



Omaha Convention Pre-tour Thursday, May 16, 2024

Just one day to show you some of the highlights of Omaha! We will board a bus at 8:30 in the morning and head to the world-famous Henry Doorly Zoo, which is consistently ranked as one of the top five zoos in the world! Be sure to wear your comfortable walking shoes! They have a train/tram and a skyride to help you get around the 6 acres. You will have to make choices: Aquarium, Kingdoms of the Night, Lied Jungle, giraffe herds, sea lions, butterfly and insect pavilion, elephants (3 babies born here this year), gorilla valley and we could go on and on. www.omahazoo.com. The Zoo has a golf cart rental option (an additional \$34 on your registration With the golf cart choice you do not receive the Skyrail or Tram passes).

We will board the bus at noon to go to the Blackstone District for lunch (on your own). Choose from The Blackstone Meatball, Cottonwood Club, Lucky Tiger Izakaya, Get Real Sandwiches, Early Bird Brunch, Noli's Pizzeria, Cheeseburgers Omaha, Kathmandu Momo Station, Mula....Be sure to save room for a treat from Coneflower Creamery voted by Yelp as top ice cream shop in 2023.

Then back on the bus about 1:30, headed for Lauritzen Gardens (Omaha's botanical gardens). A tram ride is included to help you see the highlights of this 100-acre garden perched on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River. The indoor conservatory is included in the price. Their 1 million daffodils are sure to be in bloom when we are there. There are amazing sculptures tucked among the plants and trees, as well as a Garden Railroad. www.lauritzengardens.com

Soon we will be back on the bus headed to the Embassy Suites arriving about 5:00 to give you a bit of time to freshen up before Hospitality night.

Reservations with payment must be received by April 20, 2024.

_____ \$110 per person**

_____ \$144 per person for the Golf Cart Option at Zoo

Send your registration form (one per person) and check to:

Julie Nelson

12009 Jefferson Plaza

Omaha, NE 68137-4416

Check (payable to NARBW Omaha). Payment can be made with Venmo to J. Nelsen (QR at bottom) –note on the registration form sent to Julie – Venmo paid.

Attendee _____

Chapter _____

Cell phone #(_____) _____ - _____ E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact _____

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_____ I am aware the tour may require moderate levels of walking (3+ hours of paved walks with hills and may require assistance). Please let us know if you will require assistance getting on the bus or getting around the venues.

The Henry Doorly Zoo will involve a moderate level of walking on paved walks with hills. Wheelchairs are available to rent (let us know to reserve one for you – price not yet set). There are 2 ways to quickly get around the zoo: a sky rail or a tram (maybe the train, they have not set the 2024 schedule). Your payment includes 2 tickets of any combination (so 2 for the sky rail, or 2 for the tram or one each sky rail and tram). The golf cart is an additional \$34 making your registration \$144**

The Lauritzen Gardens will have a 1-hour tram tour of the gardens, giving you another hour to explore independently on paved walks – indoors and or outside (hills).

If you have questions, please contact Jay Nelsen 402-321-3949 bobertson@AOL.com



Reservations deadline

April 20, 2024