



CAVE OF THE MOUNDS®

National Natural Landmark

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Southwestern Wisconsin Itinerary

Where History and Nature Meet!

Day One:

- 1. 12:00 Noon Arrive at Little Norway** - Located in a beautiful valley in the rolling hills of Blue Mounds, it is a charming museum and restored homestead of Norwegian pioneers from the early 1800's. Take a guided tour back in time and discover how the early settlers lived in Wisconsin. On the tour you will visit the "Norway Building" built in 1893 for Chicago's Columbian Exposition. View an impressive collection of folk objects from America and Scandinavia. Shop in the gift shop for unique and colorful Scandinavian items. Little Norway has another, more romantic name, which captures the sense of magic that pervades this lovely valley: "Nissedahle", or Valley of the Elves.
Time at Little Norway: 1 hour, 15 minutes
- 2. 2:00 P.M. Tour of Cave of the Mounds- National Natural Landmark.** Guided Tours Daily – Open Year 'Round. Spend some quality time with Mother Nature at this geologic wonder your group will never forget. Stroll the extensive flower and butterfly gardens and nature center. Be dazzled by crystal and fossil displays. Shop in our amazing rock shop. Enjoy AV presentations and exhibits. Explore – just 11 steps down you enter a magical underground world. Over a million years ago Cave of the Mounds began to form as water gradually dissolved the rock to create otherworldly crystal statues. On August 4th, 1939 the cave was discovered and now is a world-famous attraction. Designated a National Natural Landmark for its beauty and uniqueness. Drive time: Little Norway to Cave of the Mounds 5 minutes Time at Cave of the Mounds: 1 hr 15 min
- 3. 3:30 P.M. Visit Mount Horeb, the Troll Capital of the World!** Located just minutes east of Cave of the Mounds and Little Norway, Mount Horeb is the destination of choice for thousands of travelers from all over the world every year. The area features several one-of-a-kind attractions that are sure to be of interest and adventure! Rich in Norwegian history, Mount Horeb features several cultural festivals each year. Distinctive shops and antique malls, located in authentic restored buildings and Victorian homes, line its historic Main Street.
Drive time: Cave of the Mounds to Mount Horeb 10 minutes Time shopping in Mount Horeb: 1 ½ hrs
- 4. 5:00 P.M. Dinner in Mount Horeb - Grumpy Troll** Whatever the occasion, The Grumpy Troll is the perfect spot for a fun and relaxing get together. The historic Mount Horeb Creamery building, built in 1916, was transformed into a restaurant and brewery in 1996.
- 5. Time for Dinner: 1 ½ hours**
- 6. 7:30 P.M. Arrive back at the House on the Rock Inn for a Welcome Reception.**
Drive time to House on the Rock Inn: 45 minutes

Day Two:

- 1. 8:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast at the House on the Rock Inn.**
- 2. 9:00 A.M. Tour of House on the Rock** Here's a simple guarantee: no matter how long or widely you have traveled, you have never -anywhere or at any time - seen anything remotely like The House on the Rock. Architectural marvel, stupendous panoply of amazing collections, tribute to the power and beauty of nature, an explosion of one man's creative energy, it continues to defy simple explanation - just as it continues to astound and delight nearly a half-million visitors a year.
Drive time From House on the Rock Inn to House on the Rock: 10 Minutes Tour time: 3 hours
- 3. Lunch at House on the Rock at your leisure.**
People can choose from numerous eating sites along the tour.
- 4. 1:30 P.M. Tour of Pendarvis.** In the 1830s and 1840s, settlers from other parts of the United States and Europe began to flow into the Wisconsin Territory. They were lured by the prospect of plentiful lead to be had in shallow diggings throughout the region. As the easy lead became scarce, and greater technical knowledge was

needed to work the earth for its deeper lead and zinc deposits, immigrants from Cornwall, England filled the need. These miners and their families made a lasting imprint on southwest Wisconsin. At Pendarvis, you can see their stone cottages, learn about their lives, and see how their legacy was preserved in the twentieth century.
Drive time from HOTR to Mineral Point: 25 minutes Tour Time: 1 hour

- 5. 2:30 P.M. Shopping in Mineral Point.** - First time visitors to Mineral Point are often heard to say that they feel like they have just stumbled into a quaint European village. History buffs, art lovers, and antique enthusiasts find themselves drawn back time after time. Downtown Mineral Point is brimming with resident artists and entrepreneurs. From simple limestone cottages to massive Richardsonian Romanesque architecture, the downtown business and arts district is an impressive collection of early Wisconsin commercial buildings. Studios and galleries, antique shops and other specialty shops make this quite unlike the commonplace mall or typical small town business district.

Drive time: None Time for shopping in Mineral Point: 1 1/2 hours

OPTION ONE:

- 1. 4:45 Tour and Dinner at Potosi Brewery**

Welcome to Potosi, Wisconsin, where a brewing tradition is alive through the Potosi Brewery Restoration Project. Come explore history, memorabilia, and the wonderful gift shop and see the Potosi Brewing Company Transportation Museum, Great River Road Interpretive Center, National Brewery Museum, and Potosi Brewing Company Restaurant.

