

Sept. 12-17

6 Days

\$1074 – Double

\$1378 – Single

Deposit \$100

Tour Includes:

- 11 Meals
- Deluxe Motor Coach
- Tour Manager
- All Included Sightseeing and Admission Fees
- Hotel Accommodations
- Luggage Handling

Plus:

“Countries” Visited:

- Slovakia
- Ireland
- Ukraine
- Czechoslovakia
- Germany
- Scotland
- Sweden
- Mexico
- Lithuania
- Greece

There are too many places to list on this exciting tour. Just check out the day by day itinerary and you will see what we mean. This is a tour that we will all be talking about for a long time, and we mean that in a good way. HA!



TEN COUNTRIES WITHOUT A PASSPORT IN OMAHA

Explore the International Communities of Omaha, Nebraska!

Want to do something different? This tour is it!

Day 1 – Our first day of travel takes us through Indiana and Illinois to St. Charles, Missouri for lunch on your own on the city’s **historic Main Street**. After lunch, we continue on to Independence, Missouri where our rooms await us at the Drury Inn.

Day 2 – Following an included breakfast at the hotel, we head toward **Omaha, Nebraska** where our visit to this mystery city begins with a visit to the Welcome Center and a **Historical Guided Tour**. Our tour includes driving by **Warren Buffet’s house** and the **birth-site of President Gerald Ford**. One of the highlights of the tour is a stop for photos at **Pioneer Courage Park** with its nearly Life-sized sculpture of an entire wagon train including oxen, wagons, and walking pioneers. Enjoy lunch on your own in the historic **Old Market District**. Walk the cobblestone streets lined with unique restaurants and shops. Shops include a **Slavic Import Store**, a huge Christmas shop, and **Ted and Wally’s Ice Cream Shop**. Later, take a tour of the most amazing **Theatre Pipe Organ** in the Midwest. Tour the four rooms containing all pipes and musical instrument varieties. Then sit down and enjoy a musical concert of ethnic songs along with music of your choice. The performance also includes a sing-a-long and silent movies. After checking into the hotel, we will head to **Ireland** to enjoy a **Missouri Riverboat Cruise** and **Irish Buffet** as you listen to the music of Irish Folk Singer, **Dave Marsh**. Dave plays over twelve different Irish instruments as he tells the tales of the Irish people and their music. Relax as you view the scenic riverfront and cross under the new **Pedestrian Bridge**, the longest pedestrian bridge to link two states over the Missouri River. The **bridge’s twins spires** each reach **210 feet into the sky** and are beautiful to see in the evening with all their many lights. After the cruise, there will be an opportunity for a short walk on the bridge. **(B D)**

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Day 3 – After an included breakfast at the hotel, learn about life in the **Ukraine** from **Olesia Reprichowskyj**. Olesia brings a display of various Ukrainian linens to the hotel and gives an entertaining presentation about the linens’ connection to the Ukrainian history, customs, and traditions. Enjoy a traditional **Czech lunch** and **Kolachy desserts** at the **1924 Bohemian Café’** in Omaha’s **Old Czech community**. Wait staff will be in traditional Czech dress and the cafe’ décor relates to life in the **Czech Republic**. After a short welcome and history of the city’s Czech community, the art of making **Kolachys** will be presented. We then travel to **West Omaha** to the world-famous **Father Flanagan’s Boys Town**. An actual working town, Boys Town is an inspirational stop. Our guided tour will

include visits to the Hall of History, a number of beautiful chapels, and the restored home of Father Flanagan. It is off to **Germany** this evening for dinner to enjoy German dancing, singing, and ethnic foods at the **German American Society Center**. After dinner, the society's German dance group performs dances from various regions of Germany. The evening ends with the men's choir leading our group in a traditional German sing-a-long. **(B L D)**

Day 4 - After breakfast at the hotel, it's a visit to **Scotland** to enjoy a Scottish presentation with dancers at the historic **1903 Jolsyn Castle**. This stone 20-room mansion resembles a traditional Scottish castle. As you enter through the huge front doors, you will be amazed by the craftsmanship of the elaborate wood interior. Hear the interesting story of Sarah and her struggle to promote the arts in the city. After the tour, the **Nebraska Scottish Society** will give a presentation on **Scottish traditions**. A small group of Scottish dancers will also perform. Lunch today is in **Sweden** at the **Renaissance Mansion**. Experience an authentic **Swedish smorgasbord** introduced by master chef Krug followed by a **Swedish dessert cooking show**. The mansion has hosted film stars such as Julie Andrews, Jack Nicholson, and Kathy Bates. Following lunch, tour **St. Cecilia Cathedral**, ranked among the ten largest cathedrals in the United States when it was completed. The two bell towers will make you feel like you are in old Mexico. The architectural style of the building is Spanish Renaissance Revival because of the early influence of Spain and Mexico on the region. You will be amazed at the cathedral's museum and the extensive colonial **Spanish art collection** hidden from view behind a circular wall. We will end the afternoon with a visit to a **Lithuanian bakery** to learn about the process of baking their famous breads and enjoy a sample of their torts. Listen to the **Machevisius family** talk about their family escaping Germany in WWII and moving to Omaha to start a bakery business. This evening travel to **Mexico** for the **Folk Dancers of Mexico** performance at the **El Museo Latino**. Enjoy the colorful costumes while learning about the variety of dances from various regions in Mexico. Your visit also includes a tour of exhibits from Latin America. Dinner tonight is a non-spicy **Mexican buffet**. Later travel to the country of **Greece** with a visit for the city's beautiful gold dome **Byzantine Church**. Our tour includes a presentation on the history of Orthodox Christianity, Byzantine iconography, vestments, architecture, and traditions. A **Greek Dance Performance** follows the church tour. Group members are invited to try the traditional **Greek Wedding Dance**. **Baklava and coffee are served with the dance performance.** **(B L D)**

Day 5 – All too quickly our journey around the world comes to an end as we head toward home today while enjoying a **restful scenic drive**. Tonight we **enjoy our included farewell dinner cruise together** on the Illinois River. Our rooms await us at the **Mark Twain Hotel** in Peoria.
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Day 6 – On this last day of the tour, we celebrate the unique experiences and knowledge gained of other countries in Omaha, Nebraska, as well as bid farewell to our new-found friends. **(B)**

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