



“Carmen” @ The Lyric Opera

Chicago, Illinois

Thursday, March 30th, 2023

- 7:00 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter Waiting Room, 2600 NE Adams Street
- 7:25 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart (behind Culvers), 155 E. Courtland Street
- 8:00 AM** Depart Normal from Schnuck’s off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane
- 8:30 AM** Arrive in Pontiac at Wally’s Truck Stop for our ½ hour break. Please get your drinks and snacks and get back on the coach as there is no seating in Wally’s.
- 9:00 AM** Depart Pontiac headed northeast towards “*The Windy City*” – Chicago. Sit back, relax and enjoy the ride.
- 11:00 AM** Arriving in Chicago, we drop you off at Macy’s at the corner of State & Randolph where you can shop or grab some lunch on your own.
- 1:00 PM** Let’s re-board the coach and depart for **The Lyric Opera** for an afternoon performance of **Carmen***. *Carmen* is irresistible from the first note of the electrifying prelude right to the end of the devastating finale. The immortal tale of the restless, free-spirited heroine and Don José, the soldier who’s drawn to her in a truly "fatal attraction," *Carmen* has long been one of the world's favorite operas. It returns this season in the company's vividly colorful, powerfully dramatic production with dynamic Ryan Opera Center alumna J'Nai Bridges, who is now enjoying a dazzling career internationally, in the title role. Partnering with her is Charles Castronovo, one of the world's most acclaimed tenors. You'll be drawn to the drama like moth to flame as this alluring opera brings you along to its edge-of-your-seat ending. **(2:00 PM Performance)**
- 5:45 PM** Following the show, we depart for home making a 45-minute stop along the way for dinner on your own.
- 8:30 PM** Approximate drop off time in Pontiac.
- 9:00 PM** Approximate drop off time in Normal.
- 9:35 PM** Approximate drop off time in Morton.
- 10:00 PM** Approximate drop off time in Peoria.

Cost Per Person: Premium Seating - \$245 pp Regular Seating - \$200 pp

Trip includes: Transportation and your choice of seating at The Lyric Opera.

If you feel the driver & escort have done a good job, it is appropriate to tip them. We suggest \$3 per person for the Driver and \$3 per person for the Tour Escort on this trip.

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