



GOLDEN FRONTIER

Springtime in Southern Illinois

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Two nights accommodation at San Damiano Retreat in Southern Illinois
- Two breakfasts hosted by our lodging facilities, plus breakfast snack service served on board on departure day
- Three lunches and two dinners are included in various restaurants
- Weekday Mass opportunities at San Damiano Retreat
- Entrance and visits to Giant City State Park, the Good Shepherd Shrine at San Damiano Retreat in Southern Illinois, the Chocolate Factory, Garden of the Gods, Amish country store visit, Cave-in-Rock State Park and Pheasant Hollow visit and tasting
- Tour escort accompanying the trip from beginning to end showing points of interest, and local guides at certain areas
- Round trip sightseeing coach transportation.
- Gratuities for included group meals

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TRIP

- Wine, liquor, beer, telephone calls, items of a personal nature, gratuities at end-of-trip.

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Photos courtesy of Chocolate Factory, Pheasant Hollow Winery, Giant City and Cave-in-Rock State Parks and Golden Frontier file.

*Featuring the Parks of
Southern Illinois*

April 24 to 26, 2018

Three day trip via coach

**Giant City State Park
Garden of the Gods
Cave-in-Rock State Park
The Chocolate Factory
Yoder's Variety Store
Pheasant Hollow Winery
San Damiano Retreat
Good Shepherd Shrine**

\$418.00

GOLDEN FRONTIER APPLICATION
SPRINGTIME IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS TRIP **April 24 to 26, 2018**
 This application and fee is to be sent to Golden Frontier Office, 4100 North Illinois Street, Swansea, IL 62226. I have read the terms and conditions of this brochure, especially the parts pertaining to fees, refunds, and cancellation policies. \$75.00 per person registration fee must accompany this application. Checks should be made payable to Golden Frontier. Husband and wife may use the same application, but enclose double registration fee; **PLEASE PRINT.** Your registration indicates your acceptance of all terms and conditions of this brochure.

My choice of departure location: _____
Departs from St. Louis and Illinois : O'Fallon, Carlinville, Staunton, Springfield, and Mt. Vernon
 I/We are traveling with friends: _____
 () Three-to-a-room discount requested; mail applications together.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip + 4 _____

Home phone (____) _____

Cell phone (____) _____

E-mail: _____

() Single accommodations requested for an extra \$98.00.

() I'm traveling alone, but willing to share (same gender) a room

Diet restrictions: _____

[] I have limited walking disability.

Nick-name to use on name tags: _____

() Deposit check enclosed and bill my balance of payment, **or**

X Please charge to my [] **MasterCard** [] **VISA** [] **Discover**

16 digit card no. _____ Exp. Date _____

3 digit security code on reverse of card _____



April 24 to 26, 2018

Springtime in Southern Illinois is a most beautiful time of year. Dogwoods, flowering redbuds, wild daffodils are just a few of the springtime flowers that make a beautiful springtime show. Nature usually graces this time of year with a display beyond description.

“Nestled in the Shawnee National Forest, Giant City State Park was named for the unique impressions made by its massive sandstone structures and a landscape like none other, with lush garments of fern, moss, flowering mints, hundreds of species of wild flowers and more than 75 varieties of towering trees.”

A sweet stop and tour of The Chocolate Factory is planned. Here you'll see how the confections are created. Samples and smells are free.

Also, we'll take a step back in time with a visit to rural Kentucky and a local Amish community store. With no electricity or in-home telephone, the Amish embrace a simpler life and time. Yoder's Variety showcases the finest craftsmanship in furniture, and includes housewares, home made foods, cheeses. You'll also see the store filled with shelves of fabrics, dried herbs and spices, candy, Amish-made jelly, glassware and kitchenware, toys, and more.

Garden of the Gods is a Southern Illinois gem. It was

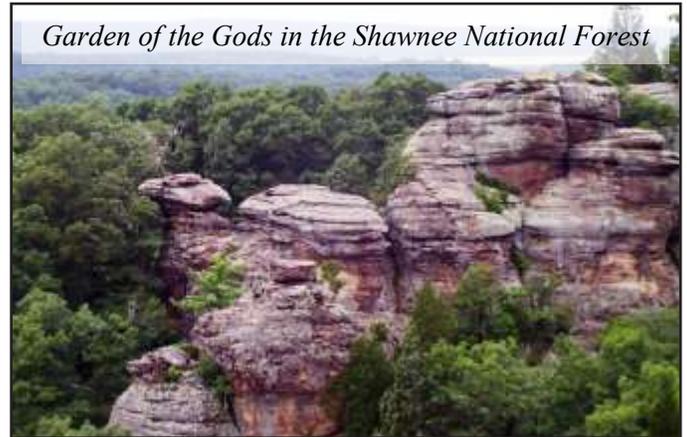


San Damiano is home to the Shrine of the Good Shepherd. This 35 foot bronze depicts Christ rescuing the struggling lamb and cradling it tenderly in His arms.

formed 320 million years ago when this part of Illinois was covered by a giant inland sea. The sand and mud settlement at the bottom of this sea over time transformed into rock. Eventually, an uplift exposed the sandstone to weather which eroded to expose the rock formations.

At Cave-In-Rock in southern Illinois, atop the high bluffs overlooking the scenic Ohio River, the heavily wooded park is named for the 55-foot-wide cave that was carved out of the limestone rock by water thousands of years ago. “Few natural formations are as awe-inspiring or intriguing as a cave. The deep, dark recesses immediately conjure up images of adventure and mystery.”

