



Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum

Experiencing Sioux Falls

June 27 - 30, 2023 (4 days)

MAP AT A GLANCE



HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Nights in Sioux Falls
- Fagen Fighters WWII Museum
- Redlin Art Center & Gallery
- Guided Tour of Sioux Falls - South Dakota's largest city
- Good Earth State Park
- Falls Park featuring Triple Falls of the Big Sioux River, Falls Overlook Cafe, & Live Music
- BronzeAge Art Casting
- Stockyards Ag Museum
- Pettigrew Mansion
- Cathedral of Saint Joseph
- Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum
- McCrossen Boys Ranch
- Minerva's Steakhouse
- Roundhouse Trackless Trains
- Stensland Family Farms Tour
- USGS EROS Data Center



McCrossen Boys Ranch



Roundhouse Trackless Trains



Fagen Fighters WWII Museum

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Day 1 – Home to Watertown & Sioux Falls, SD

Our memorable journey begins today with coffee & a treat at R&J's very own office - come meet the R&J Family! Then we head down the road to visit a living memorial to one of the most critical times in our nation's history: WWII. The Fagen Fighters WWII Museum is a showcase of iconic aircraft & ground equipment as well as a tribute to the men and women of The Greatest Generation whose incredible sacrifices during that time shaped the freedom & liberty we enjoy today. Lunch is included here before we travel to Watertown, SD and the world renowned Redlin Art Center. We will marvel at the imposing colonial style four story brick building supported by 24 granite columns encircling the building. The gallery showcases more than 150 original oil paintings by Terry Redlin (1937-2016), one of the most widely collected painters of wildlife and Americana. A welcome dinner is served at Brazilian Grill before we check into the Hampton Inn in Sioux Falls for three nights.

Included Meals: Lunch, Dinner
Hotel: Hampton Inn (3 Nights)

Day 2 – Sioux Falls

Following a hot hotel breakfast, an expert step-on guide will join us as we tour Sioux Falls. Then we enjoy a tour of The Pettigrew Home & Mansion. Pettigrew was South Dakota's first full-time US Senator. He purchased this 1889 Queen Ann home in 1911 and arranged for this home to be donated to the city upon his death in 1926. Being a seasoned traveler, he collected artifacts all over the world and many of them are on display in this home. Our next stop will be the BronzeAge Art Casting where hot metal equals cool art! We'll tour the BronzeAge sculpture foundry and learn how an artist's clay sculpture becomes bronze. We'll also check out local artwork in the creative gift gallery. Afterwards, we head to over to the Stockyards Ag Museum at Falls Park. Learn the history of the Sioux Falls Stockyard and its impact on the economy of Sioux Falls. Then we explore Falls Park, a special 123-acre park featuring triple waterfalls, visitors center, a five story observation tower, the Falls Overlook Café, and historic ruins located on the banks of the Big Sioux River. Our lunch will be enjoyed at the Falls Overlook Café. Next up is a tour of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, which stands tall above the Sioux Falls skyline. This Romanesque & French Renaissance structure was built from 1915-1918. We will return to our hotel to relax & freshen up. Tonight dinner is at fantastic Minerva's in downtown Sioux Falls. You will love it and be glad it is an included meal! Afterwards, stroll the Sculpture Walk on a self-guided tour and shop in the unique downtown stores. Grab a sweet treat at CH Patisserie, a wonderful French Patisserie on Phillips Avenue.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3 – Sioux Falls

We will start our day after a hot breakfast by heading to the Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum. This serene 155-acres features colorful remnants, stone quarries, rail lines, building foundations & more. Our tour will explain interesting facts about Sioux Falls' early days and the impact the quarry had on the beginning of the city. Lunch is served at Josiah's before we're treated to a fascinating tour of the McCrossen Boys Ranch. For more than 61 years, McCrossen Boys Ranch has changed the lives of many young troubled boys between the ages of 9-20, who have experienced conflict in their lives. Through values and dedicated staff, they prepare boys to live a balanced life outside the Ranch. A very effective part of the program is the use of horses in the therapy & counseling. Next we travel to Roundhouse Trackless Trains in Hartford, where construction of mini trackless trains for children & adults takes place. These trains are sold all over the US; it's even possible you've ridden in one! Then we will have some free time to shop downtown before we head back to Falls Park to enjoy live music! Food trucks are available for dinner on your own or you may choose to dine again at Falls Overlook Café.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4 – Sioux Falls

After breakfast we will tour Stensland Family Farms, giving us a close up look at their dairy operation, creamery, and store - which of course carries their homemade ice cream, cheese



Good Earth State Park



Pettigrew Home



Picturesque Falls Park



Stensland Family Farms



curds & more! Then we drive to the beautiful, interactive visitors center at Good Earth State Park, South Dakota's newest state park. Good Earth at Blood Run is a National Historic Landmark because the ever abundant wildlife and fertile flood plain made the area a crossroads of Native American Civilization. Lunch is served at Looks Marketplace before we head north to enjoy a guided tour at U.S. Geological Survey Earth Resources Observation & Science Center (EROS), which houses the largest computer complexes in the entire Department of the Interior. Then we continue towards home, thinking fondly of Experiencing Sioux Falls!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

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2023 DATES & PRICES

DATES:	June 27 - 30, 2023 (4 Days)	
PRICE PER PERSON:	\$1,199 Double	\$1,429 Single
	\$1,129 Triple	\$1,089 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:	\$85 Double (per person) / \$85 Single	
R&J TRAVEL BUCKS	\$25 R&J Travel Bucks earned on this tour	

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TOUR PACE:

Moderate Walking at your own pace (See page 9 for description)

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