

ROCK'N PAGES FOR ALL AGES

**ANNUAL CASTLE
ROCKERS BOAT CRUISE**
on
THURSDAY, JULY 11
\$90 per person

Bus Leaves:
Northfield 9:20 a.m.
Castle Rock Bar 9:30 a.m.
Castle Rock Bank, Fgtn 9:40 a.m.

Join us on “Her Excellency” for a private, two-hour, exciting tour of Lake Minnetonka. Lake Minnetonka is a beautiful lake nestled between Excelsior, Minnetonka, Wayzata, and Orono. The ship’s captain will share stories of the lake, point out the beautiful estates and navigate the shores, channels, and many bays and islands of the Lake’s 114 miles of shoreline.

There is no ramp onto the boat but someone will be there to assist if using a wheelchair. There are steps to the top level of the boat with no elevator. Please have someone accompany you if you need assistance.

We’ll enjoy hamburgers with all the fixings, homemade potato salad, cheese slices, fresh fruit, and potato chips. They offer unlimited soda/juice/water/coffee. There is also a cash bar available.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE:
June 25**



**Teddy Roosevelt’s Medora
with the
Traveling Professor**
August 16-19
\$1,398 double
\$1,698 single

This four day trip will have us stopping in Jamestown, ND at the Historic Pioneer Village . The following day, we’ll depart for Medora where we will stay at the Rough Rider Hotel for the next two nights. The central location of the hotel will allow us to wander around Medora during our free time.

We’ll visit Theodore Roosevelt National Park on day three. The park is known for its breathtaking vistas and upclose sightings of wild horses, bison, bighorn sheep, elk and other wildlife. We’ll drive through the Petrified Forest and then back to Medora for lunch on our own..

A spectacular one-man show, “Teddy Roosevelt’s Salute to Medora” will help us learn about Roosevelt as president, husband, father, soldier, hunter and Badlands rancher. We’ll then be whisked away for the Pitchfork Fondue dinner. Then, the highlight of the trip, the Medora Musical—you’ll experience western cowboy style singing and dancing in an outdoor amphitheater with the beautiful Badlands in the background.

The tour includes: hotel accommodations, three breakfasts, two dinners, the Pitchfork Fondue Steak Cowboy Dinner, and reserved seating at the musical.

This trip is organized by Jeanie’s Journeys in Minneapolis. Tips for driver and tour director are not included in the charge. Travel insurance is available. Jeanie says this trip is “Go Go Moderate” with walking up to two miles a day and steps.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE
July 8**
**Reservation forms are available at
the Bank**



August 5-11, 2024

Senior Day - Thursday, August 8

To celebrate “Senior Day,” there will be donuts/cookies and coffee/lemonade under the Senior Day tent next to Ahlberg Hall in the morning. After enjoying those snacks, there will be some sponsors dedicated to Senior Day. You’re invited to enjoy the Wendinger Band in the Main Beer Garden while eating your lunch from noon until 3 p.m.



**Tuesday
September 24**
**Castle Rock Museum
 Nelson Cheese
 Factory
 Pepin Heights**
\$72
 (includes lunch and museum admission)

Bus Leaves

Castle Rock Bank, Fgtn 8:15 a.m.
 Castle Rock Bar 8:25 a.m.
 Northfield 8:45 a.m.

Our first stop, the Castlerock Museum in Alma, WI, is an arms and armor museum; our exhibits include arms and armor from many points in European history. A visit offers the chance to view and learn about authentic armor spanning many periods; the collection begins with ancient Greece, and concludes in the early modern period. To provide a better sense of the many different cultures the arms and armor originate from, they enrich the displays by using art prints to show the arms and armor in their historical context.

We'll stop at Beth's Twin Bluff Buffet Café and Gift Shop for lunch. Enjoy a home-cooked meal of roast beef or meat loaf. Located under the Twin Bluffs in Nelson, WI, it is a family-owned and operated business. Save room for ice cream as we'll be headed next to the Nelson Cheese Factory. You'll also find some fine cheeses, specialty meats, and wine here to enjoy at home later. Our final stop will be at Pepin Heights Orchard, home to many great local apple varieties including Honeycrisp and Sweetango. Nothing says "fall" like the satisfying crunch of a delicious, healthy apple.

Bonus: We'll start seeing some lovely fall colors along the drive.

**Registration deadline:
 September 1**

There will be moderate walking. Not all locations are accessible.



**Fall Colors from The Osceola & St.
 Croix Valley Railway**
Thursday, October 10

\$60

Bus Leaves

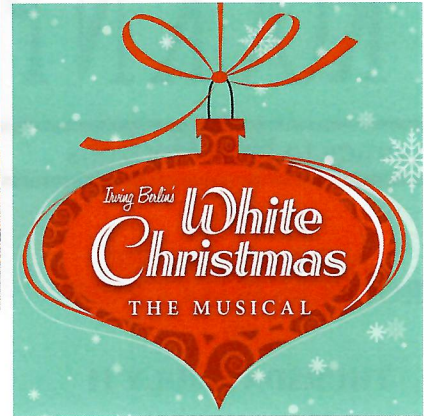
Castle Rock Bank, Fgtn 8:00 a.m.
 Castle Rock Bar 8:10 a.m.
 Northfield 8:25 a.m.

The historic 1950s locomotive (pulling up to 10 early 20th century passenger cars) departs from the bluff, traveling along the river past waterfalls and lush forests, eventually crossing the St. Croix River via Soo Line High Bridge. Experience scenery and nature at their best on the 90-minute trip along the St. Croix River. Wine, beer and snack boxes are available for purchase on board. You may also take your own snacks and beverages but no personal alcohol is permitted. Be sure to bring your camera/binoculars on this trip as you're certain to see some wonderful scenery.

