



# 2023 ADULT BUS TRIPS



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# SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY THE RIDE!

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# WELCOME

## WELCOME to the 2023 YMCA of the Fox Cities Adult Bus Trip season!

Here at the Y, our core values are caring, honesty, respect and responsibility, and we do our best to provide programming and an atmosphere that reflects these values. Our objective in offering these trips is to provide an enriching, educational and fun experience for our members and the community.

Trips are developed by the ForeverWell Department and are designed for a wide range of interests, ages, activity and mobility levels. Two-tiered pricing for one-day trips reflects a discount that is given to our YMCA of the Fox Cities' members. There are many more benefits to being a member of the Y! Check with the Y branch nearest you to learn all about becoming a member.

Transportation for most trips (unless otherwise noted) is deluxe motorcoach. These buses come with the following amenities: Restroom • Climate control • Reading lamps • Extra head and leg room • Passenger windows that offer a panoramic view • Plush-covered, reclining seats • High-capacity cargo bays, plus above-head storage space.

**So sit back and enjoy the ride!**

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Prior to the trip, a mandatory pre-trip meeting will take place at a YMCA branch, to go over final details.

## CANCELLATION POLICY FOR ONE DAY TRIPS

### UP TO 2 WEEKS BEFORE TRIP DATE

- Refund for most/all monies paid\*

### LESS THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE TRIP DATE

- No refund given

### ILLNESS OR INJURY (MEDICAL)

- Refund issued as a System Credit\*\* for most/all monies paid\* with a submitted signed doctor's note

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

- No refunds if the bus is able to travel and the attractions are not closed
- If the transportation company determines that it is unsafe to transport passengers the trip may be rescheduled and/or a credit will be issued

\*Charges pre-paid by the Y, such as, but not limited to, theater tickets or cruise tickets are non-refundable and will not be included in the refund.

\*\*System Credit can be used for all future Y programming or trips.

## CANCELLATION POLICY FOR OVERNIGHT TRIPS

Detailed information for each trip's cancellation policy will vary.

Contact Jana Greenfield for more detailed information at 920.725.2880 or [jana@bonvoyagebt.com](mailto:jana@bonvoyagebt.com).

## PICK UP LOCATIONS AND PARKING

All trips have only one pick-up and return point. These are indicated in the trip description.

The Y is unable to provide transportation help to and from departure locations. **Pick up and parking locations are subject to change, please review your confirmation email for final departure location.**

### 1. Heart of the Valley YMCA (HVY)

225 W. Kennedy Avenue  
Kimberly, WI 54136

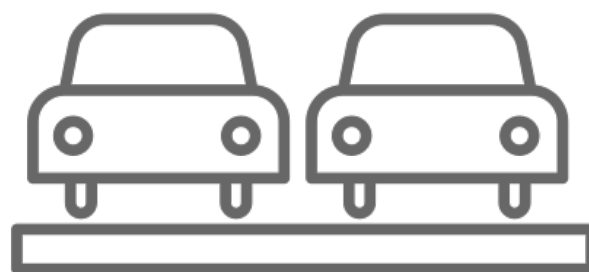
Park your vehicle in the southwest corner of the parking lot.

### 2. Fox West YMCA (FWY)

W6931 School Road  
Greenville, WI 54942

Park your vehicle in the northeast corner of the parking lot.

# PICK UP & PARKING



## **What is the minimum age for bus trips?**

Participants must be 18 years of age or older to register.

## **Are buses equipped with wheelchair lifts?**

Not all transportation vendors can accommodate wheelchair accessible vehicles for all trips.

**Please contact Kate Yates, ForeverWell Program Director** to discuss accommodations for a specific trip date. Persons who require assistance must be accompanied by a paid participant who is fully responsible for that person. The YMCA of the Fox Cities and its volunteers may not physically lift participants into transportation vehicles. The YMCA of the Fox Cities cannot provide special individual assistance to participants for walking or other personal care needs.

## **What should I do if a trip I want to go on is full?**

If a trip is full, you may have your name added to a waitlist at no charge. If a seat becomes available, persons on the waitlist may be contacted and offered that newly available seat. An additional bus may be added if there are enough interested people on a waitlist. Payment is due upon acceptance of the opening.

