



# THOREAU'S "JOURNEY WEST"

## with Corinne H. Smith

June 21 - 25, 2018

### GENERAL INFORMATION

#### PAYMENT

Deposit of \$150 per person will confirm your reservation. Final Payment is due to AAA by April 23, 2018.

#### CANCELLATION/PENALTIES

A \$25 per person cancellation fee will be charged by Discoveries in addition to any other suppliers' fees.

From day of deposit to May 22, 2018	\$150.00 per person
May 23, 2018 to June 7, 2018	50% per person
After June 7, 2018	NONREFUNDABLE

#### INSURANCE

For your protection AAA recommends travel insurance. Pre-existing medical conditions may be waived with proper coverage if travel insurance is purchased within 14 days of initial deposit only. Other conditions may apply; ask your travel agent.

AAA recommends Allianz.

#### CLOTHING/CLIMATE

Temperatures for Minnesota in June average in the 70s. Casual clothes and comfortable walking shoes are fine and a small umbrella is recommended. Be prepared for potential inclement weather

#### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

For personal comfort, group participants who need assistance are required to have a traveling companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the needed assistance.

### CONSUMER DISCLOSURE NOTICE - PART OF CONTRACT OF SERVICE.

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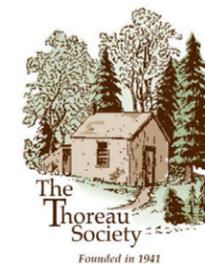
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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit to Fort Ridgely
- Lower Sioux Agency
- Padelford Riverboat Sunset Cruise
- Fort Snelling
- Mall of America
- Minnehaha Regional Park
- Lake Calhoun
- St. Anthony Main
- Treaty Site History Center
- Red Wing Shoe Museum and Flagship Store
- Barn Bluff Tour

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL: **3**



### INCLUDED FEATURES

- Four night hotel accommodations
- Sightseeing as stated in itinerary by motorcoach
- Guide Services of Corinne H. Smith
- Meals: 4 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners
- All taxes and gratuities
- Luggage handling of one bag per person

### RATES PER PERSON:

Double	\$1,277
Single	\$1,512
Triple	\$1,159
Quad	\$1,100

(RATES ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY AT TIME OF BOOKING AND INCLUDE TAXES, FEES AND FUEL SURCHARGES WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. ALL PRICING AND INCLUDED FEATURES ARE BASED ON A MINIMUM OF 30 PASSENGERS.)

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## TOUR ITINERARY:

### Thursday, June 21: Arrive in Bloomington, MN

Arrive in Bloomington, Minnesota to begin your five-day tour. Check into your hotel and have free time on your own this evening.

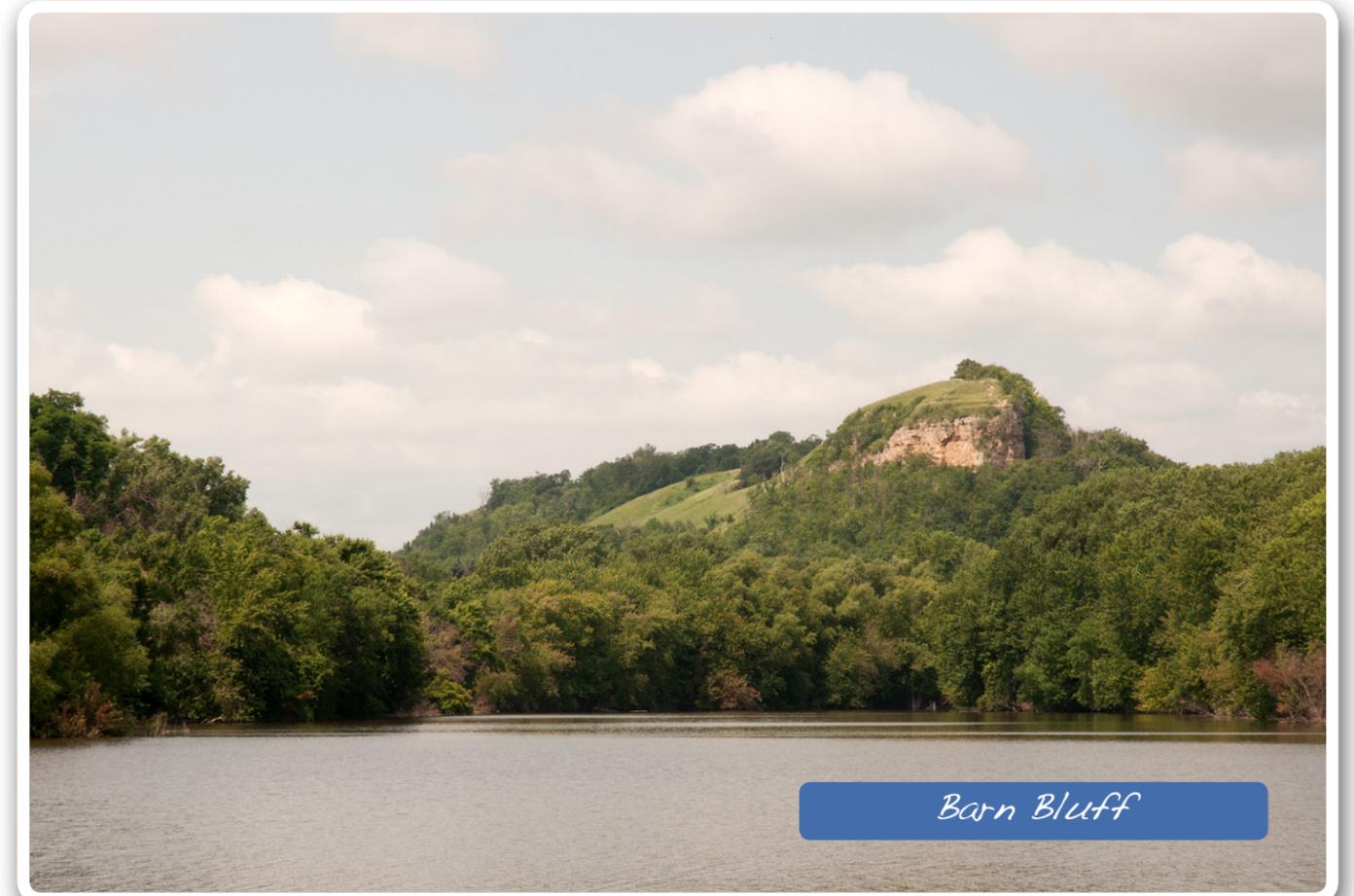
### Friday, June 22: Treaty Site History Center, Fort Ridgely & Lower Sioux Agency

