



National Balloon Classic

Indianola, IOWA

Optional Balloon Ride
\$225 p/p. 40-60 Min.
Call for details.

Mass Ascension -
108 balloons went
up in 30 minutes!

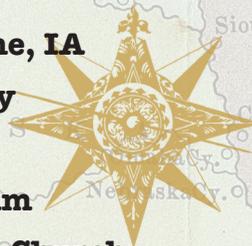


July 28 - 31, 2022 (4 Days)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Faribault Woolen Mills Tour
- Birthplace of Mamie Eisenhower - Boone, IA
- Full Day Guided Tour of Madison County
- Picturesque Covered Bridges
- Boyhood Home of John Wayne & Museum
- Homemade Lunch at First Presbyterian Church
- Iowa Quilt Museum
- Winterset Iowa Courthouse Square
- National Balloon Classic
- Early Morning Balloon Rise
- National Balloon Museum Tour
- Poppajohn Sculture Park
- Grand Parade
- Grand Opening Mass Balloon Ascension

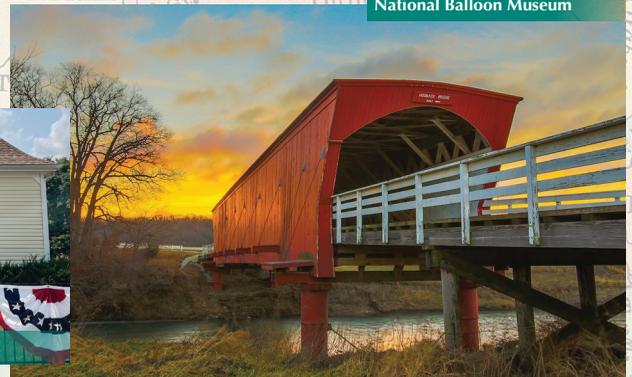
MAP AT A GLANCE



National Balloon Museum



Mamie Eisenhower's Birthplace



Madison County - Hogback Covered Bridge

Iowa skies come alive as 100+ hot air balloons paint the sky with brilliant colors and charming special shapes. Don't miss a moment of the excitement as skilled pilots compete every morning and every evening, while dazzling guests below. Great family fun and incredible entertainment await you at the Memorial Balloon Field. Just sit back and enjoy the beautiful countryside as you listen to live music during the evening balloon flights. Grab a bite to eat, buy a balloon ride for a one-of-a-kind view, and prepare to be awestruck as the skies come alive with a mystical glow of balloons!

Lake Winnipeg

Day 1 - Home to West Des Moines, IA

Only about an hour down the road we make our first meaningful stop. A guided tour of the Faribault Woolen Mills. A real live "Made in the USA" success story, this family-owned business was recently invited to the White House to present their products and business to the President himself. We will get to experience firsthand why Minnesota's quality received so much attention. Lunch is on our own before we board the bus and soon exit the freeway for a side trip to Boone, Iowa. Ever been there? It's well known for being on the Lincoln Highway (US 30), but even more well known for being the birthplace of none other than Mamie Eisenhower! We'll make our way along Mamie Eisenhower Boulevard before turning up a side street to her very modest and humble home where she was born in 1896. We have planned a brief viewing of the home before continuing on our journey. Then we check into our hotel for the next three nights before enjoying the Manager's "Kickback" Reception is available at the hotel.

Included Meals: Manager's Reception
Hotel: Drury Inn (3 Nights)

