

# Amana Prelude To Christmas

3 Days / 2 Nights

Departure Date: December 4-6

Tour Code: AMAX90

## **DAY ONE**

Today we begin our three-day holiday jaunt to the historic German colonies in Amana, IA. Each year their Prelude to Christmas festival highlights the season with home baked goods, local crafts and an enchanting Tannenbaum Forest. We'll spend the next two nights as guests of the Drury Inn & Suites in nearby Coralville, IA. There will be time at the hotel to freshen up prior to the live theater presentation of Miracle on 34th Street at the always popular Old Creamery Theatre.

## **DAY TWO — B, L**

The Amana Colonies are made up of seven distinct villages. Our local guide will join us for a driving tour of this area to enlighten us on the history of this unusual community. Part of a communal lifestyle started in the 19th century German immigrants, residents received a home, medical care, meals, all household necessities and schooling for their children. Property and resources were shared. Men and women were assigned jobs by their village council of brethren. No one received a wage. No one needed one. Farming and the production of wool and calico supported the community, but village enterprises, everything from clock making to brewing, were vital; and well-crafted products became a hallmark of the Amanas. There is so much more that will be shared as we move through each village. Known for family-style dining, we pause for an included lunch at the delicious Ox Yoke Inn to sample many German favorites. Our visit continues with stops at the Amana History Museum, Broom & Basket Factory, the General Store and more all filled with Christmas cheer. Finally, stroll through the delightful Tannenbaum Forest to view glittering trees and gingerbread creations.

## **DAY THREE — B, L**

Partake of breakfast then board the coach to begin our travels towards home. As the border with Illinois approaches we'll make a stop in Galena to stroll its historic Main Street shops that are certain to be decked out for the holidays. An included luncheon will be enjoyed at a local eatery before we leave Galena for the final stretch. Merry Christmas everyone!

## **PER PERSON PRICING:**

\$667 Double | \$621 Triple | \$588 Quad | \$789 Single

Deposit: \$200 per person within 7 days of making reservation. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure. Luggage handling is included for one suitcase. RoamRight Insurance is available and strongly recommended.