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December 6-7, 2009
2 Days
Eastern Iowa Departure

A Fireside Christmas

This travel package planned for you
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Come along with us on a 2-day holiday tour sure to get you in the spirit of the season, as we see a wonderful Christmas story musical and enjoy a delicious meal and more!

December 6 we depart mid-morning with a break stop on our way to Ft. Atkinson, WI. We'll arrive at **The Fireside Theatre** for an early **dinner** and Christmas show, "**Here's Love.**" Based on the beloved Christmas movie *Miracle on 34th Street*, "Here's Love" is a big brassy Broadway musical with a heart. Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade needs a new Santa. Enter Kris Kringle – a sweet and jolly old man who claims that he is the real Santa Claus. Thus begins this funny, warm, tuneful and inspirational musical. Kris has to prove his claim in court and teach his cynical neighbor and her daughter to believe in the goodness and love that is Christmas. Written by the creator of "The Music Man," this is an unforgettable musical version of a classic Christmas tale. After the show we check into our hotel in Ft. Atkinson. Perhaps you would like to relax in the indoor pool and whirlpool.



December 7 after **breakfast** we'll depart for **Madison, WI**, for a guided tour of the amazing **Wisconsin State Capitol**. Rising between the picturesque waters of Lake Monona and Lake Mendota, the majestic granite structure of Wisconsin's Capitol building glows like a beacon, accenting the Madison skyline. Visitors are treated to the unique textures of 43 varieties of stone from around the world, hand-carved furniture and exquisite glass mosaics. The Wisconsin State Capitol Holiday Tree graces the rotunda during the month of December. Typically a forty-foot Wisconsin-grown Balsam Fir is selected as the holiday tree. Each year, the Capitol Holiday Tree is decorated with approximately 700 feet of gold garland, 2,400 multi-colored lights and 1,400 handmade ornaments donated by Wisconsin citizens. Next we visit **Quivey's Grove**, a lovely four-acre country estate for a **tour and lunch**. The field-stone mansion and stable were built in 1855, and are now on the National Register of Historic Places. The six dining rooms are decorated with antique quilts, cupboards, political lithographs, "Penny Dreadful" Valentines and chandeliers. The house is connected by a 60-foot long tunnel to the Stable Grill, which was once a horse stable. We will be greeted with a cup of hot cider and an informal history of the buildings. We then proceed underground through the tunnel, past the wine cellar, connecting to the Stone House. After lunch, wander through the old Stone House to look at the vast array of period antiques and quilts. On the way home, we'll stop at a **cheese factory and store**, where you will see cheese made the old-fashioned way. You may want to pick up some wonderful cheeses to enjoy at home during the holiday season. We continue to our departure cities.



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Your 2-day Fireside Christmas travel package includes: Luxury motor coach transportation, lodging for 1 night, luggage handling, tickets/admissions to all listed attractions, 1 breakfast, 1 lunch and 1 dinner.

\$299 per person double occupancy

\$289 per person, with 3 or 4 persons sharing a room with 2 beds

\$359 per person single room accommodations

Reservations: As long as space is available

Deposit: \$50 per person, due with reservation

Balance due: by November 5

Cancel by: November 5 for penalty-free cancellation

Peace of Mind Protection: 5% of trip cost, due with reservation

Guaranteed Departure Cities: Decorah, West Union, Independence & Waterloo

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