

MILWAUKEE PBS 2026 TRIPS

Nauvoo

July 22-24, 2026

Nauvoo, IL, Dubuque, IA



Summary Description:

Join us for a historic 3-day trip to Nauvoo, IL! Explore restored 19th-century sites, enjoy a Mississippi River cruise, a country fair, and the Nauvoo Pageant, plus delicious meals and a visit to the Barnes Mansion in Rockford.

Long Description:

Step back in time and immerse yourself in the rich history of Nauvoo, Illinois, one of America's best-preserved pre-Civil War towns. This all-inclusive 3-day, 2-night tour combines the charm of a Mississippi Riverboat cruise with an in-depth exploration of Nauvoo's historic sites, authentic shops, and captivating stories of religious freedom. Enjoy comfortable lodging in charming 1840s buildings, delicious meals, and an experience filled with unique cultural immersion and unforgettable memories.

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Itinerary:

This three-day, all-inclusive adventure is the perfect way to immerse yourself in the history, beauty, and charm of Nauvoo. With delicious meals, fascinating tours, and unforgettable experiences, it's a trip you'll remember for years to come.

July 22, 2026-

7:00 AM - Depart from **Watertown Plank Park and Ride** and **Pewaukee Park and Ride** (Golf Road). We'll journey to Dubuque, Iowa, to board the magnificent **Riverboat Twilight**. Settle in for a picturesque cruise down the mighty Mississippi River, complete with a delightful **lunch, snack, and dinner** (I) onboard, plus engaging afternoon entertainment.

6:30 PM - Arrive in LeClaire, Iowa, and then travel by bus to **Nauvoo, Illinois**. Prepare to be captivated by this National Parks site, boasting 1,100 acres of authentically restored homes and shops, including the **Brigham Young home**. The historic district in the town of Nauvoo contains 18 restored houses, shops, and a visitor center. Nauvoo is one of the most well preserved pre-Civil War towns in the country. Upon arrival, we'll check into our unique historic lodging, spread across several 1840s buildings. These hotels do not have elevators so you may need to walk upstairs to your room. We check in and sleep tight because tomorrow is a busy day of history.

July 23, 2026-

Enjoy breakfast and then begin our guided tour of Nauvoo. Explore iconic sites such as the **Joseph Smith Homestead, Mansion House, the historic temple, tin shop, blacksmith shop**, and the entire historic district. An **introductory wagon ride** will offer a charming perspective of the town. Lunch and dinner (I).

7:00 PM - as evening approaches, prepare for fun at the **Pageant's Country Fair**. This favorite activity offers 20 different 1840s-style games and activities, hosted by costumed family cast members.

8:30 PM - following the fair we attend **The Nauvoo Pageant**, an entertaining portrayal of the quest for religious freedom in the 1840s. After the show, we'll return to our rooms for the night.

July 24, 2026-

After breakfast and check-out, we prepare for our final morning in Nauvoo. We'll complete any remaining tours and savor a last lunch in this historic town before beginning our journey home.

On our way back to the original pick-up points, we'll make a special stop in Rockford, Illinois, for **dinner and a tour of the Barnes Mansion** (I). In 1893, the Williams Fletcher Barnes house was built during a severe economic depression. It was one of the finest homes in Rockford, costing more than \$30,000 at the time. This magnificent showplace features 15 rooms, a turret, and exquisite hand-carved cherry paneling in the foyer, reception area, and first-floor hallway, offering a glimpse into Gilded Age opulence.

We'll then continue our journey back to your original pick-up locations, filled with memories of history and adventure.

(I) Meal Included

(NI) Meal Not Included

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Inclusions:

- *All-Inclusive Day Trip*
- Includes Transportation
- 2 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 3 Dinners

Pricing:

- \$1,499 Per Person Double Occupancy
- \$1,749 Per Person Single Occupancy
- A \$400 deposit will hold your place.
- Balance due by **June 22, 2026**.
- **No refunds after June 22, 2026.**

Important Notes:

- Be prepared to register for trip insurance at the time of the trip sign up. You will be asked your date of birth. **Trip insurance is available only at the time you book the trip.**
- **Historic lodging does not have elevators; stair climbing may be necessary.** We will do our best to accommodate.
- This tour involves a **way above average amount of walking and stair climbing.** Historic buildings from the mid-1800s are not ADA compliant.
- The Festival and Pageant are outdoor venues and are subject to favorable weather conditions. There is no make-up opportunity if rained out.

For more information or to sign up for the trip, and payment, call Lori at (414) 477-0155.