



**ST.AMBROSE WOMEN'S GROUP
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US
IN THE CHARMING TOWN OF GALENA, ILLINOIS
SATURDAY, NOV. 8 – MONDAY, NOV. 10, 2025**

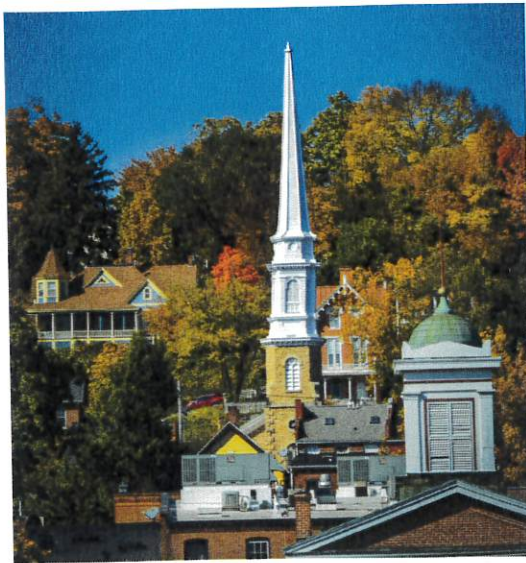
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025 (D)

Plan to meet at the lower St.Ambrose Church parking lot at 5:45 a.m. for a 6:15 a.m. departure to Galena, IL. Please park along the grove of trees on the East side of the lower parking lot. Vandalia Bus Lines will provide our transportation to Galena.

Whether this is your first trip to Galena or you have been here many times before, this is a charming town known for its well-preserved 19th-century architecture and rich history. It is a popular tourist destination, particularly for its historic Main Street, lined with unique shops, restaurants, and art galleries. Galena also boasts a strong connection to the Civil War, being the home of Ulysses S. Grant and eight other Civil War generals.

So today we will begin our travels to Galena with a stop or two along the way for comfort and restrooms. You'll want to take advantage of a snack or two because we will not be stopping for lunch, but rather we will wait until we arrive in Galena to have lunch in one of the lovely cafes or restaurants you will find there (*on your own*).

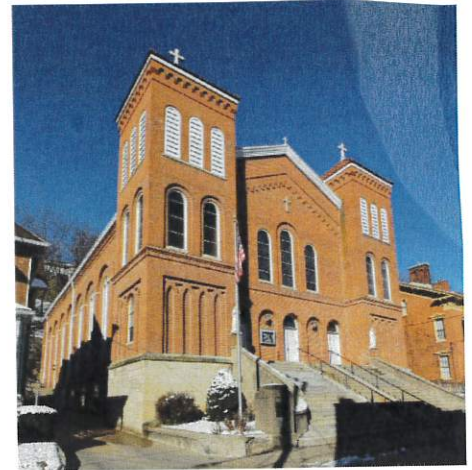




Afterward take this time to explore some of the unique shops found here in the Galena historic district. Plenty of room is available on board the coach for any treasures you may find in these special boutiques and other shops.

Then be ready to meet at 5:00 p.m. at our designated pick-up location so that we can travel over to St. Michael's Catholic Church for their 5:30 p.m. Mass. You will see in the church bulletin that all three Catholic

Churches in Galena share the same publication as they are a very close community of parishioners.



After Mass we will travel to the Country Inn and Suites, our hotel, for the tour. Your luggage will be dropped ahead of your arrival, and we will give you your room keys after Mass on the way to the hotel. Take a few minutes to refresh and then join us in one of the hotel's lovely meeting rooms for our catered dinner.



MENU CHOICES (where applicable) **MUST BE INCLUDED ON THE REGISTRATION FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT.**

MENU

Mixed Salad with a selection of Bread Rolls

Entree selections (*Please choose one.*)

Pan Seared Salmon served with a Lemon Caper Butter

OR

Roasted Pork Loin

Mashed Potatoes and Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert: Crème brûlée

Beverages as follows: Water, Lemonade, Glass of Wine, or Beer

This meeting room for our use will be available to us until 9:00 p.m. So, feel free to bring your favorite card game or your bridge partners or any other games you might want to play. Or simply sit, visit, and enjoy an additional glass of wine or beer that you will be able to purchase for \$4 per drink. If games are not for you, then you could enjoy a dip in the pool or a chance to soothe your tired feet in the hot tub. Or simply rest and watch TV in your room.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025 (B-D)



We will begin our day with a hot buffet breakfast at the hotel and then let us hop aboard the motorcoach and travel to

the U.S. Grant Home. On August 18, 1865, Galena celebrated the return of its Civil War hero General Ulysses S. Grant. Following a jubilant procession with much flag waving and speeches, a

group of Galena citizens presented the General with a handsome furnished house on Bouthillier Street. Today you will enjoy a guided tour of the home.



Your learned guide will give insights and details, not only about the home, but also about our 18th President of the United States. (Then) General Grant led the Union Army to victory in the Civil War. And perhaps this was his most

admired accomplishment. The house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The remainder of the day will be spent exploring Galena's many quaint shops, enjoy lunch on your own and we will make several loops in the area in the early afternoon if you prefer to go back to the hotel.

Enjoy some relaxation or play a card game or two or just veg out there – it's all up to you. If you prefer shopping, we will make a return to the hotel around 4:30 p.m. (depending on the closing time of most of the shops) so that you can freshen up before we leave the hotel for "Fried Green Tomatoes" – our dinner restaurant.



