



SOUTHEAST REGION

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Alpacas, Muenster, and Maple Syrup

A Foodie and Fiber Tour of the Driftless Region

October 11 and 12, 2017

Wednesday, October 11 (lunch and dinner)

9:00 AM -----Depart campus for Viroqua

12:00 PM -----Viroqua Public Market

About Viroqua Public Market

Located inside the historic Main Street Station building, the Viroqua Public Market is a place where local vendors sell a variety of goods. Street lamps, large fountain, and an occasional tree create an outdoor ambiance in this enclosed market. Treasures include local produce, jewelry, antiques, candy, bakery...truly, something for everyone.

1:30 PM----- Lunch at Driftless Café

About Driftless Café

Driftless Café owner and chef Luke Zahm was nominated this spring for the prestigious James Beard Award. The café has been featured on PBS's Wisconsin Foodie and chosen to cater major food events in the driftless region. Come see why Luke and his wife Ruthie have decided to remain in their hometown and feature dishes prepared with fresh, organic, and local ingredients. This is going to be a real treat.

2:30 PM -----B&E Trees in Viroqua

About B and E Trees

Bre and Eric are farmers in the driftless region. They farm maple syrup. This may not seem remarkable, but their syrup is stored/cured in aged bourbon barrels, attracting much attention for B and E Trees and landing them a featured spot on the March Wisconsin Foodie. Our stop will include a visit to Wisco Pop and Kickapoo Coffee.

4:00 PM----- Check into The Charmant hotel

About The Charmant

The Charmant is the only boutique hotel in La Crosse. This 67-room luxury hotel is housed in a renovated candy factory, constructed in 1898 and in operation for 35 years. The hotel pays homage to this rich history by celebrating the golden era of candy manufacturing. This theme can be seen not only in The Charmant Hotel's offerings and interior design but in its name—Charmant was a premium line of chocolates produced by the resident candy company. Charmant is also the French word for "charming."



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5:30 PM----La Crosse Queen Cruise Dinner Cruise

About the La Crosse Queen

The La Crosse Queen is a replica of the grand river boats that plied the Mississippi River in the early 1900s. She is one of the few remaining paddlewheel river boats in operation in the U.S. We'll sit back and relax as we dine in their lower deck dining room.

7:30 PM----Return to hotel

Thursday, October 12 (lunch)

9:00 AM-----Breakfast (on own)

Enjoy breakfast at The Charmant or any local Downtown restaurant. Walk in Riverside Park and enjoy the mighty Mississippi; explore the shops and boutiques in this quaint river city.

11:00 AM-----Depart La Crosse for Hickory Wind Farms in Bangor

About Hickory Wind Farms

The first alpaca arrived at Hickory Wind Farm in October 2004, and Nadine and Steve Beezly became alpaca farmers. They deliberately kept the herd small to ensure that all received quality daily attention. Although their herd has grown to 27, their passion and commitment to the health and quality of the animals has remained constant. Most of their herd can claim award-winning genetics and many are award-winners themselves. Although selling alpaca fiber products was not in the original plan, the Hickory Wind Farm Shoppe has evolved to become a primary destination for alpaca yarn & roving, alpaca socks, and a variety of other finished alpaca products. Nadine will provide us with an "up close and personal" visit with these exotic alpacas.

12:45 PM ----Pasture Pride Cheese Factory in Cashton

About Pasture Pride

Pasture Pride Cheese is in the heart of Amish Country. They craft their cheese with milk from local Amish dairies that is delivered to the factory in chilled milk cans, the old-fashioned way. Pasture Pride produces many varieties of cheese, including Pasture Pride Cheddars, Monterey Jack, Pepper Jack, Muenster, Colby and Co-Jack.

1:30 PM-----Grandma's Bakery Box Lunch

Before we embark on our route home, we'll stop in Cashton for a box lunch from Grandma's Bakery. "Grandma" ...pretty much says it all!

4:00 PM-----Stop in Madison

6:00 PM-----Return to UW Waukesha