General Terms and Conditions

Tour Price

The registration fee is $650 and includes transportation, admissions to sites not covered by the America the Beautiful Pass (National Park Service pass), 3 dinners, winery tour, 5 lunches, snacks and water on the motor coach, and printing costs for travel packet materials. Costs are figured on the basis of 20 travelers and will decrease rather than increase, depending on the final number of travelers. The tour is not a fundraising project for any League chapter, so costs are as accurate as can be determined at this time.

Not Included in Tour Price

Breakfasts are provided by the Hampton Inns. You will be responsible for 5 dinners and 4 lunches. The cost is about $10 for lunches and, depending on your choice of restaurant in the evening, up to $25.

You will also be paying for motel accommodations and may make reservations at each motel and charge to your own credit card, allowing you to earn any rewards associated with your card. A bloc of rooms is reserved and you may call anytime after January 1 to make your reservation. If you are a single traveler, plan to pay about $900 for your motels. If you are rooming with at one or more persons, split that cost among your group members. All rooms have two queen beds. All are Hampton Inns.

Registration and Payment

If you have indicated an interest in the trip by contacting Carolyn Klaus (candjklaus@aol.com) or Marcia Thompson (marciat_ames@yahoo.com), we will send you a registration form, a complete statement of general terms for the trip, a Waiver of Responsibility form, and a full itinerary after November 1. The registration deadline is January 1, 2020.

A deposit of $300 per person is required when you submit your registration form. Full payment for the trip will be due March 1, 2020. Your deposit is fully refundable up to March 1, 2020 and full payment is partially refundable until April 15, 2020. We reserve the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full any time after final payment is due. If reservation is made after March 1, payment is due in full will be required at that time. Your name will be placed on a waiting list if the trip is full.

Single Travelers

Single travelers will pay the same amount for the tour as other participants except for motel stays. Accommodations will be paid at the time of stay, and singles will pay the full price for the motel room. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy, you will be responsible for the total cost of the motel room.

Cancellations and Refunds (TENTATIVE)

Deposits – fully refundable to March 1, 2020, partially refundable after that date.
Pre-Departure Notes

Whenever possible we hope to save paper and printing costs. Therefore, certain pre-departure correspondence will be sent via email, including the itinerary, an expanded General Terms and Conditions document, and any other information deemed necessary.

America the Beautiful Senior Pass or Golden Eagle Pass

The National Park Service of the United States issues America the Beautiful passes for parks, historic sites, et cetera. (These were formerly called Golden Eagle Passes, and that pass is still valid for entrance to all NPS sites.) The cost for an America the Beautiful Senior Pass (age 62 and up) is $20 for one year or $80 for a lifetime pass. The pass can be obtained online or through the mail with a $10 processing fee added, or it may be purchased at cost ($20 or $80) at one of the sites in Iowa listed at nps.gov.

Trip Insurance

If you wish to purchase trip insurance to guarantee against a last minute cancellation, contact your own local agent or an agent of AAA. Because there is no overseas travel involved, this should be relatively inexpensive.

Responsibilities

Health and medical concerns: It is your responsibility to consider your health concerns/restrictions before registering for the trip. You must be able to get on and off the motor coach on your own, and walking a mile or two each day will be common. If you have a mobility problem, you should probably not consider the trip unless you have a companion to help you. Smoking is not allowed at any of the sites nor at any of the motels.

Waiver of Liability

The League of Women Voters and its members and affiliates do not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip, including lodging facilities, transportation vehicles, or restaurants. All vendors and entities are independent contractors. As a result, the League is not liable for any neglect or willful act or failure to act by these contractors during the trip. The League is also not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any good or services whether resulting from but not limited to forces of nature, acts of civil unrest or revolt, animal injuries, epidemics, criminal conduct, sickness (in particular related to pre-existing health conditions such as heart failure or symptoms leading to strokes) or the lack of access to appropriate medical attention. All reasonable attempts will be made to attend to any situation that arises, but liability is limited to that covered by the vendor or site.

You will be asked to sign a Waiver of Responsibility, common for all travel and prepared by the state League of Women Voters. It must be returned with your registration materials. The form will ask you to list a contact person in case of an emergency.