

Girls in Galena! — Girls Days Out —

Wednesday & Thursday, June 5-6, 2019



It's that time of year again...time to grab your girlfriends and join Vista for a fun-filled two day adventure! This year we will be traveling to Galena, that small town in northwest Illinois known for its well preserved 19th century buildings and home of Ulysses S. Grant. Galena has a lot to offer and our goal is to experience as much of it as possible!

As we enter Galena, we will be met by a step-on guide who will take us to three notable and award winning wineries in the area...Galena Cellars, Rocky Waters and Massbach Ridge Winery. We will be given samples at all three locations, experience a tour at one of the wineries and enjoy cheese and pizza along the way. The Galena region enjoys ideal grape-growing conditions—loamy soil, cool summers and slopes to

heat up the vines. The wineries in the area have capitalized on the favorable climate and topography, growing Illinois-hardy grapes such as Marechal Foch, St. Croix and Frontenac to produce distinctive dry reds and whites.

You will understand the real meaning of the phrase “shop ‘til you drop” once you hit the streets of Galena—our next stop. Voted one of “America’s Best Main Streets” by Fodor’s Travel and Parade.com, you’ll love browsing through Galena’s downtown with more than 100 storefronts featuring clothing, jewelry, collectibles, specialty items, gifts and more. We will be dropped off at one end of Galena’s main street to spend a few hours shopping in the quaint stores.



After shopping, you will most likely be ready for a hearty meal. We will enjoy “a taste of the old neighborhood” at Vinny Vanucchis. Their made from scratch Italian food features many recipes handed down for five generations! You will be transported to an authentic family trattoria complete with checkered tablecloths and imported artifacts and signs. Supper choices will include Chicken Cacciatore, Fettuccine Alfredo or Baked Lasagna, along with hot garlic bread, tossed salad and dishes of penne pasta with marinara sauce.

But wait...there’s more! Next we will be met at the restaurant by our local guide and historian for a Galena Ghost Walk. The hour long walking tour will take us past notable locations in Galena as our guide will share with us some hair-raising stories and history of the area. Feel free to walk along on the tour or find a comfortable bench to sit and rest, while you wait for the tour to return.



After a full day, we will check into our hotel for the evening, the Country

Inn and Suites. Situated just two miles from Galena’s downtown, this comfortable location offers many wonderful amenities including an indoor pool with waterslide, free Wifi and a 12 person hot tub.



After a restful evening, we will wake up to enjoy a full continental breakfast at the hotel...then we're off again!



Today, our first location will be a Galena House Tour. We will board our motorcoach and visit two of Galena's most famous properties. Built in 1857, The Belvedere has been considered the finest mansion in Galena since its construction. This historic 22 room mansion is truly lavish, the largest and most often visited Italianate mansion in Galena for more than 33 years! This house is truly a walk into the history of this great nation during the time leading up to and after the Civil War. The Dowling House is



the oldest building in Galena. This limestone structure was built in 1826-1827 in the single-pen style. The first floor was used as a trading post while the Dowlings lived upstairs. The building sat abandoned for several decades and was rehabilitated in the 1960s and opened to the public in the 1970s.

We will break for lunch at the Historic DeSoto House Hotel. At the time of its construction, the hotel was billed as "the largest hotel in the west." The DeSoto House was built to service the many people arriving in Galena which was flourishing as a major mining and training center. Choices for lunch include a DeSoto House Original Burger with fries, Deluxe Turkey Club Sandwich with potato salad, or a French Salad. Be ready to make your food selection when you call to reserve your spot!



After lunch we will begin our journey back home. Along the way, we will stop at the Anderson Gardens in Rockford for a guided tour.

This garden is a 12 acre Japanese Garden, established in 1978, and in 2004 the garden was named the finest Japanese garden in North America by the *Journal of Japanese Gardening*.



In keeping with the Japanese theme, we will enjoy supper at the nearby JMK Nippon restaurant. We will watch our food being cooked as we sit grill-side in the restaurant, observing our chef and his intricate knife skills as he prepares our meal.

We will then continue towards home with many fond memories of Galena and our Gal-pals!

SIGN-UP TIME: OPEN NOW — You can reach Beth at 815-539-1526, Deb at 815-539-1535 or Bobbi at 815-562-2200.

COST: \$300 Double Occupancy, \$355 Single Occupancy— Includes entrance to sites per itinerary above, 5 meals, hotel, transportation, all taxes and tips. Any cancellations will be refunded only if we are able to fill your vacancy.

PICK-UP: Depart on 6/5/19 from LaSalle Flying J at 7:00 a.m., Mendota Civic Center at 7:30 a.m., Rochelle Petro at 8:10 a.m. Return on 6/6/19 to Rochelle at approximately 8:40 p.m., Mendota at 9:20 p.m., LaSalle at 9:50 p.m.

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All members and guests must sign a liability waiver prior to attending any trip (day and extended) with Vista Club, but only needs to be signed one time, so once we have it on file, you are done!

In case of emergency, you may reach us on our Cell Phones: Beth at 815-985-2299 or Deb at 815-910-9047 or Bobbi at 815-762-4225

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