

York Fun Club presents...

Pella Tulips & Much More

Day 1 - Monday, April 29 - Embark on a fun-filled four-day spring getaway to Iowa for an authentic and memorable ethnic experience. Today's highlights include the unique history and communal heritage of the Amana Colonies, which is a National Historic Landmark. Here you will visit establishments in several of the seven Colonies and have the chance to purchase hand-woven baskets, clocks and locally-made wines. The first day ends with a traditional German dinner at the Ox Yoke Inn. (D)

Day 2 - Tuesday, April 30 - After breakfast we begin our day as guests in a charming home in Shellsburg, IA. Here we will hear the amazing story of our Austrian-born hostess and her family's middle-of-the-night escape to freedom during World War II. Bring a Kleenex because she'll make you both laugh and cry. And her hospitality comes complete with an authentic Austrian lunch. Next we venture to Cedar Rapids for a tour of the Czech and Slovak Museum. The evening won't be complete without an authentic Czech meal. (B/L/D)

Day 3 - Wednesday, May 1 - Start the day with a pleasant drive to Kalona, IA, for an enlightening tour of this Amish community. See first-hand the craftsmanship and the lifestyle of this community during a farm tour and visits to several Amish-related businesses. In addition, learn about the traditions and customs of the Mennonite population during lunch in the home of a Conservative Mennonite family. Our day will end in Pella, IA, with a traditional Dutch dinner and a performance by the Duchesses in full traditional costume. Here you can enjoy a Dutch pastry as well as dance with the Duchesses. (B/L/D)

Day 4 - Thursday, May 2 - Nearly 200,000 tulips are certain to provide you with a colorful day at Pella's annual Tulip Festival. Tour the Historical Village and the buildings that showcase Dutch heritage, shop at the extensive Craft Market, and get an inside tour of the Vermeer Mill which is the largest working grain windmill in the country. Then treat yourself to a Dutch "letter" before settling into the grandstand for the Tulip Time Volks Parade and a must-see view of the street scrubbers. The day's farewell dinner will be at the Machine Shed enroute home with great memories of your spring getaway. (B, D)

(B) - Breakfast; (L) - Lunch; (D) - Dinner

PLEASE NOTE:

* Good walking ability is recommended for this tour. One motel does not have an elevator and most of our rooms will be on second floor.

* The specific details of this itinerary are subject to change.