## **Could a trip be canceled due to bad weather?**

Trips will continue "rain or shine" unless the transportation company determines that it is unsafe to transport passengers. In this case, the trip may be rescheduled and/or a credit will be issued.

## **What bus companies are used by the Y?**

The Y charts transportation locally from Nationwide Travelers, Lamers Bus Lines or Kobussen Buses. Other commercial providers may be used for overnight trips.

## **When is gratuity included?**

Gratuity is included on all meals that are pre-paid. A tip envelope will be passed around for the bus driver and any step-on guides. Gratuities are always optional and up to the discretion of the participant.

## **After I register, will I get more detailed information about the upcoming trip?**

**FOR ONE DAY BUS TRIPS:** Before your trip, you will receive a confirmation email that will include specific trip-related information and any itinerary updates.

**FOR OVERNIGHT BUS TRIPS:** Prior to trip departure, a mandatory pre-trip meeting will be hosted at a Y branch. There you will receive itineraries and any other final details. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and work through any other concerns you may have.

## **Is there an option to purchase travel insurance for the overnight bus trips?**

The Y will provide information to each participant for the optional purchase of travel insurance through a third party. The purchase of this insurance is voluntary. The Y is not responsible for any policies that are purchased by a participant and cannot help with any claims made to the travel insurance company. If you choose, you may also inquire with your personal insurance agent/company to see if they provide any insurance options for travel.

## **If I register for an overnight trip, how long do I have to purchase the optional travel insurance?**

Each third-party travel insurance company has different terms for coverage. It is the responsibility of the participant to read the information included with the confirmation letter regarding the specifics of the travel insurance plans offered and when they need to be purchased. It is very important that you inquire about insurance as soon as possible, after registration, if you are at all interested.

## **How are special requests handled?**

For special health or dietary requests, please notify Kate Yates at 920.886.2105 or [kyates@ymcafoxcities.org](mailto:kyates@ymcafoxcities.org) as soon as possible. Wheelchairs are permitted but the Y does not provide them. Motorized carts and walkers can be stored under the coach. Oxygen tanks need special securing so advance notice must be provided (minimal AC power is available).

# » TRAVEL TO AMAZING LOCATIONS «

## **GATHER AT THE TERRACE & GARDENS**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

### **COST:**

**Y Member – \$94**

**General Public – \$109**

Includes: deluxe transportation, tours, admission and lunch

**DEPART: FWY 7:30 AM**

**RETURN: 5:30 PM**

Your day will start out at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison and feature an educational tour sharing the 60-year story of Frank Lloyd Wright's "long awaited dream of a wedding between the city and beautiful Lake Monona." This beautiful architectural structure is a true testament to Wright's design style! Enjoy lake views out on the large terrace and some free time in the gift shop. Next, dine at the Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co., where you'll have several delicious entrees to choose from! Then, spend the afternoon at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison. We will start by taking a guided tour of the outside gardens and enjoying the May flowers. Then, we will escape to the tropics in Bolz Conservatory – a unique glass pyramid housing 650 tropical plants, along with fin and feathered wildlife. Travel home thinking of all you saw and did.

## **CRUISE LAKE GENEVA**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2023**

### **COST:**

**Y Member – \$134**

**General Public – \$149**

Includes: deluxe transportation, lunch and cruise ticket

**DEPART: FWY 7:30 AM**

**RETURN: 6:30 PM**

Kick off your summer by dedicating a day to exploring Lake Geneva and its beautiful surroundings. When you arrive, you will have one-hour of free time to acclimate yourself to the quaint downtown area. Stop in the visitor center, explore Riviera Beach and Library Park, take a peek in the many shops and coffee houses, or spend time exploring a segment of the famous Lake Geneva Shore Path.

Meet for lunch at Popeye's on Lake Geneva, a staple since 1972. Not the franchise you may be familiar with, here they serve their famous rotisserie chicken, and it has become a 'must visit' for many who make return trips to the area.