This morning after breakfast, board your motorcoach to your first stop, the Treaty Site History Center, where you will explore the stories of Nicollet County's first inhabitants; the Dakota people, explorers, traders, and settlers. The interaction between these people laid the historical groundwork for the signing of the 1851 Treaty of Traverse des Sioux, signed here in July of 1851 that ceded 24 million acres of Dakota land to the U.S. government and opened the land to new settlers and westward expansion. Your next stop will be to Fort Ridgely. Built in 1853 as a police station to keep peace as settlers poured into the former Dakota lands, it withstood several attacks in the U.S.-Dakota War of 1862 and became a training ground for Civil War recruits. Then, it's on to the Lower Sioux Agency. On June 17, 1861 Thoreau and his companion Horace Mann, Jr. traveled on the steamer *Frank Steele* up the Minnesota River and arrived at the Lower Sioux Agency to observe the granting of annuities to the Sioux. This evening enjoy dinner at Emma Krumbree's Bakery & Restaurant.

Hotel: *TBD* (Breakfast, Dinner)

### Saturday, June 23: Minnehaha Regional Park, Lake Calhoun, Fort Snelling & Sunset Dinner Cruise

After breakfast this morning, board your motorcoach for another day of exploring. Your first stop of the day will be a visit to the Minnehaha Regional Park, one of Minneapolis' oldest and most popular parks. Thoreau visited the Minnehaha Falls during his month long trip in May 1861. It features a majestic 53-foot waterfall, limestone bluffs, and river overlooks. Next, you will stop at Lake Calhoun. Thoreau stayed here from June 5-14 at the private boarding home of Mrs. Hamilton, exploring what was, at that time, the relatively wild terrain of the area. Later in the afternoon, you will have free time to visit St. Anthony Main for lunch on your own. You can take a stroll along the Mississippi River or do some shopping. Next, visit historic Fort Snelling which was built in the early 1820's. Thoreau visited Fort Snelling in May 1861 when he arrived via the steamboat *Frank Steele*. Fort Snelling is a great place to learn about military history from before the Civil War through World War II, fur trade history, slavery in Minnesota, and much more. Its location, at the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, has been significant for centuries to many American Indian communities. The last stop of the day will be a cruise up the mighty Mississippi River on a classic riverboat while taking in the beautiful scenery, gentle breezes and watching the sun set across the Minnesota sky. (Breakfast, Dinner)



### Sunday, June 24: Barn Bluff, Red Wing Shoe Co. Museum & Mall of America

This morning after breakfast, board your motorcoach to your first stop at Barn Bluff, one of the best known natural features along the upper Mississippi River. It is significant for its geology and its association with prehistoric and native peoples. It is also significant for its association with the exploration of the Upper Mississippi in the early nineteenth century. A naturalist will give you the history of the area while visiting. Then, it's on to the Red Wing Shoe Company Museum. Red Wing Shoe Company celebrated their centennial anniversary by crafting a size 638 1/2 D boot which resides in the Red Wing Flagship Shoe Store in downtown Red Wing, Minnesota. Visit the museum and have some time for shopping. Later, enjoy free time at the Mall of America, with over 520 shops full of tax-free shopping and 50 restaurants full of delicious food. It's Nickelodeon Universe, SEA LIFE Minnesota Aquarium, American Girl, LEGO and more – all under one roof. Most of all, it's an unforgettable experience. Choose from several restaurants at the mall for dinner on your own this evening. (Breakfast)

### Monday, June 25: Depart for home

This morning after breakfast, check-out of your hotel and depart for home, taking with you wonderful memories of this great trip. (Breakfast)

*Hotels and itinerary are subject to change at any time without notification and/or compensation.*

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL:

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This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs, or on uneven walking surfaces, should be expected.