

# Treasures, Trolls & Autumn Treats

**2 Days: October 12-13, 2010**

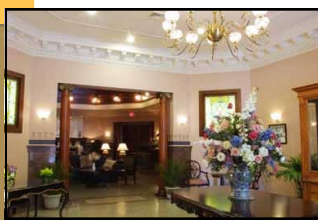


# NORTHLAND TRAVEL

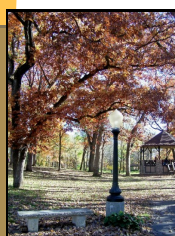
*This travel package planned and escorted by  
Kathy Hawkins.*

Escape to the lustrous autumnal hills and river banks of Northeast Iowa country to seek out its hidden treasures!

October 12 our luxury coach departs from guaranteed departure cities as we head northeast. Nestled in the rolling hills north of Decorah we find **Winneshiek Wildberry Winery**, where we will enjoy **lunch** in a beautifully restored barn. After lunch we will **tour** the winery and go for a walk in the vineyards, followed by **wine tasting** at the majestic oak bar. Browse the winery gift shop to find a unique, hand-crafted piece made by locals. A short drive south brings us to **Seed Savers Exchange**, a very unique heritage farm that maintains 20,000 rare vegetables and flowers as well as 2,000 traditional varieties, including 19<sup>th</sup> century apples and hardy grapes. The farm is home to two herds of rare White Park cattle and heritage poultry. A guide will provide interesting history of the Seed Exchange and take us to visit the drying house. We can stroll through the gardens and browse through the beautiful timber frame Visitors Center, constructed by area Amish. Next we drive to the historic Norwegian city of Decorah, to visit the **Hotel Winneshiek & Steyer Opera House**, beautifully restored to their authentic, turn of the century décor. We'll enjoy a wonderful **tour** of the Hotel and Opera House, delightfully narrated by an experienced Decorah guide. After checking in at our hotel, we'll have a unique and enjoyable **dining** experience at **McCaffrey's Dolce Vita**, one of Decorah's newest restaurants. It's a chalet set into the hillside above wooded Twin Springs, specializing in Italian cuisine.



October 13 we enjoy **breakfast** at our hotel before a **tour of Decorah**. We begin along Broadway Avenue, where we see the distinctive homes and churches of the **Broadway-Phelps Park Historic District**, with fine examples of 1850s Midwestern Architecture. In **Phelps Park** we will see the 19<sup>th</sup> century **Schulze Kiln**, in which the bricks of many area homes were fired. From the Phelps Park overlook, we view the natural prairie and the beautiful Upper Iowa River Valley. Along Main Street we will see the historic buildings of early Decorah businesses, many restored to their original beauty. **Vesterheim**, Decorah's Norwegian Museum complex is comprised of 16 historic buildings, including a school house, church, pastor's home and the Museum Educational Center where carvers and rosemalers work. Before leaving Decorah, we will drive through the beautiful campus of **Luther College**, high above the river valley and see the historic **Jewell Barn**. As we travel south, we will visit the Czech town of Spillville, on the banks of the Turkey River. We'll tour **Bily Clocks and the Antonin Dvorak Museum**. It is a genuine surprise to see the large display of unique wooden clocks, intricately carved and mechanized by the Bily brothers on a rural Spillville farm in the early 1900s. The second floor of the Museum was the home of the Czech composer, Antonin Dvorak and his family during the summer of 1893. It was here he composed his "American Quartette" and found the inspiration for "Humoresque." This floor is filled with interesting historical artifacts including harmoniums or pump organs. We will have time for lunch on your own at the Old World Inn in Spillville before departing for home, filled with rich memories of beautiful Northeast Iowa.



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**Your 2-day package includes:** Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 1 night, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to bolded attractions, 1 breakfast, 1 lunch and 1 dinner (meals inclusive of tax and gratuities).

\$319 per person, double occupancy

\$309 per person with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$369 per person with single room accommodations

**Reservations:** anytime as long as space is available

**Deposit:** \$65 per person, due with reservation

**Balance Due:** September 10

**Cancel by:** September 10 for penalty-free cancellations

**Peace of Mind Protection:** 5% of trip cost, due with deposit

**Guaranteed Departure Cities:** Fort Dodge, Webster City, Williams, Iowa Falls, Waterloo, Independence, Des Moines, Ames and Marshalltown