

Travelin'

Spring 2024
Next Edition: Fall 2024

Registration for new Day Trips begins Thursday, May 2nd



2024 DAY TRIPS (July through December)

A brief description of CET Day Trips follows. Visit our website at [ce.d214.org](https://www.ce.d214.org) for additional information on these trips. We look forward to seeing you aboard again!

Wisconsin Supper Club Dinner Cruise

Join CET for a memorable dining experience on a Wisconsin Supper Club Dinner Cruise on Lake Geneva. This delightful evening dinner cruise aboard the Grand Belle features a supper club menu, themed décor to set the mood, and live Sinatra-style entertainment. Travelers will hear the history of the palatial waterfront summer homes of the Wrigley, the Schwinn and the Driehaus families, which led the region to be nicknamed the “Newport of the West.” After dinner, sit back and relax as musician John Ludy, a Midwestern favorite and former Ditka’s Arlington Tracksides regular, entertains with a variety of music genres.

Thursday, July 11, 2024 | \$148

Old World Wisconsin

At Old World Wisconsin, experience firsthand the rural past of America’s heartland in an engaging, authentic, and fun tour. Named one of America’s Top Living History Sites by Group Tour Magazine, Old World Wisconsin offers a day in the life of the Danish, Finnish, and Norwegian immigrants who settled in the state. The site showcases different stories from Wisconsin’s immigrant past that are reached by a tram running continuously throughout the grounds. Costumed interpreters relive and share the day-to-day activities of Wisconsin’s early settlers. There may be demonstrations of cooking over a wood fire, spinning wool, driving a team of oxen in the fields, or a blacksmith plying his trade. Lunch today is in Lake Geneva at the amazing Tuscan Restaurant.

Thursday, July 25, 2024 | \$132

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Please Read!

Important Instructions for Day Trip Reservations

- **Day Trip reservations will be accepted beginning Thursday, May 2—and not before!** You can book your own tours online. Visit the Community Education website at <https://www.ce.d214.org/>. From the website you can access the online registration system.
- **Online registration begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 2.**

If you are unable to reserve your tours online, you may email your selections to cetravel@d214.org (emails are preferred) or phone **847-718-7709** beginning at **1 p.m.** on May 2. When you reach voicemail, leave a message and include your name, phone number and the trips you want us to book for you. You can make up to four reservations with your email or phone call, but we must have complete names, phone numbers and emails for each participant and they must be aware you are calling for them.

- To be fair to all, we have allocated a certain number of seats for each trip for online reservations as well as email/phone reservations.
- **No in-person reservations will be accepted. Please do not come to the Community Education Travel (CET) office.**

2024 DAY TRIPS

Chicago Sports Museum & Wrigley Field Tour

Chicago sports fans—this tour is for you! Visit the Chicago Sports Museum, located in Water Tower Place, and find high-tech interactive experiences with an array of treasures and artifacts celebrating all Chicago professional sports teams—including Chicago's largest collection of 2016 Cubs World Series memorabilia. Lunch is included at the adjacent Harry Caray's 7th Inning Stretch restaurant. At Wrigley Field, experience the beauty, charm and historic features of the Friendly Confines on a guided tour.

Thursday, August 8, 2024 | \$127

Nitti's Supper Club & Speakeasy

Step back into the Roaring '20s during a fun Saturday evening at Nitti's Supper Club. Housed in Harry Caray's Restaurant landmark building, once owned by infamous Chicago outfit boss Frank Nitti, join us for dinner and an all-new production entitled "Who killed Eddie O'Hare?" The show is filled with laughs, gangsters, flappers, audience interaction and a toe-tapping musical production!

Saturday, August 10, 2024 | \$140



Rosewood of Delavan: Lunch & Cabaret

Enjoy summertime fun as we head to one of Southern Wisconsin's most popular event destinations, Rosewood. Experience unique "farm to table" cuisine as their chef, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, prepares lunch at chef attended stations featuring such items as Carved Crusted Sirloin and Pork Loin. Other stations include pastas, vegetables, salads and a delicious dessert table. Following lunch, step into Rosewood's state-of-the-art theater for a cabaret-style show performed by the famous local duo Mark and Gretch Hladish. You can almost feel the island breezes as you watch their musical show, "Yacht Rock." Set sail with Mark and Gretch as they perform classic songs by Bobby Darin, Seals and Crofts, the Beach Boys, Bobby McFerrin, Jimmy Buffet, The Drifters, and summer selections from the musicals "Porgy and Bess" and "Grease."

