



Honoring our Heroes Veterans Tour

Omaha - Abilene - Topeka & more!



November 8 - 12, 2018 (5 days)

HIGHLIGHTS



- Fagen Fighters WWII Museum**
- Terry Redlin Art Center**
- Freedom Park**
- General Crook's Home**
- Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum**
- Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum & Boyhood Home**
- Combat Air Museum**

MAP AT A GLANCE



Combat Air Museum - inside the Main Hangar



Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library





Day 1 – Home to Sioux Falls, SD

This morning we begin our journey west in search of wonderful tributes to our American Veterans. Our first stop will be in Granite Falls, MN at the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum. This museum is home to a pristine collection of fully operational, active aircraft and vehicles from World War II. Also featured are fine art, bronze sculptures, interactive multimedia displays, and an ever-growing library. This is a self-guided experience and gives a rare look into the lives and legacy of the Greatest Generation. We will stop at the Granite Run Golf Course Restaurant for a delicious lunch before we continue our journey west, stopping in Watertown, SD at The Redlin Art Center. This art gallery displays over 150 of artist Terry Redlin's original paintings. After visiting we will travel to Sioux Falls, SD for the night.

Included Meals: Lunch

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express



SAC & Aerospace Museum



Redlin Art Center - be sure to find the "An American Portrait" series!

Day 2 – Sioux Falls to Omaha, NE

After breakfast at our hotel, we will journey south to Omaha, NE. Enjoy the beautiful countryside as we make our way. Our first stop will be at Casio's Steakhouse in Omaha for a delicious lunch. After lunch we will visit Freedom Park, home to the USS Hazard and the USS Marlin. The Hazard first served as an escort and later as a minesweeper. After being decommissioned in 1946 and struck from Navy records in 1971, it was purchased by a group of Omaha businessmen and placed on display in Freedom Park, the only Admirable class minesweeper left in the United States. The Marlin was one of the smallest operational submarines ever built for the Navy. Next on our itinerary is a visit to General Crook's House. General Crook was the Commander of the Department of the Platte and moved his headquarters from downtown Omaha to Fort Omaha. This home was built in 1879 to be the residence of the Commander. We will check into our hotel for a relaxing evening with dinner on your own at a nearby restaurant.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Hotel: Hyatt Place Hotel



Eisenhower Home - where Dwight D. Eisenhower lived until entering West Point in 1911

Day 3 – Omaha to Abilene, KS

After a nice breakfast at the hotel we will visit the Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum in Ashland, NE. We will have a guided tour of the museum which consists of several aircraft, exhibits, and space crafts. Lunch will be included at the Museum before we travel to Abilene, KS. In Abilene we will check into the hotel before having dinner at Brookville Hotel, which is not a hotel but a restaurant that specializes in family style chicken dinners. The Brookville Hotel traces its roots back to the 1870s, when the railroad spread their tracks out across the prairie to meet the expected rush of Longhorn cattle coming up from Texas along the Chisholm Trail. The "hotel" originated the famous "Family Style Chicken Dinners" in 1915.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Hotel: Holiday Inn Express

Day 4 – Abilene to Independence, MO

Our day begins with breakfast at the hotel before departing for Dwight Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum, and Boyhood home. The Eisenhower Presidential Library is home to a world-class research facility, located in Eisenhower's hometown of Abilene, Kansas. We'll explore the extraordinary life and legacy of the only 5-star General who became President of the United States. In addition, the Eisenhower Museum and Boyhood Home shows Ike's boyhood years growing up in America's heartland, his years as military leader, and his presidency. After lunch on your own in Abilene, we will travel to Topeka, KS for a visit to the Combat Air Museum. The Combat Air Museum has served as an educational

institution and tourism destination for close to forty years. It is one of a handful of major aviation museums in the United States located on an active airfield. We may be treated to flying activities of Air Force fighter aircraft and Army helicopter operations. With the longest runway in the State of Kansas, large refueling tanker aircraft of the Kansas Air National Guard and army troop transports often fill the skies around the Museum. We will check into our hotel for a relaxing evening with dinner tonight served right in our hotel.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel: Stoney Creek Hotel

Day 5 – Independence to Home

After breakfast at the hotel, we begin our journey back to Minnesota. Have time to reflect on all the wonderful and interesting places we visited, honoring our Veteran Heroes as well as enjoying our newfound friendships!

Included Meals: Breakfast

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2018 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	November 8 - 12, 2018 (5 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$1,099 Double	\$1,349 Single
	\$1,039 Triple	\$999 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	9 Meals, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 p/p deposit at time of reservation, Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$67 Double per person / \$85 Single	
TRAVEL BUCKS:	\$25 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour	
TOUR PACE:	Light to Moderate Walking	