



## WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

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# NIAGARA FALLS & HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

The Falls, Amish Trails, Philadelphia, D.C., Williamsburg

with Women of the Midwest

May 10-18, 2022



Hello, Women of the Midwest,

I am excited to be your Ambassador for the this captivating journey of Niagara Falls, Lancaster, P.A., (Pennsylvania Dutch Country), Gettysburg, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., Mount Vernon, Richmond, and Colonial Williamsburg! What a journey! We will experience so much as we travel May 10 through May 18, 2022!

Historic sites, thrilling cities, and awe-inspiring scenery ...these are the perfect words to describe this tour.

From bustling cities to the majestic landscapes, you will be sure to arrive home with plenty of stories, memories, and photos to share.

We will also get a great insight into the Amish way of living, great foods, including a special Amish and traditional colonial-style dinner. You will find beautiful souvenirs to bring back home, from cookbooks to beautiful puzzles, silk scarves, toys, and home decor.

This trip will take us to both the Canadian and U.S. sides of the three Niagara Waterfalls. The best part is that no matter where we go, we will love getting to know new and former friends as we Travel Solo Together.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy traveling with girlfriends, or make new friends - even share a room with a new friend - we will introduce you ahead of time!

Sincerely,

Barb Wallingford  
Ambassador, Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.



**May 10, 2022 (Tuesday)**

**Arrival to Buffalo - Transfer to Niagara Falls**

Our wonderful adventure begins as we fly to Buffalo, NY. Upon arrival, we meet our local tour director who will be traveling alongside from our arrival to our departure from D.C. We have arranged a transfer to our hotel and the remainder of the day is yours to relax and unwind. A welcome dinner is included tonight. D

The Falls: Collectively the waterfalls are named Niagara Falls. They consist of three different waterfalls. The American Falls and the Bridal Veil Falls in the United States, and the Canadian Horseshoe Falls. The Niagara River serves as an International border. The Canadian side is where you get gorgeous panoramas of both the American Falls and the mighty Horseshoe Falls and is definitely the more glamorous side of Niagara Falls, thus our first two nights spent on the Canadian side. The water flows from streams and rivers that empty into the Great Lakes, from Lake Superior down through Niagara to Lake Ontario, then into the St. Lawrence River to the Atlantic Ocean.

evening are yours to enjoy - we recommend a walk on the Rainbow Bridge for even more impressive views of the Falls. The walk from one side of the other only takes 5 minutes, it is a short, but stunning, 1,500 feet each way! B

**May 12, 2022 (Thursday)**

**Lancaster County, PA**

We enjoy our breakfast and leaving Canada, we take a scenic drive south through eastern New York into Pennsylvania. We will arrive in Lancaster County, the heart of the Pennsylvania Dutch Country for a two-night stay. We are in the land of the "plain people", where time has stood still for over one hundred years and represents the oldest Amish settlement in North America. Living by the unwritten set of rules called the Ordnung (the German word for order, discipline, rule, arrangement, organization, or system), the Amish population as a whole stresses humility, family, community, and separation from the modern world. Mild and modest personalities are esteemed. Patience, waiting, and yielding to others are marks of maturity, and an awesome day among them is ahead of us. The Amish also have a reputation for good food. Numerous restaurants feature "Pennsylvania Dutch- and Amish-style cooking, food typically very filling. Leave your low-carb diet as dinner is included tonight. B | D

**May 11, 2022 (Wednesday)**

**Niagara Falls, Canada**

After a hearty breakfast, we will enjoy a Niagara Falls city tour featuring the Floral Clock and the Horticultural Center. The clock is the largest in the world and has a stunning clock-face made of 16,000 carpet bedding plants which are changed twice a year. There is a tower at the back of the clock housing Westminster chimes that greet each quarter-hour. If the door into the tower is open, you can take a glimpse at the clock mechanism and enjoy photographs that show the history of almost every face design all the way back to 1950. Later in the day, we will experience the legendary Niagara Falls Boat Tour. The breathtaking, close-up encounter with the awe-inspiring thundering falls is unforgettable. The duration of the boat tour is 20-30 minutes and no matter what you wear today, you will probably still get wet, so wear something that dries easily. The afternoon and