Thursday, August 29, 2024 | \$144

Wandering Tree Estate & Dover Straits

By special invitation, Community Education Travel has the opportunity to visit one of the most exciting and unusual homes in the Midwest: Wandering Tree Estates! Wandering Tree is the incredible home of Elaine Silets, internationally recognized artist and designer of model railroads and garden railways. In this 10-acre garden you will experience model rail cars traversing 1500 feet of linear track, bridges, trestles, waterfalls—all amongst beautiful flower gardens. Later, enjoy a fabulous lunch at Dover Straits in Mundelein.

Thursday, September 12, 2024 | \$128

Flyover Chicago & Museum of Illusions

A fun day is in store at two of Chicago's newest attractions. Located at Navy Pier, Flyover Chicago captures your imagination and engages your senses as you virtually soar over, under, around and through the city's most epic places in a 360-degree theater experience. Afterwards, enjoy a taste of the islands at Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville Grill with its backdrop of Lake Michigan. At the Museum of Illusions get ready to be mesmerized as you enter a world where nothing is ever quite as it seems. Grow, shrink, defy gravity and walk on walls as you engage with uniquely designed installations that will completely baffle your brain.

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 | \$132

Autumn Cruisin' on the Illinois River

A new unforgettable autumn adventure awaits as we sail on the Sainte Genevieve riverboat, down one of the most scenic stretches the river has to offer. Sail beneath legendary Starved Rock and through the river locks, traveling upriver to historic downtown Ottawa. Relax and enjoy the natural beauty as the colors begin to change to their autumnal splendor. Our group will enjoy a great lunch at the Starved Rock State Park Lodge before the cruise.

Thursday, October 10, 2024 | \$135



"Mystery at the Mansion!" Death of a Gangster: A 1920s Mafia Marriage Murder Mystery Luncheon

Lucky you! You've been invited to the Dunn Speakeasy at the Jacob Henry Mansion in Joliet for the wedding of the year! In this "married to the mob" event, you'll never know whom to trust. With the two families merging together, someone is bound to lose power, which means someone else will lose their life. Solve this case with your fellow detectives! The mansion, built in 1873 on Joliet's Silk Stocking Row by railroad magnate Jacob Henry, is known for its beauty and old Victorian charm and is where you will enjoy a great lunch during the event.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 | \$123

HOLIDAY TOURS

“Miracle on 34th Street” at the Fireside Theatre

Kick off the holiday season with a timeless classic at the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin! Based on the beloved Christmas movie, “Miracle On 34th Street” is a big brassy Broadway musical with a heart. Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle – a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful, and inspirational musical. Enjoy lunch in the theater’s lovely restaurant and have time to shop before the show in the popular gift shops.

Friday, November 22, 2024 | \$156

Illumination & White Fence Farm

After a late afternoon departure it’s off to dinner at the landmark White Fence Farm Restaurant and its proclaimed “World’s Greatest Chicken.” Beautifully decorated for the holidays, the restaurant has served travelers on historic U.S. Route 66 since 1926. A special holiday treat follows at Morton Arboretum’s “Illumination: Tree Lights at the Arboretum.” Illumination is a spectacular holiday lights display using amazing new technology. Walk along a paved path to see the trees glowing with dazzling LED lights. (Illumination requires walking along a relatively level outdoor pathway about ¾ to 1 mile in length.)

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 | \$131

Winterland at Wrigley Field & Christkindlmarket

Celebrate new and old Chicago holiday traditions. At Wrigley Field, home of the Cubs, step onto the field and enjoy Christmas decorations including an ice skating rink, Christmas trees and other holiday scenes. Outside the park, shop for holiday crafts and gifts at the Christkindlmarket. Shop and visit the Walnut Room’s Great Christmas Tree and window displays at the former Marshall Field’s State Street store, now Macy’s. For lunch it’s a Ho Ho Holy Cow Christmas at Harry Caray’s restaurant.

Thursday, December 5, 2024 | \$137

Milwaukee’s Spirit of Christmas Past & Caledonia Carnival of Lights

Take a step back to the days of Christmas past in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We’ll stop at three holiday venues: the spiritual St. Josaphat Basilica; the glass domes of the Mitchell Park Conservatory, bedecked with hundreds of colorful poinsettias; and Christmas at the Pabst Mansion, built in 1892 by beer baron Frederick Pabst. A holiday lunch will be served at the Steakout Supper Club in Greendale. Finally, in Caledonia, see the drive-through “Carnival of Lights”—billed as the biggest and brightest light show in the Midwest!

