



ST. CHARLES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

An extension of your own backyard

“Cardinals vs Royals in Kansas City” May 3-6, 2022

Dear Parks and Recreation Traveler:

Grab your baseball cap and scorecard as we head to Kansas City, MO to watch our *St Louis Cardinals* compete against the *Kansas City Royals* in Major League Baseball action at *Kauffman Stadium* on the outskirts of downtown Kansas City. We have tickets for Tuesday night’s game on May 3rd and tickets for Wednesday’s nights game on May 4th in one of the more beautiful stadiums in the mid-west with a spectacular setting—*Kauffman Stadium!* Join us on this 4-day trip as we will also visit the *Negro Leagues Baseball Museum*, *Arabia Steamboat Museum*, *Strawberry Hill Baking Co*, *KC Strings Violin Shop*, *Guitar Lamp Co*, lunch at *Jack Stack Barbeque* and a Dinner/Show at *New Theatre Restaurant!*

On Tuesday in early afternoon, we visit the *Negro Leagues Baseball Museum*. In November 1997 the NLBM moved into its new 10,000 square-foot home inside a cultural complex known as the Museums at 18th & Vine. Since that time, the NLBM has welcomed more than 2-million visitors and has become one of the most important cultural institutions in the world for its work to give voices to a once forgotten chapter of baseball and American history.

On Tuesday evening we visit Kauffman Stadium and watch our St Louis Cardinals compete against the Kansas City Royals. Nick-named “*The K*” Kauffman Stadium with a seating capacity of 37,903 opened in 1973 and is the 6th oldest stadium in major league baseball. With a \$250 million dollar renovation in 2009 the stadium now showcases a spectacular 84’ X 104’ Crown Vision HD scoreboard as well as the largest in-stadium solar array in MLB. The 120 panels on the Outfield Experience canopy provide approximately 36,000 KWH of renewable energy each year.

Wednesday morning, we do a guided tour of the *Arabia Steamboat Museum* to witness some fascinating history from the past. In 1856 the *Steamboat Arabia* along with 200 tons of precious cargo sank into the Missouri River and was miraculously discovered and recovered in 1987. After extensive cleaning and preservation these remarkable long-lost treasures are on full display making 1956 come to life in the everyday items recovered.

Wednesday, we have lunch at the legendary *Jack Stack Barbeque*. With five restaurants in the Kansas City area *Jack Stack Barbeque* is in its third generation of cooking gourmet meats over hickory wood and has evolved into the largest, full-service wood cookery in the industry. Wednesday evening, we are back to Kauffman Stadium to see our Cardinals in action against the Royals.

We begin Thursday with a visit to a very unique bakery. Experience the magic that goes into making the world-famous *Strawberry Hill Povitica* while sampling the various flavors of this delectable swirled dessert bread. *Strawberry Hill Baking Co* celebrates a proud Eastern European heritage in the heart of the mid-west. The roots of the heritage lie in the traditional povitica baked by Croatian and Slovenian grandmothers for generations.

Our next stop is at *KC Strings*, a full-service violin shop offering rentals, repair and sales of string instruments. With instruments sold world-wide, the team of European and American craftsman at KC Strings are sure to impress with their master craftsmanship and expertise in music. KC Strings which opened in 1992, caters to string players (violin, viola, cello, bass) from student to professional. We visit Guitar Lamp and tour Dan Leap's loft apartment with his amazing Guitar Lamps!

Thursday evening we visit the highly acclaimed *New Theatre Restaurant* for an evening of Fine Dining and First-Class Entertainment with the stage production of "The Play that Goes Wrong." *New Theatre Restaurant* produces five shows annually with Broadway Comedies & Musicals featuring stars from TV, film and stage. Ambiance?you betcha! "The Best Dinner Theatre Operation in the Country" claims the Wall Street Journal.

Our chartered motor coach will be equipped with full time *Wi-Fi* that will be available to our travelers at any time during the trip. The tour also includes 3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners, 1 lunch, attractions, game tickets, admissions, lodging, all gratuities, escort and deluxe motor coach transportation.

This trip will close out for sign-up on Friday, March 25, 2022

Participants will be restricted to one piece of checked luggage and one carryon bag to be carried inside the motor coach. Luggage tags & final itinerary will be provided closer to the actual departure date of the trip.

Participants who register must also complete a consent waiver form which will detail emergency contacts and any current and pertinent medical or medicinal information. This form will be sent at a later date.

Fee Schedule: The cost of this wonderful trip will be **\$875** per person (double occupancy). The single traveler supplement will be **\$210** for a total cost of **\$1,085** per single traveler. The triple cost is **\$805** per person (triple occupancy). This price is all inclusive and includes gratuities.

Deposit: **\$50** per person (non-refundable). All refunds will be subject to a **\$50 refund fee.**

February 18, 2022: \$400 Payment Due

March 25, 2022: Final Payment Due. After this date no refund of any kind will be given for cancellations due to our commitment to the various vendors involved with is trip.

Travel Insurance: Many of you have inquired about travel insurance for our extended trips. Travel insurance is a method of providing you a means to recoup your costs should you have to cancel at the last minute or become sick on the trip. We do not endorse any particular product, but after searching the internet we came up with a couple of sources for travel insurance.

Travel Insurance Services, 800-228-9792 or www.travelex-insurance.com Travel Guard International, 800-826-4919 or www.travelguard.com Several of our travelers have used this provider. Or compare several plans at once at www.InsureMyTrip.com With any service you can purchase online or over the phone. Please make sure you understand what you are purchasing. Buying the travel insurance is totally up to you and making any claims with the carrier is the total responsibility of the person purchasing the insurance.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 636-949-3372 or John's direct line 636-949-3580

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