

*A Day to Remember...***9:00 am- Bonaparte Inn Meet your Step-On guide.**

This historic building has been transformed from an old 1892 Pants Factory to a beautifully exquisite B&B. You will be served a light morning snack in the dining room (or on the 3rd floor special events room) handicap accessible.

9:45 am- Bonaparte Pottery

The Bonaparte Pottery has been recognized as a National Historic Archeological Site. Established in 1865, it produced a variety of stoneware until 1896. Archeological digging continues and several original pieces and molds have been unearthed. You'll take a fascinating, guided tour through this historical wonder!

10:30 am- National Historic Riverfront District of Bonaparte

*Browse through the several specialty shops like **the Olive Branch**...and don't forget the fudge at **Addie Mae's Fudge Shop!***

11:30 am – Bonaparte Retreat

*Enjoy a delicious fare and the unique atmosphere of an old restored flour and gristmill of 1878, as you dine at the regionally famous **Bonaparte Retreat**. This restaurant affords you a spectacular view of the lazy Des Moines River, a Riverfront Park and an extensive collection of memorabilia from the colorful past of southeast Iowa.*

1:15 pm- Indian Artifact Museum- Bentonsport

You will be in awe at the impressive displays!

1:30pm- Bentonsport National Historic District

*Nestled along the lazy banks of the scenic Des Moines River, is the former riverboat village of **Bentonsport**. Within the village you will discover most buildings are the original structures from the 1800's, and now are homes to a variety of **specialty shops**, including the **Greef General Store**, offering a broad spectrum of hand made gifts, from weaving to woodcarving and antiques. Also, witness working artisans, as a skilled blacksmith and potter demonstrate beautiful artistic creations in **Iron & Lace**. Here is where you will find the famous "Queen Anne's Lace Pottery". Bentonsport is also the home to other local artists. You will be able to stroll across an old iron pedestrian bridge, which spans the Des Moines River. A beautiful historic rose garden awaits your visit as well. Bentonsport is a "must-see" for all visitors to Van Buren County.*

3:00 pm- Dutchman's Store

The Dutchman's Store is filled with bulk food items and dried goods. It is also known as "A Quilter's Paradise" with 1000's of bolts of quilting material and supplies. Don't be surprised to see an Amish horse and buggy tied up at the hitching post, as the areas very large Amish and Mennonite community do their grocery shopping.

4:00 pm- Milton Creamery

*Take a quick visit to the new **Milton Creamery** and learn how this Mennonite family processes Amish milk into delicious cheese. Don't forget to grab some fresh cheddar cheese curds to enjoy after you get home!*

4:45pm- Whispering Pines Winery –OR- Kaiser Home Winery

***Whispering Pines Winery** is one of the county's newest wineries in the secluded country wilderness. You will learn about the viticulture and the processes of creating delicious fine wines. You'll be entertained with the interesting melodies from Sam Carruther as you partake in plenty of free sample. You may even want to purchase a bottle or two to take home with you! **Kaiser Home Winery** is the first licensed winery in the county. They are known for their sweet wines "By George" and "Craisin Hell."*

5:15 pm- Depart for home with fond memories of the Villages of Van Buren.

The cost for this magnificent trip through the historic Villages of Van Buren is only:

\$29.00 per person

A group of 30 affords you 2 comps. Cost per person is all-inclusive. 50% deposit is required 30 days prior to tour date.