

# Developing Itinerary

## Frankenmuth, MI

Sun., October 26<sup>th</sup> – Tues., October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Day 1 – Sunday** – Arrive at St. Stephens Church, Tinley Park parking lot for **7:45am Board /8:15 departure.** (17500 84<sup>th</sup> Ave). Travel through Indiana with a light snack on our way to our first Welcome to Michigan Rest Stop. Continue traveling through the fall colors of Michigan. Our lunch stop is near the Lansing, MI area. In Frankenmuth our accommodations for the next two nights are at “*Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth Bavarian Haus*” overlooking “*Bronner’s the World’s Largest Christmas Wonderland*”. Dinner will be at *Zehnder’s* with their famous all you can eat chicken dinner. Afterwards you can get a glimpse of their famous Bavarian bakery. Fear not, we’ll return Tuesday morning to make your fresh bakery purchases to bring home. After dinner we’ll return to the bus and return back to the hotel and re-charge for Monday’s activities! When the sun sets, consider taking a walk right out our hotel through the lit up parking lot of *Bronner’s 25 Christmas Lane* to see a *dazzling display of Christmas decorations and ornaments*. Bus snack, D

**Day 2 – Monday** –*Breakfast buffet at the Elf Hollow Café of Zehnder’s* begins at 7:30am. You can breakfast at your leisure. (Michigan time). At 9am we’ll meet at the bus for a *tour of Frankenmuth & Bronner’s World’s Largest Christmas Wonderland*. The amazing store is the size of 1½ football fields. You can also visit the Silent Night chapel on the grounds. Your time at Bronner’s will be a preview for another visit if you like for some real shopping! Oh, don’t forget your Christmas shopping lists! Afterwards, we’ll enjoy an early meal at the *Bavarian Inn Restaurant* with a delicious German style 5 meat all you can eat meal. Now for some free time to stroll the downtown area shops and Riverplace to work off that fabulous meal. You can take a peak downstairs at the bakery and gift shops at both *Zehnder’s & Bavarian Inn* to preview tomorrow mornings selections. Later in the afternoon we’ll offer for those interested, a visit to the Birch Run Outlet Mall or you can get dropped off at the hotel or Bronner’s (open ‘till 7pm) for a little more shopping before an evening swim and relaxation. There seems to always be a lot of nice

fellowship around the pool area on Monday evening. Some of our guests are known for having evening card games back at the Elf Hollow Café area. If you opt to go to Birch Run, you should still have time to visit Bronner’s again, the store is open until 7pm and still allowing for a nice leisurely evening. Remember, our hotel is right next to Bronner’s...you can look out the window at some great decorations, stroll or get in some last minute Christmas shopping. B,L

**Day 3 – Tuesday** –This morning we will eat **breakfast as a group at 8am**. We’ll then **load luggage at 9am for a 9:15am departure** from the hotel and visit downtown Frankenmuth again. Now’s the time to stock up on bakery goods. We’ll make a stop at *Around The Farm Antiques* and then begin heading back home. Our lunch will be en route to home, should get back to Tinley Park around 4:45pm. B, L

*Note: This is a developing itinerary, adjustments may be made in the course of the year leading up to the tour.*

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