



## Omaha, NE-to-Central Flyway March 28-April 1, 2022

This 4 night 5 day trip includes round trip motorcoach transportation, 2 nights at the [Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel](#), Omaha, the afternoon in Lincoln, 2 nights at the [Best Western Plus Hotel](#), Kearney, luggage handling tour guide, step-on guides, all taxes, and meal gratuities.

Please contact Mrs. Lindsay Hall at 816.630.6161 to book your reservation for this phenomenal tour package!

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**Monday March 28 Itinerary:**

- 9:00 a.m. Depart Excelsior Springs (restroom stops enroute)
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch at [Valentino's](#) | 806 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue | Nebraska City, NE 6840
- 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. [Boys Town](#) In-Depth Hosted Tour & Gift Shop (step- on guide)  
When Father Edward J. Flanagan purchased the Overlook Farm in 1921, it became the new, Permanent site of Boys Town. Over the decades that followed, schools, churches, and homes were built and tens of thousands of lives have been transformed. When visiting the village of Boys Town, guests will get an unforgettable experience into the history of this organization that has given new hope to so many at-risk children over the last 100 years.
- Check In Historic [Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel](#) | 302 S. 36<sup>th</sup> St. | Omaha, NE 68131  
Wine complimentary from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.; meet the GM who will share the famous property history Our Omaha roots run deep at Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel, and in capturing the spirit of the city we call home, we look to our rich heritage to inspire our fresh approach to modern hospitality with a hearty dose of Midwestern charm. Take one look at our revitalized 1920's landmark building, an elegant icon of Second Renaissance Revival architecture, and you can sense there are more than a few stories worth discovering inside. Step past our doors on 36<sup>th</sup> Street and you'll find a lively gathering place, where locals and travelers alike are creating new stories of their own in a timeless setting that features nods to an illustrious past alongside contemporary design details and playful boutique amenities. And as the gateway to the revived and flourishing Blackstone District, we like to think of ourselves as part dynamic stopping place enroute to local adventures, part sophisticated destination for the ultimate Omaha stay and entirely worth experiencing for yourself.
- 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Dinner at [Gorat's Steak House](#) | 4917 Center St | Omaha, NE 68106  
Guests will visit Buffett's favorite Omaha steakhouse, and eat like a billionaire. Gorat's is an old-school Italian steakhouse that has been in Omaha since 1944, and eating a meal here has become something of a pilgrimage for Berkshire shareholders and Buffett enthusiasts. Participants can enjoy Buffett's favorite meal, which includes a T-bone steak, double order of hash browns, and a Cherry Coke. Participants will also get a peek into Warren's private dining space inside Gorat's.

**Tuesday March 29 Itinerary:**

- Breakfast                                      Historic [Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel](#) | 302 S. 36<sup>th</sup> St. | Omaha, NE 68131
- 8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.                      Omaha City Driving Tour with Step-On Guide (with torte from [Lithuanian Bakery](#))  
Enjoy a guided driving tour of Omaha’s past, present, and future. A professional guide will join your group for an overview of Omaha’s top points of interest. Tour highlights include; the historic [Old Market Entertainment District](#) with its cobblestone streets and unique boutiques; [Lewis & Clark Landing](#), the historic spot where the exploring duo landed; the historic [Gold Coast District](#), listed on the National Register of Historic Places; a 1903 [Scottish Castle](#); [The Blackstone Hotel](#), the birthplace of the Reuben sandwich; [St. Cecilia’s Spanish Cathedral](#); [TD Ameritrade Park](#), home of the annual [NCAA Men’s College World Series](#); the [Omaha Community Playhouse](#), the theatre where actor Henry Fonda started his acting career; [Fertile Ground Mural](#), one of the largest murals in the country; [Hollywood Candy](#), filled wall-to-wall with retro candy and much more.
- 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.                      [Lauritzen Botanical Gardens](#) | 100 Bancroft St. | Omaha, NE 68108  
Explore 100 acres of urban oasis at Lauritzen Gardens, Omaha’s Botanical Center. Stroll through twenty themed gardens, including a rose and model railroad garden, and the 17,000 sq. ft. Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory.
- 12:15 p.m.– 1:30 p.m.                        [Upstream Brewing Co.](#) | 514 S 11<sup>th</sup> St. | Omaha, NE 68102  
Omaha is the home base for Reuben Sandwiches and no one does it better than Upstream!
- 1:45 p.m.– 3:45 p.m.                        Group 1: [Kinsugi Pottery Experience](#) | 1301 Nicholas St. | Omaha, NE 68102  
[Hot Shops Art Center](#) is a former warehouse that has been converted into over 80 artist studios. Unbreakable-All groups experience ups and downs, but those breaks become part of your larger story. In this experience, learn about the Japanese art of Kintsugi - where broken pottery is mended. This art treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise. Watch Tim Barry throw a bowl on the wheel. Each participant will then decorate a broken piece of the pot before it is repaired.
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- 1:45 p.m.– 3:45 p.m.                        Group 2: [Joslyn Castle Tour](#) | 3902 Davenport St. | Omaha, NE 68131  
  