**May 13, 2022 (Friday)**

**Lancaster - Gettysburg**

After a filling breakfast, we head out to visit the somber grounds of Gettysburg National Military Park. This is the site of one of the bloodiest battles of the Civil War and we will learn all about the history related to this important historic site including the battle of Little Round Top, one of the most well-known actions at Gettysburg and of the entire war. After a more heartrending morning, we will spend the afternoon in lighter atmospheres, visiting an Amish farm and house to learn about their faith, culture, and way of life that forbids the use of electricity or telephones at home. We will see the Amish distinctive style of dress and the use of horse-drawn buggies in place of cars. A special dinner is included tonight as we enjoy a traditional Amish family-style meal. Make sure you don't leave Lancaster without your own, favorite Amish cookbook or some of the beautiful and homemade souvenirs available for purchase at the local shops. B | D

**May 14, 2022 (Saturday)**

**Philadelphia - Washington D.C.**

After breakfast, we depart from Lancaster county and head east to visit Philadelphia. The city has long been nicknamed "The City of Brotherly Love" from the literal meaning of its name in Greek (Philos = dear or loving and Adelfos = brother) and the city was first named by its founder, William Penn. We will see the Most Historic Square Mile in America featuring Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. As its name indicates, Independence Hall was the site for the Declaration of Independence signed in 1776. The Liberty Bell was used to call lawmakers to legislative meetings and it was also used to invite





people to public meetings. Cast at London's Whitechapel Bell Foundry, the bell arrived in Philadelphia in August 1752. Because the metal was too brittle, it cracked during a test strike and had to be recast twice. After the British invasion, the bell was hidden in a church until it could be safely returned to the State House. We will arrive in Washington D.C. in the afternoon, for a two-night stay to explore our nation's capital. B

**May 15, 2022 (Sunday)**

*Washington D.C.*

Breakfast is served in "The Federal City" as George Washington dubbed it, Thomas Jefferson envisioned it as "America's Paris," and JFK described it, jokingly, as "a city of Southern efficiency and Northern charm." However you regard Washington, D.C., it fulfills its reputation as an imperial city with vibrant energy. Today, we will feed our soul with this exciting city.

Our first visit is at Arlington National Cemetery to see the Kennedy Grave Sites and the John F. Kennedy Eternal Flame. The Eternal Flame was used at the time of President Kennedy's lying in state three days after his assassination. The site was designed by a long-time friend of the President. We will also see the famous changing of the guards at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Becoming a Tomb Guard is incredibly difficult and the Tomb Guard badge is the least awarded badge in the army, the second least awarded badge in the overall military (the first is the astronaut badge). Tomb Guards are also held to the highest standards of behavior and can have their badge taken away for any action, on or off duty, that could bring disrespect to the Tomb. And that is for the entire lifetime of the Tomb Guard, even well after his or her guarding duty is over. Only four women have held the post to date. Did you know that the Tomb Guard takes twenty-one steps during their "walking the mat" by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier? It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary. We continue to enjoy many of the city's major highlights including the World War II Memorial, Iwo Jima, Korean and Vietnam War Memorials, Capitol Hill, and Embassy Row. We will make sure to stop for great views and photos of the White House. Later in the day, we will visit the world's greatest and largest museum, the Smithsonian Institution. Comprised of several spacious museum buildings, you will find the well-known Air and Space, American History, and Natural History Museums among others. Choose your own favorite or join our guided tour. Remember to swing by the Smithsonian museum stores. You will find the most amazing gifts to bring back home (don't forget to spoil yourself too), from beautiful puzzles to silk scarves, jewelry, books, home decor, clothing, and toys. Tonight we gather to enjoy a D.C. twilight illumination tour of the famous monuments including those dedicated to Lincoln and Jefferson. Many landmarks light up after dark and exploring at night is a great way to see the city at its finest. B

