

Bargains, Bright Lights & a Big Red Barn!

A STATEWIDE SHOPPING SPREE AT THE OUTLET MALLS IN ILLINOIS

DAY ONE – LAKE COUNTY AND NORTHERN FOX RIVER VALLEY

Check into one of the many affordably priced hotels **Lake County** has to offer.

Morning/Lunch

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at your hotel. Afterwards, begin your shopping excursion at **Gurnee Mills Mall**, the Midwest's largest value retail and manufacturers outlet mall. With over 200 stores to choose from and 20 eateries, Gurnee Mills Mall, a destination for national, international, group and individual arrivals, combines innovative shopping, entertainment and fun environment to create a shopping experience that is unique and exciting since its opening in August 1991.

Have lunch at the Mall or at the many restaurants in the area, like Lambs Farm Country Inn Restaurant. This is more than a restaurant; it is a true dining experience. From the moment you are greeted by the wonderful staff to your last bite of delicious homemade meal, you know you're experiencing something special!

Afternoon

Depart for the **Northern Fox River Valley** area for a 1-½ hour ride along Interstate 90 through scenic Chicagoland until you stop at **Prime Outlets at Huntley**. The striking Jeffersonian architecture, food court, playground and over 40 brand name outlet stores create a wonderful shopping experience for everyone!

Dinner

Whether your group is small or large, casual or elegant, the **Prairie Rock Brewing Company** is the perfect place for dinner. A microbrewery and restaurant, the Prairie Rock Brewing Company offers good food and spirits in a unique atmosphere. Or, feast on a delicious flame-cooked steak and chicken at the beautifully renovated silent-area movie house, **Prairie State Chophouse**.

Check-into one of the Elgin area hotels for a relaxing night's sleep!

DAY TWO – AURORA AND DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Morning/Lunch

After a hearty breakfast, enjoy an hour drive south on Route 47 and east on Interstate 88 to the newest and brightest star in the Chicagoland area, the upscale **Chelsea's Chicago Premium Outlets**. 120 stores from the world's leading designers await you as you experience the ultimate in shopping. Lunch at the Food court.

Afternoon

After a quick drive down Interstate 88, begin a trip through time at **Naper Settlement Village** in Naperville. This living 19th century Northern Illinois community is nestled in a 13-acre park-like setting with costumed villagers and interpretive exhibitors and features structures including the lovely Century Memorial Chapel, a one-room schoolhouse, a fort and several historic homes. The Village is site for many annual special events, including a quilt show, Civil War Days and Christmas Memories.

Dinner/Evening

Leave the charms of yesteryear behind you and head for the lights of Broadway! The famous **Drury Lane Theater** awaits you in DuPage's Oakbrook Terrace – as does a leisurely dinner shared with other show-goers prior to curtain.

Check-into one of the many hotels that DuPage County and Aurora have to offer for a restful night's sleep.

DAY THREE – BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Morning/Lunch/Afternoon

After a scrumptious breakfast at your hotel, enjoy a scenic 2-hour drive south on Interstate 55 to **Bloomington-Normal**.

Before you begin your shopping excursion at the **Bloomington-Normal Factory Stores** "Where the Deals are Always in Bloom", a visit to the Vanity Fair Outlet Store to receive shopping bags and coupons is a must. For groups of 20 people or more, the coach driver receives a free pair of jeans.

Dine in downtown Bloomington on your own or at the former Bloomington Fire House, Central Station Café. During this time, some guests may choose to stroll across the street and enjoy the **McLean County Arts Center** featuring 12 different exhibits annually.

Don't forget to visit the Gift Gallery where you can purchase artwork, glass, ceramics, jewelry and other work from over 100 regional artists.

Evening

Several motorcoach friendly restaurants welcome you to dinner. Whether it is a traditional buffet or an upscale meal in a historic setting, Bloomington-Normal has dining to fit every taste and budget. After an early meal, experience the Victorian lifestyle of Abraham Lincoln's best friend and mentor at **the David Davis Mansion State Historic Site**. For groups only, evening gas light tours highlight the beauty of the architecture and authentic antiques. Special audience participation programs on the Outrageous Etiquette of the 1800's or Civil War Fashions are presented by costumed interpreters.

Check into your Bloomington-Normal hotel for a relaxing and affordable night sleep. Available hotels range from a full service European theme castle to limited service chains such as Hampton and Best Western.

DAY FOUR – TUSCOLA, ILLINOIS

Morning/Lunch/Evening

Depart after a hearty breakfast at your hotel, bask in the scenery of the 1 ½ hour drive on Interstates 74 and 57 to **Tuscola**, where your group will experience the **Tanger Outlet Center**, the best outlet shopping found anywhere south of Chicago in the state of Illinois. From fashions to gifts to home accessories, there are over 45 famous designer names and national brands to choose from. The pleasant shopping village atmosphere, striking architecture and a fanciful waterwheel will make your shopping trip unforgettable.

Enjoy the atmosphere of Amish life by dining at the **Amishland's Big Red Barn** for lunch or dinner. Afterwards, visit the many Amish attractions that await you.

Return to your hotel room for a relaxing night's sleep.

Depart for home.