Next, you'll board the Lake Geneva Cruise Lines. On this relaxing 2-hour boat ride, you will see the entire 20-mile shoreline of Lake Geneva and hear all the history that has made this area famous. Learn about how many wealthy Chicagoans made this area their summer retreat in the late 1800's and early 1900's, and see how many of those mansions and estates remain. The tour includes all the famous sights that gave the area the name "Newport of the West". **Join us for a true Lake Geneva experience!**

## **CHARTER FISHING ON LAKE MICHIGAN**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

### **COST:**

**Y Member – \$274**

**General Public – \$289**

Includes: deluxe transportation and fishing charter

**DEPART: HVY 10:00 AM**

**RETURN: 8:15 PM**

**For the best chance to have a spot on this adventure, please don't wait to register. Space is limited!**

We're heading to Lake Michigan for an afternoon of Great Lakes Trout and Salmon fishing. Take an adventure and make memories on a professionally equipped charter boat with experienced captain and crew, out of the port of Algoma. This is the time of year when you will see the amazing steelheads (rainbow trout) do their famous tail dancing, and you can expect to catch some salmon. All fishing equipment is provided, and all catch is cleaned and packed. Please bring a cooler partially filled with ice (for your fish), weather-appropriate clothing, rain gear, personal lunch/snacks and refreshments, soft-soled shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen, hat and a valid Wisconsin Fishing License with Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp. If this is a one-time fishing occasion for you, it will be less expensive to purchase the two-day license that includes the special stamp. Before heading home, we'll stop for a reasonably priced Dutch treat supper at Moe's Corner!

## EXPLORE WASHINGTON ISLAND

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

### COST:

Y Member - \$89

General Public - \$104

Includes: deluxe transportation,  
step-on-guide and admissions

DEPART: HVY 6:30 AM

RETURN: 8:00 PM

**Welcome to Washington Island!** Door County's only year-round island community and the largest of thirty islands with over 35 beautiful square miles to explore and enjoy. Your journey begins as we drive the coach onto the Washington Island Ferry to cross Death's Door passage to the beloved Island. Our tour guide will join us for a full day adventure to all the "must see" stops. We will start our day on the Island at the Stavkirke (Norwegian) Church. Next, we will visit Schoolhouse Beach. This protected harbor is the Island's original shipping port. Bring a bag lunch and enjoy a picnic at this scenic spot. After lunch, we will visit the Farm Museum and Jackson Harbor Maritime Museum. Once we are back on the mainland, you will have time to shop at the Island Lavender Farm and Market in Ephraim. On our way home, we will stop at Culver's for a Dutch Treat. Register today and discover all that Washington Island has to offer!

## PENINSULA PLAYERS - BLITHE SPIRIT

Sunday, July 23, 2023

### COST:

Y Member - \$94

General Public - \$109

Includes: deluxe transportation and  
theater ticket

DEPART: HVY 8:00 AM

RETURN: 6:15 PM

Spend the morning in Fish Creek; while enjoying shopping, dining and arts in the heart of Wisconsin's Door Peninsula! There is a unique variety of locally-owned-and-operated stores throughout this walkable, charming town. Lunch is on your own with countless dining options from gourmet to simple. Next, you'll enjoy a matinee show at Peninsula Players Theater, presenting a Broadway-quality performance of *Blithe Spirit*. In this smash hit, the main character, Charles Condomine, invites an eccentric medium to perform a séance at his home. Things turn chaotic when the medium summons the ghost of Charles' first wife, Elvira, who is full of mischief and turns the household upside down.

Enjoy a truly unforgettable experience and delight in the Players renowned artistic company and picturesque shoreline location. **Space is limited... sign up today!**

## BRISTOL RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Saturday, August 5, 2023

### COST:

Y Member - \$104

General Public - \$119

Includes: deluxe transportation, and  
entry fee to the faire

DEPART: FWY 8:00 AM

RETURN: 7:30 PM

This Faire located in Bristol, Wisconsin is 30 acres of pure fun! The faire has 20 stages that offer a variety of entertainment all day long. In addition, they will dazzle you with a fully armored joust, the Queen and her glittering Court, amazing arts and crafts, delicious food, music, dancing, parades, and entertainers in the streets all day long. **See why Bristol was voted the "Best Renaissance Faire" for the tenth consecutive year in 2021.**

Experience the family-friendly interactive theater, entertainment, food and much more. This is 'Pirate Weekend' where you will have a chance to shiver your timbers with a whole crew of costumed swashbucklers! The festival grounds are located in a large space and there may be walking in fields and uneven areas. This faire is living history with a twist of modern fusion!

