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# Autumn at French Lick Resort



FRENCH LICK, INDIANA

OCTOBER 2 – 4, 2023

## ITINERARY

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 (L, D)

Depart this morning for French Lick, Indiana.

**11:00 a.m.** – Arrive at Patoka Lake.

**11:15 a.m.** – Visit Patoka Lake Marina and enjoy the state's second largest—and cleanest—man-made lake. Relax on board a 60-foot tour boat, with indoor, open-air, and upper-deck viewing areas (no reserved seating). Lunch will be served buffet style. The menu consists of fried chicken, glazed ham, cheesy potato casserole, 7-layer salad, glazed cooked carrots, cole slaw, dinner rolls, and dirt pudding. Drinks include ice tea, lemonade, or water.

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.** – Enjoy a lake cruise as we hear about the history of Patoka Lake and its surrounding area. Questions are welcome.

**1:45 p.m.** – Following lunch, we'll travel to Patoka Lake Winery for a personalized, group wine tasting. During this event, guests will enjoy eight different tastings, observe the production process, and browse the retail area of the expanded facilities. Guests will also receive a souvenir wine glass.

**2:45 p.m.** – Depart from Patoka Lake Winery and travel to French Lick.

**3:15 p.m.** – Immediately upon arrival to French Lick, guides will meet the group in the lobby of the property for a historic walking tour. We'll learn about French Lick Resort's history, where hundreds of celebrities have stayed—from actors to athletes to musicians. This is definitely a place known for its successes and secrets. At the end of the tour, everyone will receive tomato juice. Allow one hour to check into historic French Lick Resort after the tour.

**4:40 p.m.** – Settle into your room.

**6:30 p.m.** – Enjoy a buffet dinner at French Lick. Afterward, the remainder of the evening is on your own.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 (B, L, D)

*Note: Please do not wear open-toe shoes today.*

**7:00 a.m.** – Opening time—enjoy a breakfast buffet at Grand Colonnade. Allow sufficient time to walk to this location, which is located close to the casino.

**8:15 a.m.** – Depart for French Lick West Baden Museum.

**8:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.** – Visit the French Lick West Baden Museum and learn about these two towns, which histories date back to the 1840s. It all started with pungent, mineral-laden water. Buffalo, plush resorts, illegal gambling, circus headquarters, world-class artists, and a pretty good basketball player—Larry Bird—are part of the colorful past. This was Vegas before there was a Vegas, despite the fact that gambling in Indiana was illegal. The springs valley boasted several documented casinos from the 1860s until 1949, which is when the state stopped looking the other way. You'll see relics from the old casinos and learn about some of the characters who ran them. After the tour, guests can walk next door to the Bear Hollow Wood Carvers.

**10:00 a.m.** – When you arrive at Bear Hollow Wood Carvers, you'll find "cutting edge art," along with one-of-a-kind chainsaw sculptures created by award-winning carvers from across the U.S. Find truly unique gifts created by the best artisans in the country. The group will enjoy a hand-carving demonstration. After the demonstration, there will be time for shopping.

**10:45 a.m.** – Depart for Wilstem Ranch.

**11:25 a.m.** – Upon arrival at Wilstem Ranch, board a wagon (requires climbing 3-4 feet of stairs) for a hayride. Plenty of seating will be available.

**11:30 a.m.** – The wagon ride is first. Commentary is included with your ride throughout the grounds. Guests will take a tractor-pulled wagon into the woods and meadows. Everyone will receive a bucket of food to feed the animals directly from the wagon. See everything from alpaca to zebra—and lots in between! The wagon will hold the entire group, and guides will be available to answer questions and coax the animals out of hiding.

## FOR QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION CONTACT

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**1:00 p.m.** – Board the coach and travel to the Loft Barn for a barbecue lunch. During lunch (1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.), guests will be entertained with live music—country/bluegrass and some oldies. Feel free to request music.

**2:30 p.m.** – Board the motorcoach and return to the resort.

**6:00 p.m.** – Both groups will depart for Abbeydell Hall in West Baden Springs, Indiana, for dinner and a show. Abbeydell Hall is a dinner show venue with a buffet that is sure to delight. With slow-cooked meats, vegetables, salads, delicious sides, dessert, and drinks included, there is something for everyone. Abbeydell Hall is located at the Legend of French Lick—a 20-acre estate located one mile east of the French Lick Resort. The property, which is a local landmark, is the former home of Larry Bird—a basketball legend who grew up in French Lick. Enjoy dinner and a Branson-style show. All shows are filled with high energy and costumes. Audiences will enjoy music, dance, and comedy—from Broadway, pop, and country to rock 'n' roll, plus a tribute to our veterans (1940s, 1950s, and 1960s).

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 (B, L)

**7:00 a.m.** – Opening time—breakfast buffet at Grand Colonnade.

**7:30 a.m.** – Luggage pick-up (if returning to your room to retrieve a carry-on, please allow sufficient time).

**8:30 a.m.** – Depart for the "Castle on the Hill" tour.

**9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** – Enjoy a guided tour of the Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, also known as the "Castle on the Hill." Enjoy a guided tour by Sister Christine and learn the history of the majestic domed church. Remember to browse the gift shop, where you can find "Simply Divine" bakery items and other great gifts. The monastery dates back to 1867 and is listed in the National Historic Register. The grounds include serene gardens featuring an outdoor Stations of the Cross, a labyrinth, and three shrines.

**11:00 a.m.** – Depart for Jasper, Indiana, for lunch at Schnitzelbank, where an authentic German meal—served family-style—awaits guests. House specialties include salad, roast beef, schweine schnitzel (tender choice pork tenderloin battered and fried to a golden brown), green beans, California medley, hot German potato salad, and hot apple strudel with cinnamon ice cream for dessert.

**1:00 p.m.** – Travel to Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels in Dale, Indiana.

**1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** – Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels may be the most unusual place you will ever visit! Dr. Ted has many amazing instruments. Discover the magic of these marvels of yesteryear, and see and hear all kinds of endangered species of vintage musical instruments. Before there were synthesizers, compact discs, and digital equipment, these incredible mechanical machines played beautiful music.

**6:30 p.m.** – Arrive back home (approximate time).

*All times are estimated and subject to change.*

Included Meals: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

## HIGHLIGHTS & INCLUSIONS

- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- 2 nights accommodations at the French Lick Resort
- 7 meals (2 breakfast, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners)
- Admissions per itinerary
- Provident Travel Tour Director

## PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- Kohl's (Tylersville Road)
- Harpers Station
- Union Township Civic Center

## PROVIDENT TRAVEL PRICE\*

Double ..... \$1,150; Single ..... \$1,295

DEPOSIT: \$100 per person is due with reservation.

FINAL PAYMENT: Due on August 1, 2023.

CANCELLATION: Deposit – 08/01/23.....No penalty  
08/02/23 – Departure .....100% of package price

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