Also located at San Damiano is the Shrine of the Good Shepherd. Situated on top of a 225 foot bluff overlooking the Ohio River, the Statue of Christ the Good Shepherd looks down in benevolent protection. Guest accommodations, each with individual balconies overlooking the Ohio River, assures to our visitors comfort



Garden of the Gods in the Shawnee National Forest



Giant City State Park Lodge near Makanda

in quiet and peaceful surroundings.

Not to be forgotten will be a visit to Pheasant Hollow Winery for a wine class and sampling of their products.

Guests often ask us when is the best time to register. Reserved accommodations can fill months prior to departure. Your application and deposit should be submitted to us as soon as possible to guarantee your place. Registrations received after March 1 are subject to space availability.



Cave-in-Rock Park

COMFORTABLE WALKING SHOES ARE ADVISED.

Our trip is arranged for adults with seniors in mind. Every effort is made to park as close as possible to scheduled venues. Some sites are inaccessible to large coaches. Some walking may be necessary to visit these sites; comfortable walking shoes are essential.

FEE. \$418.00 is the fee for the entire Springtime in Southern Illinois Trip, the registration fee, specified meals, motor coach, entrance fees, lodging, escort — everything! Triple accommodations can be requested. Three people registering together and sharing a two bedded room receive a \$15.00 discount per person. Single accommodations are available for an additional \$98.00 per person. \$75.00 deposit per person accompanies registration and is deducted from the total cost. **Registration should be made 100 or more days prior to departure.** Reservations made 100 days or less prior to departure are subject to availability of hotel space. Balance of fee is due 45 days prior to departure. You will receive a bill for final payment.

DEPARTURE LOCATIONS AND TIMES. Note: Times may be adjusted depending on location volume.

6:00 a.m. Springfield, IL; Comfort Inn & Suites, 3675 So. 6th St.
6:30 a.m. Carlinville, IL, Magnuson Grand Hotel
6:47 a.m. Staunton, IL, Super 8 Motel
6:55 a.m. St. Louis, Holiday Inn, I-44 & Hampton
7:35 a.m. O'Fallon IL, Quality Inn
8:40 a.m. Mt. Vernon, IL, Huck's/Flying J Travel Plaza

By Request only at Marion, IL, TBA

Note: Parking your car during the trip at the point of pickup is at the sole discretion of the location. Golden Frontier nor the pickup location assume any risk for your parked car. Minimum groups of twenty from one area may request a pickup and return at their choice location at no additional cost.

REFUNDS AND CANCELLATIONS must be requested in writing. Guests canceling 60 or more days prior to departure receive a refund of the monies paid. Guests canceling 59 to 36 days prior to departure forfeit the registration fee. Guests canceling 35 days or less prior to departure, no shows, or guests leaving the tour after departure receive a refund of only those fees recoverable by Golden Frontier from various suppliers. Guests canceling 59 days or less prior to departure and providing a replacement traveler receive a refund of all fees paid. There are no refunds on unused tour features.

LUGGAGE is limited to one bag per person, limit 42 pounds. You may also bring a small carry on bag which you can place in the overhead rack of the coach. Golden Frontier cannot be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles.

SPECIAL DIETS can normally be accommodated with adequate advance notice. Please notify our office of any special dietary needs. Please attach written explanation to application

PURPOSE. Golden Frontier is sponsored by Catholic Shrine Pilgrimage, a not-for-profit organization. These programs are arranged to give the people of this area an opportunity to visit historic shrines of North America amid friendly companionship. A priest chaplain normally accompanies each trip.

RESPONSIBILITY. This tour is under the operation of Golden Frontier who shall be responsible for supplying services and accommodations as outlined in this brochure, except as to the extent such cannot be supplied due to delays or causes beyond the control of Golden Frontier. In the absence of negligence on the part of the tour operator, the tour member waives any claim against Golden Frontier from any damage, loss of property, injury, death, due to any act of negligence of any hotel or person rendering any services or accommodations. Golden Frontier reserves the right to make equal substitutions if the need arises. Golden Frontier reserves the right to cancel any trip due to adverse weather conditions or lack of sufficient reservations. In this event a full refund of all tour member's payments made will be given. Participants agree to the use of their photo or image which may be taken on this trip in future Golden Frontier publications and presentations without compensation by or claim to CSP.

OPTIONAL TRIP CANCELLATION AND BAGGAGE INSURANCE is available for those who desire. Insurance can cover cancellation of your reservation prior to departure, leaving the tour after departure, baggage loss, accidents, and some medical coverages. A brochure and application for insurance will be sent to all applicants or is available by calling the Golden Frontier office.

ROOM ARRANGEMENTS are normally two people sharing a room. Singles may sign up and travel at the double rate if you agree to Golden Frontier attempting to find a room mate (same gender) to share. If we do not find a room mate to share, you still travel at the double rate. Unless single rate is requested accommodations will be shared. If you do not wish to share a room, single accommodations are available. A special room rate for three, sharing a standard two bedded room without added roll away bed, can be requested with discount.

CASUAL CLOTHING is always acceptable. The weather is normally comfortable. This time of year, Southern Illinois should be a delightful place to visit. No formal or dressy wear is necessary on this trip. Typical August temperatures range from daytime highs in the mid to upper 80's and overnight lows in the low to mid 60's.