

OSTHOFF CHRISTMAS

December 3-7, 2022

Feel the spirit of the holidays as we make our way to Elkhart, Wisconsin, for the annual Old World Christmas Market at The Osthoff Resort. Stroll through the booths decked with boughs of fresh evergreens and hand-crafted, international holiday ornaments. Follow your nose to the tantalizing scent of delicious, traditional German fare. Cozy up next to your loved ones as you listen to the clip-clop of horses' hooves on your very own horse-drawn carriage. The Osthoff Resort will be sure to fill your heart with the warmth and love of Christmas!

Courtesy of The Osthoff Resort

starting at
\$1,375
per person





Kristmas Kringle Shoppe



Christmas carols

DAY 1 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

LA CROSSE, WI

(Dinner)

Today, we board our deluxe motorcoach at the designated pick-up location and begin our journey to La Crosse, Wisconsin, with comfort and lunch stops along the way. We will arrive in La Crosse at our hotel and enjoy a festive welcome dinner this evening. Afterward, we will head over to Riverside Park for the **Rotary Holiday of Lights** – snuggle up and feel the merriment as we ride through the grounds to experience more than three million lights illuminating the park! Before we head back to the hotel, everyone can head to the fire pit to make our own **s'mores to enjoy!**

DAY 2 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

ELKHART LAKE, WI

(Breakfast, Dinner)

We will wake up, enjoy breakfast, and board our deluxe motorcoach to make our way to the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Today includes a visit to the 10,000-square-foot **Kristmas Kringle Shoppe** in Fond du Lac, where over seventy themed trees are decorated with exquisite glass ornaments from around the world. Browse through their indoor replica of European Village Street and discover unique figures, collectibles, and gifts for every occasion and season throughout the year. This evening, we will be welcomed home at the beautiful **Osthoff Resort**, set on 500 feet of Elkhart Lake's pristine shoreline. Discover your spacious suite with a warm fireplace, cozy surroundings, a variety of restaurants and dining options, fun things to do, and a world-class spa. We will enjoy a wonderful dinner together and settle into our home away from home for the next two nights.



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S'mores around a fire



Horse-drawn wagon ride

DAY 3 MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

ELKHART LAKE, WI

(Breakfast)

After a hearty hot breakfast, we will board our motorcoach and set out for **The Wreath Factory**, a 16,000-square-foot destination home and garden showroom, full-scale landscape design firm, and the source for fresh holiday wreaths and greenery. During the holidays, it is an amazing sight to behold! Visitors travel from all over the Midwest to see the lights and festive décor as each of the showrooms are completely transformed into a holiday wonderland. Dozens of themed trees dot the spaces with layers of sparkling decoration in between. Afterward, we will return to our resort to explore the **Old-World Christmas Market**. Reminiscent of the centuries-old Christkindlmarkt of Nuremberg, Germany, the 23rd annual Old World Christmas Market at The Osthoff Resort offers the warmth and merriment of this Old-World tradition. Stroll the aisles of heated tents bedecked with fragrant boughs of fresh evergreens and the tantalizing scents of roasted almonds and Nuremberg bratwurst. Browse for unique and specialty items among international and regional artisans – Czech blown-glass ornaments, Russian nesting dolls, German hand-carved smokers and nutcrackers, Turkish pashmina scarves and shawls, stained-glass art, Russian hand-painted Santa's, kissing balls and centerpieces, alpaca products, Estonia woolens, fine chocolates, hand-crafted woodwork, and much more! The **Old-World Food Court** offers space to relax and enjoy delectable German fare, such as Nuremberg bratwurst, hot glühwein, sauerbraten, dumplings, schnitzel, potato pancakes, red cabbage, pulled pork, and apple strudel. Father Christmas, the venerable old gentleman in his berry red, fur-trimmed suit, roams the market merrily greeting guests of all ages. Bring your camera for some memorable photo opportunities and enjoy the afternoon and early evening at your leisure to explore all this beautiful resort has to offer. This evening, we will gather together to enjoy a **horse-drawn wagon ride while singing Christmas carols**. We will then return to the resort and warm up with a cup of delicious hot chocolate!

DAY 4 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

AUSTIN, MN

(Breakfast, Dinner)

We begin our day with a delicious breakfast and then depart for depart for **Caan's Floral Home and Garden** in Sheboygan to tour their beautifully designed Christmas displays. Next, we depart for Austin, Minnesota, with a lunch stop en route. This evening, we will check in to the hotel and freshen up for a farewell dinner and Christmas festivities!

DAY 5 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

HOME

(Breakfast)

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, we will visit the **SPAM Museum** where interactive exhibits bring the iconic history of SPAM to life before we board the motorcoach and depart for our journey home.

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TOUR PRICING*

\$1,375 per person, Double Occupancy

\$1,589 per person, Single Occupancy

**Tour cost subject to 3% credit card transaction fee.*

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION

Connect Club RECOMMENDS all travelers purchase a Travel Protection Plan. For your convenience, we offer a Travel Protection Plan provided by Travel Insurance Services:

\$160 per person, Double; \$207 per person, Single
(Payment may be sent with your deposit or with final payment to Connect Club)

Travel Protection Plan may be purchased any time before or with final payment to Connect Club.

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A \$250 deposit per person is required with your registration form in order to reserve your spot.

**FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE:
SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**

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tour by **STAR**
DESTINATIONS

INCLUSIONS

- Private Motorcoach Transportation
- 4 Nights' Accommodations
- 7 Meals (4 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners)
- Admission to Attractions as Stated on Itinerary
- Porter Service of One Bag Per Person at Hotels
- Taxes & Gratuities for Included Services
- Professional Tour Manager

Not included in the price of this tour: meals/beverages other than those listed on the itinerary, beverages other than tea or coffee with included meals, items of a personal nature/souvenirs, phone calls and faxes from hotels, travel protection plan, and any service not listed in the above inclusions.

****A COVID-19 vaccination is required to participate in this tour****

Activity Levels

- 1. Easy to Minimal:** Mostly panoramic sightseeing; 1-2 hours of easy-paced walking at a time; minimal stairs and uneven surfaces; must be able to physically get on/off the motorcoach.
- 2. Minimal to Moderate:** 2-3 hours of easy-paced walking at a time; some stairs and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.
- 3. Moderate:** 3-4 hours of walking/standing at a time; some stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.
- 4. Moderate to Energetic:** 4-6 hours of walking/standing/physical activity; stairs, inclines, and uneven surfaces due to nature of attractions.
- 5. Energetic:** Excellent health is required for this on-the-go tour; involves strenuous activities and more than 6 hours of activity at a more vigorous pace.

DOCUMENTATION: A current government-issued photo ID is required for this trip.

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