Day 2 - Madison County

After a great Drury Inn hot breakfast, we are off to Madison County. We are privileged today to have our own local expert guide to tell us the history and story of this colorful place. We will visit some of the picturesque covered bridges! We won't have time to visit them all, so our guide will choose which ones to take us to. There's the Roseman Bridge featured in the book and movie, "The Bridges of Madison County." The Cedar Covered Bridge is pictured on the cover of the novel. The Holliswell Bridge is the longest bridge at 122 feet and is featured in the movie. Three other bridges, Cutler-Donahoe, Hogback and Imes are famous in their own right! Maybe even more popular than the bridges, though, is the Birthplace of John Wayne. John Wayne: The mere mention of his name produces images of courage and patriotism! John began his life in Winterset in 1907, and we will visit the four room house now replete with Wayne memorabilia. Newly expanded, this is the only museum in the world dedicated to John Wayne. What fun it will be to share an included homemade lunch at First Presbyterian Church. Visiting the Iowa Quilt Museum, featuring the amazing work of Victoria Findlay Wolfe, is also on our agenda. You'll have time to also enjoy strolling the sidewalks of Winterset town square, the home of the beautiful Madison County courthouse! We return to our hotel later in the afternoon to catch our breath. Then we make the short drive to Indianola and the opening night of the National Balloon Classic. Enjoy dinner on your own from one of the many food truck vendors. Behold - the visual exhilaration of scores of colorful hot air balloons filling the evening sky is sheer joy! Rest well tonight after an adventure-filled day.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3 - Indianola & West Des Moines

For our adventuresome early risers, roll out of bed very early, board the coach and head to the Memorial Balloon Field in Indianola. Prepare to be awestruck as dark skies come alive with a mystical glow as balloons ascend the skies. Bring your flashlight, it's still dark! Watch in wonder as the balloons launch prior to sunrise and fly until it's light enough to land. Secured with specially approved lighting systems, balloons flying in the dark are a rare phenomenon in ballooning. We don't want to be late or we'll miss it! If you purchased an optional balloon ride, you'll be among the riders in the early morning sky! (Individuals are responsible for the cost and liability.) We'll get back to the hotel in time to enjoy a relaxing hot breakfast buffet. We've earned it. Mid-morning we return to the streets of Indianola. Our reserved seats are the perfect place for a front row view as the Grand Parade winds through the streets of Indianola, including the iconic Iowa-style City Square. Indianola is a "down home Midwestern hamlet" with so much to offer. Enjoy unique shopping, craft beers, local wines, and great casual dining at the many food vendors lining the streets. Also located in Indianola is the National Balloon Museum and Ballooning Hall of



Faribault Woolen Mills

Fame. This is an included, don't miss, opportunity for us to tour & explore Hot Air Ballooning and its rich history through amazing and colorful exhibits. We'll return to the hotel later this afternoon to rest and refresh before dinner is served at one of our chosen favorites, The Machine Shed Restaurant! Fabulous dining! Then we return to the Balloon Classic for this evening's festivities. This evening is the Grand Opening of the Balloon Classic. The OPEN THE SKIES Mass Ascension Balloon Flight is an incredible sight to behold. Several hundred unique and colorful balloons rising almost simultaneously is breathtaking! Throughout the evening live music is on stage. A spectacular fireworks show at dusk caps off the opening. Our comfy bed will feel great tonight!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 - West Des Moines to Home

Following another great, leisurely breakfast we visit the amazing Poppajohn Sculpture Park and also have a photo stop at the Iowa State Capitol - what spectacular building! Then we depart for home, stopping for an included ice cream treat at Russell Stovers along the way! What a special time we've had exploring Iowa and experiencing the National Balloon Classic!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Treat



Cutler-Donahoe Covered Bridge



Ready for balloons to take off!



Winterset - Beautiful Courthouse



Winterset - John Wayne Statue

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2022 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	July 28 - 31, 2022 (4 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$999 Double	\$1,249 Single
	\$939 Triple	\$889 Quad
PRICE INCLUDES:	5 Meals & 1 Mgr. Rec. plus Treat, Hotels & Activities as stated in brochure, Luxury Motorcoach	
DEPOSIT DUE PER PERSON:	\$100 per person deposit at time of reservation. Full payment due 30 days prior to departure.	
OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION P/P:	\$67 Double (per person) / \$85 Single	
TOUR PACE: (See page 12 for description)	Moderate Walking (*Some uneven terrain. Early morning & late night walking in the dark.)	
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS	\$20 Travel Bucks Earned With This Tour	

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