on Diner's, Drive-ins and Dives, will be waiting to indulge us in Omaha's finest Southern Christmas dinner.


Friday, Dec 5: Omaha, NE (B,L,D)

 This morning, we will explore the Hindu Temple of Omaha. A beautiful way to explore the Hindu culture through its artistry. The temple consists of beautiful hand-carved elephants and religious figures inside and out. Basic information about the Hindu faith is provided so visitors can understand the symbolic expression in the temple.

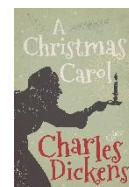
Ready for France? Our lunch will be at the Le Voltaire French Restaurant for a traditional 3 course French meal!



After lunch, we're headed to the Lauritzen Gardens to view 100's of poinsettias on display including a tree consisting of 700. Also on display are miniature trains that travel across the display which include replicas of famous Omaha Landmarks.

 Tonight, we will tour St. John's Greek Orthodox Church, a Byzantine style church with décor of gold and traditional icons. You will hear the meaning of the décor and the history of the church before enjoying a Greek dinner and holiday program.

We're headed to the Omaha Community Playhouse to enjoy the traditional Dickens classic tale of "A Christmas Carol". We will also have a private behind the scenes tour with holiday treats for our farewell evening.



Saturday, Dec 6: Omaha, NE to Home (B)

Our final day together as we travel home with incredible Christmas memories from around the world. We will make a stop at everyone's favorite Russel Stover to pick up any last-minute stocking stuffers!

Price Includes: 13 Meals



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