Drive time from Mineral Point: 40 minutes Time for dinner: 1 hour 15 minutes

- 2. Return to House on the Rock Inn**

OPTION TWO:

- 1. 4:30 Tour visitor's center at Taliesin**

Frank Lloyd Wright put his architectural vision into practice at his home located just south of Spring Green. Wright named his home, Taliesin, the Welsh translation, "Shining Brow", because of the way it nestles into the brow of a hill. The magnificent 600-acre Taliesin estate is home to two of Frank Lloyd Wright's most personal designs, Taliesin and the Hillside School, which is the summer headquarters for the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture. All tours begin at the Frank Lloyd Wright Visitor Center where visitors may enjoy exhibits, a gift shop, and cafe with an outstanding view of the Wisconsin River.

Drive time from Mineral Point: 25 minutes Time for visitor's center: 30 minutes

- 2. 5:30 Dinner at House on the Rock Resort**

Drive time: 5 minutes Time for dinner: 1 hour 15 minutes

- 3. 7:00 Return to House on the Rock Inn**

Drive time: 15 minutes

Day Three:

- 1. 8:00 A.M. Continental Breakfast at the House on the Rock Inn**

- 2. 9:45 Tour of Cedar Grove Cheese Factory** See premium cheese being made the old fashioned way. Learn about the art and history of cheese making. You also can visit the Living Machine™ to see how our wash water gets cleaned in a beautiful way. Visit the gift store for traditional and specialty cheeses.

Drive time: From House on the Rock Inn to Cedar Grove: 35 minutes Tour time: 1 hour, gift shop 30 min

- 3. 11:45 Lunch at the Old Feed Mill in Mazomanie**

This restored water mill is a stunning landmark of great historical significance and is located in the quaint and friendly community of Mazomanie. They offer delicious Midwestern comfort food with recipes passed down from generations. Jerry Minnich, author of Eating Well in Wisconsin wrote, "This is one of the most delightful dining spots in all of southern Wisconsin".

Drive time: From Cedar Grove to Mazomanie 10 Minutes Lunch time: 1 hour

- 4. 1:00 P.M. Tour and Wine tasting at Wollersheim Winery** Wollersheim Winery is a historic winery with vineyards and beautiful limestone winery building nestled in the hills overlooking the Wisconsin River. This national historic site was first selected for vineyards in the 1840's by the Hungarian Count Agoston Haraszthy. Following several years of disappointment with winter damage on his vines and unfortunate politics, he followed the gold-rush west in December of 1849. The winery property changed hands and, after being used for making wine for about 50 years, the grapevines were plowed under to make way for more conventional crops. In 1972, Robert and JoAnn Wollersheim purchased the nearly abandoned property with the intention of restoring it to a working family winery. The hillside slopes were again planted with vineyards, the underground wine cellars were

refurnished with oak barrels and the upstairs made into a wine store for Wollersheim wine to be available for visitors. You can now tour the winery and enjoy nationally recognized award-winning wines and Wisconsin cheeses.

Drive Time: From Mazomanie to Wollersheim Winery 20 Minutes Tour time plus shopping: 2 hour

Arrival: Day One:

1. Arrive around noon time and drop luggage at the House on the Rock Inn.
2. Depart for Little Norway.
3. Cave of the Mounds - National Natural Landmark.
4. Shopping in Mount Horeb
5. Dinner in Mount Horeb
6. Arrive back at the House on the Rock Inn for a Dessert Reception.

Day Two:

1. Continental Breakfast at the House on the Rock Inn.
2. House on the Rock
3. Lunch at House on the Rock
4. Pendarvis
5. Tour and Dinner at Potosi Brewery
OR
6. Tour Visitor's Center at Taliesin
7. Dinner at House on the Rock Resort
8. Return to House on the Rock Inn

Day Three:

1. Continental Breakfast at the House on the Rock Inn
2. Cedar Grove Cheese Factory
3. Lunch at Old Feed Mill
4. Wollersheim Winery

Destination	Group Sales Department #	Street Address
Little Norway	608-437-8211	3576 Cty. Hwy. JG North, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
Cave of the Mounds	608-437-3038	2975 Cave of the Mounds Road, Blue Mounds, WI 53517
Grumpy Troll	608-437-2739	105 S. Second Street Mount Horeb, WI 53572
House on the Rock	608-935-3639	5754 State Rd 23, Spring Green, WI 53588
Pendarvis	608-987-2122	114 Shake Rag St., Mineral Point, WI 53565
Potosi Brewery	608-763-4002	209 S Main St, Potosi, WI 53820
Taliesin	608-588-7900	5607 Cty Rd. C, Spring Green, WI 53588
Cedar Grove Cheese	800-200-6020	E5904 Mill Road, Plain, WI 53577
Old Feed Mill	608-795-4909	114 Cramer St., Mazomanie, WI 53560
Wollersheim Winery	800-847-9463	7876 Hwy 188, Prairie du Sac, WI 53578