

Developing Itinerary

Frankenmuth, MI

Sun., October 28th – Tues., October 30th , 2018

Day 1 – Sunday – Arrive at St. Christopher parking lot (147th and Karlov) at **7:15am**(arrival), prepare for a **8:00am departure** time. (St. Christopher Parish offers a 7:30am Sunday Mass if you're interested) Travel through Indiana with a continental breakfast on the bus. (goodies and snack sharing always welcome!) Continue traveling through the fall colors of Michigan. Our lunch stop is near the Lansing, MI area. Included in our day of traveling toward Frankenmuth is our "Spirit of Halloween Adventures". We have some great Halloween traditions on this day that can also be an option for our travelers who especially enjoy trains and ghosts. We'll tell you more on the bus ride. In Frankenmuth our accommodations for the next two nights are at "*Zehnder's of Frankenmuth Bavarian Haus*" featuring Splash Village, overlooking "*Bronner's the World's Largest Christmas Wonderland*". Dinner will be at *Zehnder's* with their famous all you can eat chicken dinner. Afterwards you can get a glimpse of their famous Bavarian bakery. Fear not, we'll return Tuesday morning to make your fresh bakery purchases to bring home. After our visit to *Zehnder's* After dinner we'll return to the bus and wind down with a night time travel through *Bronner's 25 Christmas Lane to see a dazzling display of Christmas decorations and ornaments and pass the Silent Night Chapel*. We'll even cross over the wooden bridge of Frankenmuth. Then, back to the hotel for rest and relaxation. Take a swim, relax in the hot tub and sauna or maybe a visit around the pool and facilities. B,D

Day 2 – Monday –*Breakfast buffet at the Elf Hollow Café of Zehnder's* beginning at 7:30am (Michigan time). Next is *Bronner's World's Largest Christmas Wonderland*. The amazing store is the size of 1½ football fields. You can also visit the Silent Night chapel on the grounds. With this kind of space and enjoyment you'll need a little time, so enjoy! Oh, don't forget your Christmas shopping lists! After *Bronner's* we'll pick up our Frankenmuth Tour Guide and get an overview of the whole Frankenmuth area including the Bavarian Inn glockenspiel where it features daily the story of the

Pied Piper at noon. Afterwards, we'll have some free time to stroll the downtown area for shopping and tasting but save your appetite for our mid-afternoon meal at *Bavarian Inn Restaurant* with a delicious German style 3 meat all you can eat dinner. You can take a peak downstairs at the bakery and gift shops to preview tomorrow mornings selections. After our dinner we'll have a chance to preview the Birch Run Outlet Mall or you can get dropped off at the hotel or *Bronner's* for a little more shopping before an evening swim and relaxation. There seems to always be a lot of nice fellowship around the pool area on Monday evening. Some of our guests are known for having evening card games back at the Elf Hollow Café area. If you are taking the overview look of Birch Run the bus will be arriving back at the hotel at approximately 6:45pm, still allowing for a nice leisurely evening. Remember, our hotel is right next to *Bronner's*...you can look out the window at some great decorations, stroll or get in some last minute Christmas shopping. B,D

Day 3 – Tuesday –Breakfast buffet begins again at 7:30am. We'll check out of our hotel and visit downtown Frankenmuth again. Now's the time to stock up on bakery goods. We'll also visit *River Place of Frankenmuth* and the *Birch Run Outlet Mall*. Afterward we'll begin heading back home. Our dinner will be around the *Benton Harbor* area and we should arrive back to St. Christopher around 7:00pm Illinois time. B,D