MENU:

House Salad & Italian Garlic Bread served family style

Entree selections (Please choose one.)

Meat Lasagna, Garlic-Spinach Tortellini or Tuscan Mac and Cheese

Dessert: French Silk Chocolate Pie

Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea, Soda

Cash Bar will be available for any Alcoholic Beverages

After dinner we will return to the hotel for the remainder of the evening on your own.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025 (B-L)



We begin our morning with breakfast here at the hotel and then we will have our bags loaded onto the coach and begin our last morning here in Galena. Our day starts with a Guided City Tour of Galena. Your knowledgeable guide will join us in front of the U.S. Grant Home, and you will enjoy a fascinating 60-minute driving tour, covering both sides of the Galena River. Hear captivating

historical facts and stories about this unique town. Our tour ends at the Galena and U.S. Grant Museum housed in the beautiful 1858 Italianate Barrows Mansion. Explore two floors of engaging exhibits as you walk at your own pace on this self-guided tour.



After our tour enjoy one last chance to explore the downtown area and we will end with lunch at the historic DeSoto House Hotel. This dining delight offers several rooms for our meal and the home itself is steeped in history; Abraham Lincoln gave a speech from its balcony in 1856 as he delivered his support for John Fremont's bid for the presidency. Ulysses S. Grant ran his presidential campaign from its rooms.



Your delicious lunch will offer you three entrees to choose from. Indicate your choice on the reservation form with your deposit.

MENU

All Meals will be served with House Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
Assorted Rolls with Butter

Entree selections (*Please choose one.*)

Beef Stroganoff

(Braised Filet of Beef with a Creamy Mushroom Sauce served over Egg Noodles)

Chicken Kiev

(Garlic, Parsley, and Creamy Butter wrapped in a tender boneless, skinless Breast of Chicken, then breaded and baked and topped with a Chicken Supreme Sauce, served with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Medley)

Baked Lemon Pepper Cod

(8 oz. Atlantic Cod Loin sprinkled with Lemon Pepper Seasoning and broiled to perfection, served with a Wild Rice Blend and Vegetable Medley)

Assorted desserts include Double Chocolate Layer Cake, Carrot Cake, or Lemon Cake

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Soft Drink

Our Farewell lunch ends, and we depart to travel back to St. Ambrose taking along memories of history, a quaint town, an historical Catholic Church, and visions of U.S. Grant and other Civil War Heroes who called Galena home.

DEPART Galena: 1:30 p.m.

Comfort Stop will be made along the way back to Godfrey.

ARRIVE Godfrey: 7:30 p.m. *Approximate arrival time at St. Ambrose*

HOPEFUL BONUS TOUR

We are currently working to offer you a tour of one of the most historic homes in Galena. Part of what makes it historical is that our St. Ambrose own, Martha Von Ah, called it her home growing up. She remembers wonderful times in this home with family and friends. If we can arrange this tour, we will inform you once we add it to our itinerary.



Historical temperature average in November
In Galena, Illinois, United States
High 46° Low 29° F

PER PERSON COST

Single \$720

Double \$560

Triple \$500

Quad \$470

Please make your reservation on the attached sheet
Please include a Deposit of \$200 with reservation & is due by
September 1, 2025

Final Payment is due on October 1, 2025

*If final payment is not received by midnight October 1, 2025, your
reservation will be cancelled and no refund issued.*

PLEASE NOTE

All deposits and final payments are NON-refundable.

RESERVATION FORM on SEPARATE SHEET

TOUR COST INCLUDES

Roundtrip Motorcoach Transportation from St. Ambrose to Galena, IL

Two Nights Hotel Accommodations and breakfast at the
Country Inn and Suites Galena, IL

Mass at St. Michael's Catholic Church with a donation to the Church

Catered Dinner at the Country Inn and Suites
Including an adult beverage choice and meeting room gathering time

Shopping time in the Historic Downtown of Galena, IL

Dinner at Fried Green Tomatoes

Guided Tour of the historic town of Galena with views from both sides of the
Galena River

Admission and Tour of the Galena and U.S. Grant Museum

Farewell Lunch at the Historic DeSoto House

Tax and gratuity on included Items

Gratuity to driver and all wait staff

Snacks and beverages aboard the motorcoach

Games, prizes and fun during travel time



**St Ambrose
Parish**

GALENA

Walking Guide



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RESERVATION FORM for GALENA TRIP

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please check your preference. Name(s) of "roommate(s)"

☐ **Single**

Not applicable.

☐ **Double**

☐ **Triple**

☐ **Quad**

Over, please.

Name _____

MEAL CHOICES

November 8, 2025

Comfort Inn and Suites catered meal

Choose one.

- ☐ Pan Seared Salmon with a Lemon Caper Sauce
- ☐ Roasted Pork Loin

November 9, 2025

Fried Green Tomatoes

Choose one.

- ☐ Meat Lasagna
- ☐ Garlic-Spinach Tortellini
- ☐ Tuscan Mac and Cheese

November 10, 2025

DeSoto House

Choose one.

- ☐ Beef Stroganoff
- ☐ Chicken Kiev
- ☐ Baked Lemon Pepper Cod

Please return to Linda, Debbie, the collection basket or parish office with your deposit in a clearly marked envelope. If you need to cancel for any reason prior to October 1, please contact Linda or Debbie.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Questions? Contact

Linda Jun (618) 975-3074 or Debbie Ellebracht (618) 972-5885