Friday, December 6, 2024 | \$149

Sanfilippo Mansion Christmas Concert

Celebrate the holidays at the spectacular Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills. Begin with an elegant catered holiday meal in the Estate’s Carousel Building. Dine next to the “Eden Palais” carousel, the only complete European salon carousel in the world. Following lunch, visit the Sanfilippo residence for a 90-minute Wurlitzer Theatre holiday organ concert and conclude with a self-guided exploration of the mansion where docents explain and demonstrate some of the world’s greatest collections of restored antique music machines.

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 | \$150

THEATER IN CHICAGOLAND!

“The Audience” at Drury Lane Theatre

Peek behind the closed doors of Buckingham Palace in “The Audience,” an intimate portrait of Queen Elizabeth II and the pivotal private audiences she held with her prime ministers. “The Audience” gives an extraordinary glimpse into the woman behind the crown. Upon our arrival at Drury Lane, an elegant luncheon is served at the theater’s restaurant with a preselected choice of entrees.

Thursday, September 26, 2024 | \$149

“Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” at the Nederlander Theatre

Broadway’s spellbinding sensation “Harry Potter and the Cursed Child” is coming to Chicago on its first-ever North American tour. Join the next adventure and experience the wizarding world like never before at this record-breaking, Tony Award-winning hit, hailed by Forbes Magazine as “one of the most defining pop culture events of the decade.” When Harry Potter’s headstrong son befriends the son of his fiercest rival, it sparks an unbelievable new journey. Enjoy lunch before the matinee at Chicago’s Weber Grill.

Wednesday, November 13, 2024 | \$245

CET 2025 INTERNATIONAL TOUR

Reservations for this international tour operated by Globus can be made at any time by calling 847-718-7709 or emailing cetravel@d214.org. **On sale now!** A complete brochure may be found on our website at ce.d214.org.



Parthenon at Acropolis

2025 Greek Island Hopper

Spring 2025 is the perfect time to visit Greece with its perfect Mediterranean climate! On this tour of Athens and the Greek Isles, you will explore the ancient city of gold, silver, and bronze before setting sail for the iconic blue and white islands of Santorini and Mykonos. Three nights on each allows for guided sightseeing plus plenty of time to enjoy the scenery. In Athens, explore the heart of ancient Greece at the Acropolis, the most striking and complete ancient Greek monument. On the Greek Island of Santorini, classic Cycladic architecture (whitewashed buildings with blue-domed roofs) makes this archipelago one of the most stunning and frequented of all of the Greek isles. On Mykonos, discover the perfect Greek mix of sophistication, relaxation and jubilation. Discover the silky sand beaches and see the sights such as the Church of Agia Kiriaki and the Mykonos windmills.

April 29 to May 9, 2025

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CET 2024 & 2025 EXTENDED TOURS (On Sale Now)

Reservations for these extended tours can be made at any time by calling (847) 718-7709 or emailing cetravel@d214.org. Reservations are not available online. **They are on sale now!** Complete brochures can be found on our website: ce.d214.org.

CET has expanded its tour offerings from our travel partner American Classic Tours!

CET can reserve your spot on any extended tour offered in 2024 and 2025 through American Classic Tours. There is no price difference in booking these tours through CET; in fact, you may pay less by using any of your CET discounts! When you book through us you also earn CET Rewards, which provide discounts that can be used on future extended tours. Home pick-up is included for Chicagoland travelers. Below is a sampling of 2024-25 tours. Additional tours and the complete 2024-25 brochure may be found on our website ce.d214.org or by calling CET at 847-718-7709. Let us know what tours we can book for you today!

2024 Autumn & Holiday Tours

- **Montreal/Quebec** October 18-23
- **French Lick** October 15-17
- **Sedona & Grand Canyon** October 26-November 1
- **Nashville Christmas** December 1-5
- **Smoky Mountain Christmas** December 2-8
- **San Antonio Christmas** December 3-7
- **Christmas in Newport, Boston & New York** December 4-10

2025 Winter & Early Spring Tours

- **Hawaii** February 4-13
- **Florida Keys & Miami** February 10-17
- **St. Augustine** March 1-7
- **Savannah & Charleston** March 4-11
- **New Orleans** March 9-13
- **Springtime in San Antonio** March 24-28



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