We'll travel to Cascade Falls after the train ride. You can see from the street the falls from the street so no need to climb the stairs. Lunch will be on your own at the Tippy Canoe Sports Pub and Grub after our train ride and trip to the falls.

**Registration Deadline:
 September 25**

There is a lift available to get on to the train, but moving between cars will not be possible if you are using a walker or wheelchair. Moderate walking on this trip. If you'll need assistance, please plan to travel with a partner.



Wednesday, October 30

\$105

Bus Leaves

Northfield 9:30 a.m.
 Castle Rock Bar 9:40 a.m.
 Castle Rock Bank, Fgtn 9:50 a.m.

Veterans Bob Wallace and Phil Davis have a successful song-and-dance act after World War II. With romance in mind, the two follow a duo of beautiful singing sisters enroute to their Christmas show at a Vermont lodge, which just happens to be owned by Bob and Phil's former army commander. With a dazzling score featuring well-known standards including "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, "White Christmas" is an uplifting, wholesome musical that will delight audiences of all ages.

Included in your ticket price are a choice of entrées, warm bread and butter, coffee, tea or milk. Soft drinks, alcohol, appetizers, entrée upgrades and desserts are available for purchase. Server tips are not included in the price.

Registration Deadline: October 2

Flyers and reservation forms for all of the Wendinger and Jeanie's Journeys trips are available at the Castle Rock Bank. Please call LaVonne and leave a message if you would like a copy mailed to you. Please note that you are a Castle Rocker when making reservations.



Lefse, Owls and Wildlife Migration
Wednesday, November 13

Bus Leaves

Castle Rock Bank, Fgtn 8:00 a.m.
 Castle Rock Bar 8:10 a.m.
 Northfield 8:20 a.m.

We'll have several stops on this trip. We'll be stopping in Rushford at Norsland Lefse for authentic Norwegian lefse, Scandinavian gifts and novelties, and fun-loving apparel.

The next stop will be the International Owl Museum in the Houston Area Museum in Houston, MN. You'll find up to five live owls, children's owl art from around the world, an owl-themed gift shop, and enjoy a program by one of their educators.

The last stop of the day will be at the Brownsville Wildlife Overlook. The Brownsville Overlook is one of the best places along the river to view hundreds of tundra swans, diving and puddle ducks, bald eagles and other migrating birds stopping to rest and feed before traveling to their wintering grounds. You'll want to bring your cameras and binoculars.

The cost will include lunch but supper will be on your own. There will be a good deal of walking on this trip.

Estimated return will be 7 p.m.

Plans for this trip are being finalized. All details including cost will be included in the fall newsletter. You'll want to hold the date.



TULIP FESTIVAL AND MAI FEST

Nine Castle Rockers visited Pella and Amana, Iowa in early May. We travel with Monica from Jeanie's Journeys. We had perfect weather during our visit (there was a splash of rain the second day early morning but it quickly cleared). Pella treated us to Dutch letters and other wonderful pastries, a visit to a working windmill, a tour of the historical village (think Dakota City), and a wonderful parade. Pella is also the boyhood home of Wyatt Earp and Doris Erickson was lucky enough to meet him just outside the house for a quick picture.

The residents of Pella are extremely proud of their Dutch heritage—entire elementary school classes were dressed in costume and clogs for the parade. They were welcoming and gracious during our visit to their small town of 10,000.

In Amana, we celebrated Mai Fest with music and dance throughout the day. We enjoyed a traditional German dinner at the Ronneburg Restaurant. A small town (475 residents), it provided a big city welcome to all of us with great food and wonderful polka music. We were invited to return for Oktoberfest for lively music and lots of beer. The Amana Colonies are known by some as Little Germany.

On our way to Pella, we made a stop at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, IA to hear the story of the Surf and learn the inspiration for the song, "American Pie"—the day the

music died with the deaths of Buddy Holly, J.P. Richardsen and Ritchie Valens.

Spring is finally here.
 ... I think ... Maybe
 ... Hopefully.



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You Sign-up Early and When We Get A Separate Check for Each Event!

Just a reminder that Board Members are unable to assist anyone with accessibility issues. Please plan to travel with a friend who can assist you as necessary.

WAIVER AND RELEASE

You'll notice something new on your reservation forms. The Castle Rockers need to have on file a Waiver and Release for anyone who travels with us as a safeguard for the Castle Rock Board members, the Castle Rock Bank and it's officers. These forms are common for most travel groups. Rather than trying to track everyone down, we have added the form to the reservation slips. Please sign and return the entire sheet for every trip you register for in the future. This will save JoAn, our treasurer, a great deal of time. We appreciate your cooperation.

CASTLE ROCK BANK

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Celebrating 105 years of service to this community.

June 17-20—Discover Northern Minnesota with Wendingers—\$998 per person

July 11—Cruising Lake Minnetonka—\$90

August 5-11—Dakota County Fair

August 16-19—Teddy Roosevelt's Medora—\$1,398 D, \$1,698 S

September 24—Castle Rock Museum, Nelson Cheese Factory, Pepin Heights—\$72

October 10—Colors from the Osceola and St. Croix Valley Railway—\$65

October 30—White Christmas at the Chanhassen—\$105 per person

November 13—Lefse, Owls and Wildlife Migration—TBA

December 5—Annual Christmas Party and Board of Directors Election

IMPORTANT!!

If you sign up for an event and find that you can't attend, please call JoAn at 651-423-7491 as soon as possible. If there is a waitlist, she may be able to find someone to take your place. If unable to find a replacement, we may not be able to issue a refund if we have had to pay in advance.

We are unable to provide assistance to anyone needing a wheelchair. Please arrange to have a friend or PCA to assist you.

Castle Rocker's Board of Directors

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Castle Rock

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Looking for volunteer:)