

Christmas around the World in Omaha

Enjoy wonderful holiday attractions, cultural experiences, and Christmas musical events!

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Day 1 Wednesday, Dec 4th, 2019

- 5:00 am Meet at the National Bank in Hewitt
Depart shortly thereafter
Rest break and Noon Meal in route
- 5:00 pm Arrive in Wichita Kansas at the **“Comfort Inn”**
- Night Meal furnished

Day 2 Thursday, December 5th, 2019

- 2:45 pm Arrive in Omaha, Nebraska
- 2:45-3:30 **Behind the scenes tour of the Omaha Community Playhouse**
This afternoon take a complimentary tour of the largest community theater in the United States. Learn about the rich history of the theater since its founding in the 1920's by Marlon Brando's mother. Go behind the scenes to discover how huge productions are produced from the costume makers to the set designers. Later our group will experience the Christmas Carol Musical, a holiday tradition in Omaha for over 40 years.
- 3:45-5:00 Check into the Comfort Inn & Suites
- 5:00-6:35 **Banquet dinner at the Comfort Inn & Suites**
Holiday Entertainment by Irish folk singer & musician, Dave Marsh
This evening enjoy a buffet style dinner at the amazing musical talents of musician Dave Marsh. Dave performs with twelve different musical instruments. You will hear familiar songs played on unfamiliar instruments, like "O Holy Night" on the hammered dulcimer and "Bring a Torch Jeanette Isabella" on the Northumbrian small pipes (English Bagpipes).
- 7:00-9:00 **Christmas Carol Musical at Omaha Community Playhouse**
For over 40 years, the Omaha Community Playhouse has been offering this quality holiday Performance. Enjoy a professional production of Dickens classic tale with musical score, special Effects and elaborate costumes. This is a great start for our Omaha Christmas tour.

Day 3 Friday, December 6th, 2019

- 8:30 am Depart for Boys Town - Omaha Guide will join Group.
- 9:00-12:00 **Irish Christmas at the Father Flanagan's Boys Town**
Lunch on your own at Boys Town Café at 11:00 am
Boys Town celebrates an Irish Christmas at the Father Flanagan House. The prior home of Father Flanagan is decorated for the holidays according to Irish Christmas holiday traditions. The guided Tour of Boys Town includes the Hall of History museum, Dowd chapel and Father Flanagan house. The Tour will finish at the visitor center where our group can shop in the gift shop and have lunch in the cafeteria.
- 12:30-1:30 **Gingerbread House Display at Mormon Trails Center**
View over 100 gingerbread houses of all shapes and sizes. Many of the houses are professionally created to impress each visitor. It is amazing the variety of structures you can Make from ordinary food items.

- 1:45-3:15 **Victorian Christmas at the 1879 General Crook House in Fort Omaha**
 This historic Italianate style residence was originally built specifically for General George Crook, a revered general in the Indian wars. Today the home is fully restored to its appearance in the early 1880's and decorated for the holidays. With the assistance of volunteers, each room is transformed into a captivating glimpse of Christmas past. Cookies and hot cider refreshments are served as part of the tour.
- 3:45-4:45 **Omaha Czech & Slovak Museum
 Kolaches, Accordion Music, and Coffee**
 The Omaha Czech and Slovak Cultural Museum features exhibits honoring Nebraska's early Czech and Slovak immigrants. Groups will learn about Czech culture and enjoy traditional Czech Kolaches and coffee. A local accordion player provides music during the group visit. This intimate museum offers an extensive gift shop featuring hand-decorated eggs, cookbooks, glassware, ornaments and more.
- 5:00-6:00 Rest period at the Comfort Inn & Suites
- 6:30-9:20 **Madrigal Christmas Feast Dinner Show**
 Tonight enjoy beautiful music, costumes, and merriment as you attend Omaha's Madrigal Christmas performance. Madrigal singers perform traditional English holiday songs on stage and Around the tables as you, meet the queen's court and the playful jester. Dinner is traditional English dishes like Yorkshire pudding and potato soup.

Day 4 Saturday, December 7th, 2019

- 8:00 am Suggest a light breakfast today. Depart for Lithuanian Bakery-
- 8:15-9:15 **Morning Holiday Torts at the Lithuanian Bakery**
 This morning visit the nearby Lithuanian Bakery for a taste of holiday torts, breads, and coffee. The Lithuanian tort is a traditionally a favorite dessert for Christmas.
- 9:35-11:00 **Holiday Poinsettia Display at Lauritzen Botanical Gardens**
 View hundreds of poinsettias on display including tree consisting of 700 poinsettias at Lauritzen Gardens. Miniature trains travel across the display, which includes replicas of famous Omaha Landmarks. In addition, tour the thirty million conservatory and extensive gift shop.
- 11:15-12:45 **Joslyn Art Museum
 Lunch on your own at glass atrium cafe**
 The Joslyn Art Museum is considered to be the top art museum between Denver and Chicago. The impressive pink granite building contains collections from antiquity to the 20th century. The museum contains a glass atrium area flanked by impressive Dale Chihuly pieces of art that extend from floor to ceiling. Visitors can have lunch at cafeteria- style café located in glass atrium area.
- 1:00-2:30 **Christmas at Union Station - The Durham Museum**
 This afternoon explore the impressive former union train station of the 1930's. The museum contains a huge holiday tree that greets visitors as they enter the main hall. On Saturdays, local choir groups give brief performances at the base of the tree. The museum also contains a collection of mini- holiday ethnic trees decorated by local cultural organizations. Visitors can explore the history of Omaha via exhibits and 1940's passenger train car.

2:40-3:15 **Retro Hollywood Candy Warehouse**

The Hollywood Candy shop contains hundreds of memorabilia items from the 1950's to the 1970's. the candy shop contains thousands of choices from Jelly Bellys to moon pies. The shop Contains a room with 30 antique pinball machines, a 1960's retro diner, a theater, and Antique consignment area. It is a great place to do a little Christmas shopping.

3:45-4:45 Rest period at Comfort Inn & Suites

5:15-6:40 **Christmas in Greece at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church**

Learn about how Christmas is celebrated in Greece at the St. John Greek Orthodox Church. After a brief tour of this beautiful church, group go downstairs for a home-made Greek meal and Dance performance. Greek holiday traditions are presented during the meal.

7:00-9:00 **Omaha Symphony & Broadway Stars Christmas Celebration Show**

This will be the highlight of your Christmas tour to Omaha. Tonight experience the annual holiday event at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Celebrate the magic, romance, and joy of the season as Broadway singers and dancers add to the beautiful sounds of the Omaha Symphony. It is a singing and dancing treat that you will remember for years to come.

Day 5 Sunday, December 8, 2019

- Breakfast at Motel
- 7:30 am Luggage out
- 8:30 Head for Oklahoma City
- Rest breaks and meals in route.
- 5:00 pm Arrive in OK, City at the "Comfort Inn"

Day 6 Monday, December 9, 2019

- Breakfast at Motel
- 7:00 am Luggage Out
- 8:00 am Depart for home
- Rest Breaks & noon meal in route home
- 3:00–4:00 pm Arrive back in Hewitt