**May 16, 2022 (Monday)**

*Mount Vernon - Richmond - Williamsburg*

We enjoy our breakfast, check out of our hotel and travel to Mount Vernon, President George Washington's beautiful estate overlooking the Potomac River. The "Father of Our Country" called Mt. Vernon home for more than 45 years. We will tour the house and gardens and visit the gravesite of our first President. We continue our drive to Richmond (the capital of the Confederacy) to see Virginia's impressive capitol building surrounded by grassy Capitol Square. Thomas Jefferson designed the Roman temple-style building, flanked by later wings. Capitol Square is also home to the neoclassical Governor's Mansion, a bell tower, and statues of notable Virginians. It's ringed by the Victorian Gothic Old City Hall, the handsome Italianate Custom House, and St. Paul's Church, where Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee worshiped during the Civil War. We arrive in Williamsburg in the late afternoon for a two-night stay to enable our exploration of incredible Colonial highlights. B

**May 17, 2022 (Tuesday)**

*Colonial Williamsburg*

Breakfast is served before we visit Virginia's largest historical attraction, Colonial Williamsburg, a 173-acre living history museum. We start at the Visitor's Center and then you may explore on your own pace the 88 restored and reconstructed 18th-century buildings. Mingle with costumed townspeople and witness craftsmen demonstrations.

Perhaps visit Raleigh Tavern, the meeting place for Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry, and other patriots. This is an awesome day and a wonderful way to collect our last memories of an amazing journey! We have arranged a traditional colonial farewell dinner tonight. B | D

**May 18, 2022 (Wednesday)**

*Return Home*

After breakfast, we leave Williamsburg and head to Washington D.C. for our flight back home filled with wonderful memories of a delightful Niagara Falls and Heritage Highlights tour. B

**B = Breakfast D = Dinner**

*Itinerary subject to change!*





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**SECURE ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:**  
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**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room:	\$3,695
Per person in a single room (limited rooms):	\$4,695
Per person in a shared triple room:	\$3,645

Triple rooms consist of two king beds

*Remember our "Pair & Share" service for solo travelers.*

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check or credit card. The balance is due on January 10, 2022, and is non-refundable. The balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please contact us.

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*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 21 travelers. Should the number of travelers fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded by January 10, 2022.*

**Tour Activity 1 2 3 4 - This Journey is level 3:**  
 Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk 3 miles or more over the course of a day typically on pavements. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

**Accommodation:**  
 Local 3+ and 4-star hotels.  
 Final accommodation will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.

**Air, included in your package:**  
 Group airfare is included. Pricing and specific itinerary will be available by the end of September 2022. All registered travelers will be notified.

If you wish to travel from a different city than Omaha, please let us know and we will make sure to customize your air. A supplement could occur.

**Included:**

- Airfare, economy class
- 8 overnights at 3- & 4-star hotels
- 8 x breakfast
- 4 x dinner
- All tours and admissions as per tour program
- Transportation with private deluxe motor coach (all our motorcoaches offer one free seat next to you to allow for some nice extra space)
- Baggage handling at hotels (1 checked bag per person)
- Tour host/Women of the Midwest Ambassador, Barb Wallingford
- Professional, local tour director from the arrival to Buffalo to the departure from Washington D.C.
- All local taxes and fees

*Note: This tour will include two days in Canada. Please make sure to bring your current passport with an expiration date that does not exceed 6 months past the return date.*

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions of this tour which can be found on our website at [executivetravel.com/escorted-tours](http://executivetravel.com/escorted-tours)

**Not Included:**

- Airline Baggage fees (usually \$35 for first checked bag)
- Gratuities for local tour director
- Personal expenses
- Meals other than mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than mentioned
- Professional fees, \$50.00 per person due at time of reservation
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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