



## Morel Mushrooms and Wind (with a Side of Mustard and Matchsticks)

May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 20<sup>th</sup> (4 days, 3 nights)

Cost: Dbl \$779 (**\$739**) Single \$889 (**\$849**) Triple \$709 (**\$669**)  
\$100 deposit with registration (**\$40 DISCOUNT IF DEPOSIT IS RECEIVED BY 1/17**)

Depart: College of St. Mary – 7:30 AM; Best Western, CB– 8:00 AM

**Have you ever wanted to eat your fill of those delicious morel mushrooms? Have you ever wondered how those HUGE wind generators work, and be able to see one up close? Have you ever wondered where the “Condimental Divide” is? Did you know we have a replica of the Sistine Chapel right here in our area of the Midwest? Did you ever wonder how cheese is made? Have you ever wanted to go cruising on a yacht?** Well hop on board with us as we venture through the beautiful scenery of Iowa and southwest Wisconsin. This trip will give you the opportunity to see some attractions that you’ve never seen before. Highlights include:

- 4 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Amish lunch at the Ox Yoke Inn
- Montfort Wind Farm Tour
- House on the Rock
- Yacht Dinner Cruise
- Arena Cheese Factory
- Morel Mushroom Festival
- National Mustard Museum
- Dinner Theater and “42<sup>nd</sup> Street”
- Sistine Chapel Restaurant Lunch

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**Day 1, Thursday, May 17:** After our continental breakfast stop, we settle in for a scenic ride across Iowa to the Amanas where we'll stop for an Amish family-style lunch at the **Ox Yoke Inn**. You will not go away hungry! With a little time for shopping, we continue across Iowa and into Wisconsin destined for the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Middleton (a suburb of Madison) which will be our hotel for the next three nights. We'll find a fun spot for dinner on our own tonight. **B.L.**

**Day 2, Friday, May 18:** After a hot breakfast at the hotel, we take a short drive through the Wisconsin countryside to Montfort where we'll meet our tour guide at the **Montfort Wind Farm**. At the base of one of the towers, we'll learn all about how they work. With a base diameter of 14 feet and a blade length of approximately 112 feet, these turbines are HUGE! We'll stop for lunch on our own on our way to the **House on the Rock**. This amazing place starts with a house on a rock, but includes sprawling galleries of music machines, a sea monster, and excess amounts of everything! It's a complex of architecturally distinct rooms, streets, gardens, and shops. It's one of a kind. Our next highlight of the day is a private **dinner cruise on the "Grand Mariner" yacht** on Lake Mendota. We'll cruise past the university and downtown Madison areas as we enjoy our delicious catered dinner. (Some steps required for access to the yacht.) **B.D.**

**Day 3, Saturday, May 19:** After another hot breakfast at the hotel, we depart for the **MOREL MUSHROOM FESTIVAL** in Muscoda. But on the way, we'll stop at the **Arena Cheese Factory**, home to the original Co-Jack Cheese. Though they don't make cheese on the weekends, they will explain the process and give us the opportunity to taste and buy! (We're packing dry ice to keep your purchases cool till you get back home.) At the Mushroom Festival, we'll have the opportunity to taste fried morels and mushroom brats, as well as cheeses, maple syrup, jams, jellies, wines, honey, and beer in the tasting room. Also available will be arts and crafts, a flea market, food stands, chainsaw wood carving, a horseshoe tournament, and helicopter rides. This afternoon we'll check out the "Condimental Divide" at the **National Mustard Museum**. Home to the world's largest mustard collection, we'll see more than 5,500 mustards on display and be able to taste hundreds of them. Learn, taste, shop, and laugh! On our last evening out, we make our way to the **Fireside Dinner Theater** to enjoy a five-course dinner and performance of the musical **"42<sup>nd</sup> Street"**. Aspiring chorus girl Peggy Sawyer comes to the big city from Allentown, PA, and lands her first big job in the ensemble of a glitzy new Broadway show. Then just before opening night, the leading lady breaks her ankle. Will Peggy be able to step in and become a star? Chock-full of Broadway hits, it's sure to be one we'll all enjoy. **B.D.**

**Day 4, Sunday, May 20:** For those who wish to attend, we'll provide the opportunity for Mass at St. Bernard's Catholic Church. Then after another hot breakfast, we depart for home. We'll stop for lunch in Waterloo, Iowa, at the **GALLERIA DE PACO** restaurant, famed for the **"Sistine Chapel"** ceiling. Part of a wave of immigrant refugees from war-torn Sarajevo, artist Paco Rosic spent four months painting his version of the Sistine Chapel ceiling using Krylon spray paint onto the ceiling of his restaurant. Paco used so many thousands of cans of spray paint that he temporarily exhausted the supply in northeast Iowa, and eventually received a supply of free cans from a curious spray paint company. He spent four days in the real Sistine Chapel sketching the frescoes, then came home and painted the entire 14-foot-high vaulted plaster ceiling of the restaurant freehand, without stencils or taping. (He did some practicing in his parents' garage.) We'll make another interesting stop at the **Matchstick Marvels Museum**. Iowa artist Patrick Acton has glued over 6.5 million ordinary wooden matchsticks into 70 incredibly detailed scale models of life-like sculptures, complex machines, and world renown architecture. His creations can be seen in museums around the world. Departing Gladbrook, we should arrive back in the Council Bluffs/Omaha area at approximately 7:00 PM. **B.L.**



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