## LIONS, TIGERS AND DUCKS - OH MY!

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

### COST:

Y Member - \$114

General Public - \$129

Includes: deluxe transportation,  
tours and admissions

DEPART: FWY 7:30 AM

RETURN: 6:00 PM

Travel to southwest Wisconsin where we'll visit Big Cats Rescue and Education Center; a place of refuge for abused and mistreated big cats. Here you will learn about and see lions, tigers and leopards! You'll receive a guided tour of the property and hear stories about each cat. Bring a bag lunch and eat at their designated picnic grounds.

Next, we'll head to Wisconsin Dells for an Original Wisconsin Duck® Tour. With the ideal combination of spectacular scenery, thrilling adventure, fascinating legends and history, these tours have been a favorite for over 70 years. Head back to the Fox Cities thinking about everything you've experienced today!



## **BEST OF DOOR COUNTY TROLLEY TOUR**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

### **COST:**

**Y Member - \$154**

**General Public - \$169**

Includes: deluxe transportation,  
trolley ticket and lunch

**DEPART: HVY 7:30 AM**

**RETURN: 5:30 PM**

Visit Door County's most treasured lighthouses while enjoying the fall colors! Enjoy a 4.5 hour guided tour of three majestic landmarks, tucked away in the Peninsula's hidden bays and coves. We will visit Eagle Bluff Lighthouse, North Pierhead Lighthouse and the Baileys Harbor Range Lights. Along the way, we will stop at Wood Orchard Market in Egg Harbor. During October, the market is full of fall treats! A made-to-order box lunch with sandwich, chips and beverage is included in this tour! You'll see why this is one of the most popular Door County Trolley Tours!

## **OLD-WORLD MARKET AND THE WREATH FACTORY**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

### **COST:**

**Y Member - \$64**

**General Public - \$79**

Includes: deluxe transportation,  
admissions and tours

**DEPART: FWY 8:30 AM**

**RETURN: 4:30 PM**

Our first stop will be at a spectacular market event located in Elkhart Lake. Reminiscent of the centuries old Christkindlesmarkt of Nuremberg, Germany, the annual Old-World Christmas Market offers the warmth and merriment of Old-World tradition. Enter a grand heated tent bedecked with fragrant boughs and tantalizing scents of roasted almonds as you browse for unique and specialty items among international and regional artisans. Lunch is on your own at the market; options include German fare like sauerbraten, dumplings, schnitzel, potato pancakes, red cabbage, pulled pork and apple strudel. Our next stop will be at the Wreath Factory at Otter Creek. Here you'll shop and wander the aisles of trees, décor and wreaths. You will also be able to watch a wreath making demonstration for some inspiration! Travel back home thinking about the spirit of the holiday!

## **FIRESIDE DINNER THEATER - SCROOGE THE MUSICAL**

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

### **COST:**

**Y Member - \$139**

**General Public - \$154**

Includes: deluxe transportation,  
theater ticket and meal

**DEPART: FWY 8:15 AM**

**RETURN: 6:15 PM**

Join us for this merry, sparkling, tuneful, boisterous Broadway musical version of the world's most beloved Christmas story - Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**. Based on the popular musical movie starring Albert Finney, **Scrooge The Musical** tells this time-honored tale of redemption and love - with a beautiful and rousing musical score (including the well-known "Thank You Very Much"), breath-taking dancing, beautiful period costumes, uproarious comedy and heart-warming drama. Enjoy a delicious meal and a timeless holiday classic.



# **FORM NEW FRIENDSHIPS**





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Appleton, WI 54911

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**OUR MISSION:** To put Christian principles into practice by promoting youth, adult and family activities that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.