



PEORIA CHARTER
TRAVEL

Christmas Around the World

December 7-11, 2027

5 Days / 4 Nights



Day #1 – Tuesday, December 7th:

- 5:45 AM** Depart Urbana from Peoria Charter, 1910 N Federal Drive
6:45 AM Depart Normal from Schnuck's off Raab Road, 1750 Bradford Lane
7:30 AM Depart Morton from Wal Mart, 155- E Courtland St., (Behind Culvers)
8:00 AM Arrive Peoria at Peoria Charter, allow passengers to get off and use the restroom.
8:15 AM Depart Peoria from Peoria Charter, 2600 NE Adams Street
5:15 PM We arrive in Omaha, Nebraska at our home for the next 4 nights – the **Hampton Inn***. We'll check in and have a short amount of time to freshen up.
5:45 PM Depart for **Christmas in Germany***. Come celebrate a German Christmas at the German American Society. Enjoy a holiday program of dancing, singing and **food***! Listen to traditional German holiday favorites by the Men's Choir. Experience the German dancers as they perform various holiday dances from various regions of Germany and of course, enjoy a delicious **German Dinner***. **(6:00 – 8:00 PM)**
8:30 PM Approximate return time to the hotel for the evening.



Day #2 – Wednesday, December 8th:

- Breakfast*** is served at the hotel
8:30 AM This morning we'll enjoy an **Omaha City Driving Tour with a Step-on Guide***. Tour highlights include: the historic Old Market Entertainment District with its cobblestone streets and unique boutiques; Lewis & Clark Landing, the historic spot where the exploring duo landed; the historic Gold Coast District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places; a 1903 Scottish Castle; The Blackstone Hotel, the birthplace of the Reuben Sandwich; St. Cecilia's Spanish Cathedral; TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, home of the annual NCAA Men's College World Series; the Omaha Community Playhouse, the theatre where actor Henry Fonda started his acting career; Fertile Ground mural, one of the largest murals in the country; Hollywood Candy, filled wall-to-wall with retro candy and much more!

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	(8:30 – 10:00 AM Tour)
10:15 AM	We'll enjoy a Behind-the-Scenes Tour of the Omaha Community Playhouse* .
11:30 AM	Lunch on your own at Boys Town Café.
12:30 PM	Our tour begins at Father Flanagan's Boys Town for our Christmas in Ireland* . The prior home of Father Flanagan is decorated for the holidays according to Irish Christmas Holiday traditions. The tour includes the hall of history, a guided driving tour and the Father Flanagan House (12:30 PM – 3:00 PM)
3:30 PM	Next, we'll head to the hotel for a brief "rest period" before our evening event.
4:30 PM	Now we find ourselves departing for Christmas in Greece* . We stop at St. John's Greek Orthodox Church for our evening meal and presentation. Upon arrival, you'll tour the church and then be seated downstairs where the ladies of the parish will serve a homemade Greek meal, followed by a lively Greek dance performance. You'll learn about how Christmas is celebrated in Greece and enjoy Christmas carols sung in the Greek language. (4:45 PM – 6:15 PM)
7:00 PM	Our evening ends with a performance of A Christmas Carol Musical* at the Omaha Community Playhouse* . (6:35 – 9:30 PM)
10:15 PM	Approximate return time to the hotel.

Day #3 – Thursday, December 9th:

	Breakfast* is served at the hotel this morning.
8:00 AM	Our first stop will be at the Omaha Czech & Slovak Museum for Kolache's & Coffee* . The museum features rooms displaying various items connected to the Nebraska Czech & Slovak heritage. Learn about Czech culture. (8:35 – 9:35 AM)
10:00 AM	Christmas at Union Station* - The Durham Museum.
11:45 AM	Late Morning finds us in the historic Old Market Entertainment District for lunch & shopping on your own. Walk the cobblestone streets lined with unique boutiques, art galleries, antique emporiums, sweet shops, and more than 30 locally-owned restaurants. There are horse-drawn carriage rides you can take or listen to the street musicians located here. Make sure you visit Hollywood Candy – the retro candy store. (11:45 AM – 2:00 PM)
2:15 PM	Afternoon finds us enjoying St. Cecilia Spanish Cathedral Tour with a guide* . (2:15 – 3:30 PM)
3:30 PM	Next, we head to the hotel for a brief "rest period" before our evening events.
5:00 PM	It's time to board our coach and depart for Christmas in Poland* . Dinner* is at the Polish Home Hall where you'll be greeted at the door with live accordion music and a St. Nicholas re-enactor, setting the stage for a warm & festive evening. Learn about Omaha's Polish heritage and explore traditional Christmas customs that have been passed down through generations. Dinner consists of homemade Polish favorites, including pierogies, smoked sausage, cabbage rolls, and traditional poppy seed cake. (5:30 – 7:45 PM)