Be transported to Scotland with a visit to the historic 1903 Joslyn Castle. This 30-room stone mansion resembles a traditional Scottish castle. As your group enters through the huge front doors, they will be amazed by the craftsmanship of the elaborate wood interior, which comes from all parts of the world. Your group will hear the fascinating story of George & Sarah Joslyn and how the couple shared their extraordinary wealth with the community.
- 4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.                        Group 2: [Kinsugi Pottery Experience](#) | 1301 Nicholas St. | Omaha, NE 68102

## *Central Flyway 5*

4:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m.

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Group 1: [Joslyn Castle Tour](#) | 3902 Davenport St. | Omaha, NE 68131

[Polish Home](#) | 201 E 1st St. | Omaha, NE 68046

Learn about Omaha's Polish community with a visit to the Polish home for an authentic Polish meal prepared by the Polish Heritage Society of Nebraska. Your group will also enjoy a special dance presentation celebrating the culture of Poles in the Nebraska/Iowa area. Available for both lunch and dinner.

**Wednesday March 30 Itinerary:**

- Breakfast                      Historic [Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel](#) | 302 S. 36<sup>th</sup> St. | Omaha, NE 68131
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      [Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum](#)  
Your guides will be retired Air Force pilots for this awesome experience. The Strategic Air Command Center first opened in 1959 to commemorate mid-20th century-and beyond aerospace The museum became well-known by giving the public the opportunity to visit an impressive array of aircraft that helped SAC preserve the peace during the Cold War. In a natural extension of the Omaha community’s civic pride and longstanding support for Offutt Air Force Base, community leaders began a campaign to develop a new state-of-the-art facility that would not only house SAC aircraft and artifacts, but also provide a venue for the restoration of aircraft, preservation and display of historical artifacts, and the education of future generations in the areas of history, technology, and science.
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      Guided Step-On Tour of Lincoln Nebraska Historic Sites; meet & drop off; Nebraska [Capitol Building](#)
- 12:20 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.      Lunch at Billy’s | 1301 H. St. | Lincoln, NE  
Named after William Jennings Bryan, the elegant "Noble-Dawes House" located near the Nebraska State Capital Building was built in 1887. Since 1986 it has been the home of Billy's Restaurant. We find the finest ingredients for our diverse menu selections. Our entrée specialties include steak, lamb, duck, Veal, seafood and delicious vegetarian dishes. You will take home a memory of fine food, fine wine and excellent service whenever you visit Billy's Restaurant. A Unique Experience in Dining!
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.      Museum of American |Speed 599 Oakcreek Dr. | Lincoln, NE 68528.  
Headquartered in Lincoln is a nonprofit corporation founded in 1992 by “Speedy” Bill and Joyce Smith. It’s location on the Speedway Motors Campus (since 2001) covers 150,000 square feet and presents a continuous chronology of Automotive Racing Engine and Speed equipment and development , and preserves and interprets displayed items significant in racing and automotive history. Bill and Joyce had firsthand knowledge of racing history as they actively raced and sold speed and power equipment for 60 + years. During Bill’s 6 decades of driving, he raced roaring roadsters at county fairgrounds. Later he raced dragsters, stock cars, NASCAR and Sprint cars
- 4:00 p.m.                      Depart for Kearney Nebraska
- 5:45 p.m.                      [Best Western Plus Hotel](#) | 224 South Second Ave. | Kearney, NE 68847
- 6:15 p.m.                      Dinner at [The Alley Rose](#) | 2013 Central Ave. | Kearney, NE 68847  
Alley Rose is a local favorite with farm-to-table fresh, local and scrumptious entrees, and the city’s best salad bar

