

“Welcome to Osage County”

SUGGESTED ITINERARY #1

10:00 Arrive at the Osage County Community Center, Linn

Restrooms available

10:30 Board motorcoach for Village of Westphalia

11:00 ■ Visit St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Westphalia

Founded in 1838, this is the oldest Catholic parish in Osage County. The church holds the largest collection of relics in the Diocese of Jefferson City. The building features a unique double choir loft and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A member of the parish will be available to visit with you about the history.

11:45 ■ Lunch at Westphalia Inn

The Inn, built in the 1930’s, was a 30-room hotel before the owners turned it into a family-style restaurant. They serve fried chicken, country ham, German pot roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, and fresh baked bread. For wine lovers, the owners offer samplings of award-winning wines produced at the Westphalia Vineyards on the family farm. Tours of the winery are available for groups.

Spend some time browsing in the Everchanging Shop at the Inn. It is a treasure of antique glassware, china, jewelry, furniture, unique artwork and creative gifts.

12:45 ■ Tour of the Westphalia Historical Society Museum

The museum houses a large collection of memorabilia from the early days of the village. Look around at your leisure after lunch. A docent will be available to answer questions.

1:15 ■ Board motorcoach for village of Rich Fountain

Tour the beautiful Sacred Heart Catholic Church and listen to Mr. Ed Brune as he talks about the early history of the Parish. He gives a very thorough history of the Church and the School.

After his presentation, step down to the School Basement to visit with ladies that make beautiful handmade quilts for the church’s yearly Quilt Auction. You will be amazed at what they are able to accomplish and how many women contribute to the quilting effort of the Parish. (Available on Tuesday and Thursday)

2:15 ■ Visit Keith Neier’s Farm

We will be stopping by one of the fields that Keith farms in the Gasconade River bottom. He will tell of an area that was a horseshoe bend in the river at one time, but the running river channel cut through, leaving very productive crop land behind. You will see growing crops in that field.

3:15 ■ Stop at Koenig Country Store

A family-owned business, the ladies of Koenig’s Country Store make awesome home-made cinnamon rolls, homemade bread and other goodies. They also have a gift shop. Usually only open on Saturday mornings, they do open for scheduled groups.

4:00 Return to the Osage Community Center, Linn

This is only a sample of what we offer to groups visiting Osage County. Every itinerary is customized especially for your groups’ interests.

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