Day #4 – Friday, December 10th:

- Breakfast*** is again served before we tour more of Omaha.
- 8:00 AM** We depart for the **Fontenelle Forest Nature Center for a Live Hawk & Owl Presentation***. This morning you'll enjoy a close-encounter presentation featuring live hawks and owls. Learn about these remarkable raptors, including their habits, unique adaptations, and the forest's rehabilitation program. A Professional naturalist presents the birds one at a time and talks about each birds' unique adaptations and qualities that make them the king of the sky. **(8:30 – 10:00 AM)**
- 10:30 AM** Next, we'll step into a breathtaking indoor conservatory filled with thousands of vibrant holiday blooms, all anchored by a spectacular, 20-foot-tall poinsettia tree consisting of 720 individual poinsettia plants. Delight in the whimsical model garden trains as they chug along hundreds of feet of track, winding past beautifully detailed, miniature replicas of Omaha's most iconic landmarks. Nearby is the Marjorie K. Daugherty Conservatory, a 17,500 square foot indoor facility. The tiered glass structure contains three collections of plants. The Tropical House features palm trees, exotic fruit trees and Victoria water lilies. The Temperate House features traditional gardens of the Southern United States. The Plant Library showcases rare & endangered global plant species. **(10:30 – 11:30 AM)**
- Noon** Lunch is on your own today in the food court at Westroads Mall.
- 1:30 PM** This afternoon is an **Irish Christmas***. Irish folksinger, David Marsh, brings the Emerald Isle to life through a vibrant program of traditional Irish music. Using instruments such as the accordion, penny whistle, Northumbrian pipes, and bodhran (Irish Drum), he performs jigs, reels, rebel songs and lively sing-along's. Through story-telling and song, you'll hear tales of the Irish famine and wars, as well as the joys and challenges of immigrating to a new land. Also featured is a performance by Marty Dowd's Irish Dance Group. Marty, a former lead dancer with Riverdance, now teaches Irish dance in Omaha. His students – ranging in age from six to eighteen – will showcase their talents in a spirited and entertaining dance performance. **(1:30 – 3:15 PM)**
- 3:30 PM** Brief "Rest Period" at the hotel.
- 4:30 PM** We depart for our **Omaha Steak Dinner @ Cascio's Steakhouse***.
- 6:15 PM** Tonight, we'll enjoy the **Omaha Symphony Christmas Celebration Performance at the Holland Performing Arts Center***. This is a spectacular Broadway-style holiday tradition that brings festive cheer to Omaha. This is a high-energy production that blends the rich orchestral sounds of the Omaha Symphony with spectacular staging, professional Broadway singers, and world class dancers. **(6:50 – 9:50 PM)**
- 10:15 PM** Approximate return time to the hotel.

Day #5 – Saturday, December 11th:

- Our final **Breakfast*** is served.
- 9:00 AM** What a great time we've had in Omaha but it's time to depart for home. We'll make rest & meal stops along the way as needed.
- 6:00 PM** Approximate return time to Peoria

6:30 PM Approximate return time to Morton
7:15 PM Approximate return time to Normal
8:15 PM Approximate return time to Urbana.

Cost Per Person:

Single: \$1435.00 Double: \$1205.00 Triple: \$1125.00 Quad: \$1085.00

Tour Includes: Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation, Professional Driver & Tour Hosts, Hotel Accommodations, All Attractions & Meals in Bold Print and marked with an asterisk*

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

Hotel:

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