



Shawnee Forest Fall Getaway

October 19-22, 2025

4 Days / 3 Nights

Day #1 – Sunday, October 19th:

- 6:45 AM** Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street
- 7:15 AM** Depart Morton from Wal Mart, behind Culvers
- 7:45 AM** Depart Lincoln from Beck's Travel Plaza, I-55, Exit 126 (behind Arby's)
- 8:30 AM** Arrive at McDonalds at Capitol City Shopping Center for a break stop.
- 9:00 AM** Depart Springfield from Capitol City Shopping Center traveling south towards Giant City State Park. We'll pick up passengers here before departing.
- Noon** We arrive in Makanda, Illinois at Giant City State Park's Lodge for a delicious **Lunch***. You'll have time after lunch to take an optional short hike or shop in the Gift Shop.
- 2:15 PM** It's time to depart for our destination in Golconda, Illinois.
- 5:00 PM** We arrive in Golconda at our home for the next 3 nights – the San Damiano Retreat Center* where we'll get checked into our cottages and have time to freshen up before departing for dinner.
- 6:00 PM** Let's board our awaiting coach and depart for dinner (on your own) in Golconda.
- 7:30 PM** We return to our rooms for the remainder of the evening.

Day #2 – Monday, October 20th:

- Breakfast*** is served at the Dairy Barn.
- 9:00 AM** **Our Local Guide*** will take us around and show us the highlights of the Shawnee National Forest and some of its surrounding small towns. We'll see Garden of the Gods and Cave in Rock. A few optional stops will be made to allow you to get off the motorcoach. We'll also take a ferry across the Ohio River and visit and Amish Store. Then we head back to the Retreat Center for the afternoon.
- 6:00 PM** **Dinner*** - A Fish Fry is served here at San Damiano's before returning to your rooms for the remainder of the evening.

Day #3 – Tuesday, October 21st:

- 8:00 AM** **Breakfast*** is served at the Dairy Barn.

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- 9:00 AM** Depart for an optional 2-hour hike to Millstone Bluff with a local guide* for those who are adventurous in the group. The rest of the people have a “Free Day” to relax and enjoy the serenity of San Damiano. Lunch will be on your own today.
- 6:00 PM** Dinner is on your own tonight at Diver Downs Restaurant.

Day #4 – Wednesday, October 22nd:

- 8:00 AM** **Breakfast*** is served at the Dairy Barn.
- 9:00 AM** We check out and begin our journey towards home.
- 4:45 PM** Approximate return time in Springfield.
- 5:30 PM** Approximate return time in Lincoln.
- 6:00 PM** Approximate return time in Morton.
- 6:30 PM** Approximate return time in Peoria.

Cost Per Person:

Single: \$625.00 Double: 500.00

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Escorts, Retreat Center Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in bold print and marked with an asterisk*

If you feel the Driver & Tour Escorts have done a good job, it is appropriate to tip them. We suggest \$4 per customer per day for the Driver and \$4 per customer per day for the Tour Escorts on this trip.

Accommodations:

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