**Thursday March 31 Itinerary:**

- Breakfast [Best Western Plus Hotel](#) | 224 South Second Ave. | Kearney, NE 68847
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. [G.E. Frank Museum of Culture & History](#) | 2504 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. | Kearney, NE 68847  
Take a walk-through Nebraska history! Located in a beautiful Richardsonian Romanesque mansion, the G.W. Frank Museum is part house museum, part history museum, part cultural center. Built in 1890, the opulent home of capitalists George and Phoebe Frank was among the first electrified houses in the American West. Its unique story as a once modern, stylish residence, turned rental property, sanitarium, and tuberculosis hospital offers a window into Kearney’s past – its early rise and fall, and its rebirth as a center for health and education.
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Fort Kearney Historic Site](#) | 1020 V. RD. | Kearney, NE  
Originally a safe haven for Overland Trail travelers, Pony Express riders, and gold prospectors, Fort Kearny established in 1848, is now a state historical park preserved by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Visitors will explore reconstructed buildings, including the stockade, parade grounds, powder magazine, and blacksmith/carpenter shop. Just for your group today—a special Dutch-oven lunch, including dessert! 1020 V. Road Kearney, NE
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. [The Archway on the Oregon](#) | Trail 1020 V. RD. | Kearney, NE  
Celebrate an epic adventure! From the Oregon Trail through today, this life like interpretive center and historical exhibits tells the story of all the adventurers and pioneers that followed the Platte River. For film buffs, Jack Nicholson visited here during the filming of “About Schmidt” in 2002.
- 3:15 p.m. Return to Hotel (boxed meals will be provided)  
At 3:15 p.m., guests will return to the hotel to change for the evening and to wait for the sand cranes to land on the Platte River sand bars at the Rowe Sanctuary. We will be outdoors, in a hunting/viewing blind. In late March it can still be frigid, so bring warm clothing, practical shoes for walking on a trail, heavy coats, hats and gloves. This is the only place in the entire world where these cranes (and an errant whooping crane or two) land in mass by the thousands, here on the Central Flyway of North America.
- 5:30 p.m. Depart Hotel for Rowe Visitor Center
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. [Rowe Sanctuary Sand Crane Viewing](#) | 44450 Elm Island RD. | Gibbon, NE
- 9:00 p.m. Return to Hotel

***Friday April 1 Itinerary:***

- Breakfast & Checkout [Best Western Plus Hotel](#) | 224 South Second Ave. | Kearney, NE 68847
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. [Clayton Museum of Ancient History](#) | 1125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. | York, NE 68467  
The Clayton Museum makes historical artifacts accessible to people of the Midwest. This facility collects, restores, displays, interprets, researches, and preserves authentic objects from the ancient world.
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Chances R. Restaurant & Grill](#) | 124 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St. | York, NE 68467  
Voted as one of the best salad bars in the entire state of Nebraska, great sandwiches, pastas, home-made soups, and desserts. This meal is self-pay!
- 1:15 p.m. Depart York for Excelsior Springs
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. [Cracker Barrel Restaurant](#) | 6700 N. 27<sup>th</sup> St. | Lincoln, NE 68521
- 2:15 p.m. Continue to Excelsior Springs (restroom stops enroute)
- 6:00 p.m. Arrive in Excelsior Springs



**Per Person Pricing:**

Double Room Occupancy	\$995.00
Single Room Occupancy	\$1,270.00

**Terms & Conditions:**

- **Initial Deposit.** A 20% deposit of the total amount is due to hold a reservation. The remaining balance is due 60 days prior to the trip.
- **Cancellation Policy.** The Chamber reserves the right to cancel the trip if there are less than the required number of reservations, in which case, all preregistered guests will be issued a full refund within 45 days of the date of cancellation.
- **Refund Policy & Processing Fee.** No refunds will be issued 30 days prior to the trip. Guests who cancel 31+ days prior to the trip will receive a refund minus a \$50.00 processing fee.
- **Boarding Late or Leaving Early.** No refund or exchange credit will be issued if a guest boards late or leaves the trip early. In the unlikely event of disruption to travel services, this restriction will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.
- **Privacy Policy.** The Excelsior Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's Mission is to provide resources for tourism and economic growth to support a healthy business environment in the City of Excelsior Springs and the surrounding area. We only collect, use, or share personally identifiable information for that purpose. The Chamber does not sell, trade, or distribute any personally identifiable information to anyone else.
- **Informed Warning.** Under Missouri Law, any individual entering the premises or engaging the services of the Chamber's Travel Club waives all civil liability against the individual or entity for any damages based on inherent risks associated with an exposure or potential exposure to COVID-19, except for recklessness or willful misconduct.
- **Travel Insurance.** Contact Montague Custom Tour Design at 816.616.2336 • [diane@montaguetourdesign.com](mailto:diane@montaguetourdesign.com) to discuss travel insurance options.
- **Booking.** Please contact Mrs. Lindsay Hall at 816.630.6161 to book your reservation for this phenomenal tour package!



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