

Day Trip from Austin "Experience Country"

- 8:00 AM** **Ellendale** - a little town full of history. A step-on guide will entertain you with history of the area and fun tales. Vintage vehicles are on display around Ellendale for your enjoyment.
- 9:00 AM** **Special Greeting** - by costumed Historian of Ellendale. Your group will be met by Ellendale Dale Ives (the lady that the town was named for) in costume. She will tell you the history of this town.
- 9:15 AM** **History Walk of Downtown**
***Lerberg's Grocery** over 100 years old. You will be greeted by the grandson of the original owner.
***Steve's Meat Market** - Hear first hand about the great history of this meat store that continually expands and has received many awards for their products.
***Groth Furniture Store** - Visit the furniture store that was originally an embalming parlor and has a history of over 100 years.
- 10:00 AM** **Ellendale Café**
Time for a morning break.
- 10:30 AM** **Walk of Downtown continues**
***Added Touch:** Many unique clothes and jewelry are made right there and are on the market around the U.S.
- 12:00 PM** **Beaver Lake**-Here you will hear about the local nostalgia, tales of Jesse James, farming, and the good ole days.



- 12:45 PM** **Lunch** - enjoy the taste of Swedish, Danish, and Bohemian foods.
- 1:30 PM** **Hope Creamery**
Here we will tour the only facility that produces butter on a full time basis in Minnesota. You will even get to sample the locally produced butter on a delicacy.
- 3:00 PM** **Owatonna Orphanage**
Relive this unique chapter of American history as you tour the Minnesota State Public School Orphanage Museum, buildings, grounds, and Children's cemetery, which began in 1886. Hear from one of the resident's and his days in the orphanage.
- 5:00 PM** **Leave for Austin**
- 6:30 PM** **Dinner**
- 7:30 PM** **Entertainment**

Other options are available.