



Sample Group Itineraries

Edge of the Wilderness Scenic Byway & Discovery Center – Ideas

- Guided Tour of Interpretive center – over 20 mounts of northern Minnesota animals
- Guided Tour of grounds and lake
- FREE Naturalist Programs Thurs-Sat only June-August
- Specialized Group Specific Naturalist Program – customized for each group (examples: spring/fall phenology, wild animals, animal tracks, living forest, etc)
- Guided Naturalist at the Lost Forty (200 year-old trees that are massive – trails leading into the Forest)/Laurentian Divide/Suomi Hills – beautiful forest/trail areas
- Fall Leaves Tour – stunning deciduous forest colors
- Other unique tours will be considered

Forest History Center - Ideas

- Costume Interpreters Guided Tour of 1900's logging camp
- Horse drawn covered carriage ride to the 1900's period logging camp
- Winter in the Logging Camp Show – put on by period costumed interpreters
- Walk/Hike/Fat Tire Bike the 200 acres of trails
- Tour Wanagan on the Mississippi River with costume interpreters story-telling
- Naturalist Program - customized for groups on a variety of topics
- Dinner in the Cook Shack – limited to 40 people – tent can be brought in on site
- Picnic Lunch at covered pavilion – seats 40 ppl
- Costume Interpreters Guided Tours of the Interpretive Center
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Hill Annex Mine – Ideas

- Guided Tour of the Hill Annex Mine by USFS staff – walking tour & bus ride
- Fossil dig – based on availability
- Other unique tours will be considered

Itasca County Historical Society – Ideas

- Guided Tours of the Itasca County Historical Society Museum
- New Exhibit Spring 2021 – Mississippi River Room & Jingle Dress Exhibit
- Step-on Guides for History Tour of Town & Mississippi River
- Special Tours for Groups only – example: Ghosts of the Mississippi, Guided tour of Historic Central School
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Judy Garland Museum – Ideas

- Costume Interpreter Guided Tour of the Judy Garland Museum, House & 3,000 piece Wizard of Oz exhibit with sing-a-long in house lead by “Dorothy” actress
- Garden Tour – seasonal
- Other unique tours will be considered.

MacRostie Art Center – Ideas

- Guided Tour of the Gallery and current exhibits
- Meet with Artist – opportunity needs to be lined up in advance – based on availability
- Hands-On Art Classes – jewelry, pottery, painting
- Wine & Paint Classes – 20+ people – based on availability

The Reif Center - Ideas

- Group Rate Performance – based on their schedule – fall 2021 will be back in theater
- Guided Tours of The Reif Center art, stage, behind the scenes after performance
- Special performance in the Ives Theater - cost of facility and performer to be determined
- Dinner Theater – customized for groups of 50+ (cost of food, entertainment as part of group pricing)

Other Unique Group Tour Ideas

- Farm Tours – farm to table dining on a farm – alpaca, cattle, agriculture (pumpkin patch)
- University of MN Extension Center Master Gardener lead Garden Tour – June-August
- Maple Syrup Factory Tour – Seasonal – late February-beginning of April
- Evergreen Holiday Wreath Farm Tour – Seasonal- October/November
- Special Shopping Hours – stores to open early – offer beverages and appetizers and unique fun ideas: scavenger hunts – win prizes – in store discounts, etc.
- Dance Classes lead by professionally trained Reif Dance instructor
- Cooking class conducted by area restaurant chef at 17th Street Grill
- Wine & Chocolate Tasting Class at Unwined Up North or 17th Street Grill (locally created chocolate from Northwoods Chocolates paired with Minnesota wines).

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