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DAY ONE

9am-10am ~ Hormel Institute: Cancer has affected some many people and now you can tour The Hormel Institute, a world leader in cancer research through the study of food agents and cell functions. Experience a 3D simulation of molecules, view into the research labs and see a microscope so large it has its own special space.

10:15am-11:15am ~ SPAM® Museum: One of Minnesota's top attractions, featuring audios, videos and displays depicting the rich history of Hormel Foods in a tour that is interactive, educational, and fun for all ages.

11:15am-12:45pm ~ Lunch on own in historical destination downtown Austin, MN with a variety of food options. After lunch

take a moment to explore more in downtown Austin, the Austin ArtWorks Center (over 100 artists from over 10 states display their artwork), Sweet Reads (a classic bookstore with old fashion candy and home to the largest known Berenstain Bears Collection in the world), and Rydjor Bike Museum (over 80 bicycles telling the history of cycling including 1868 "Boneshaker" and one of the late Robin Williams personal bikes). Also experience many other boutiques that offer one-of-a-kind specialty products.

1:00pm-2:00p ~ Hormel Historic Home: Discover the stately 14-room home of the George A. Hormel family (founder of Hormel Foods Corp). Built in 1871, the home features stained glass windows, decorative woodwork, front pillars imported from Italy, Tiffany light fixtures and a Greek marble fireplace.

2:00pm-3:00pm ~ Austin City Tour: Be introduced to local points of interest and lesser known or quirky sites that might merit further attention! Plus you get a SPAM™ cookbook.

3:00pm-3:45pm ~ SuperFresh: A family-owned business incorporating a bakery, local goods shop, gifts galore and a fabulous garden center. Also famous for serving the state's largest donuts.

4:00pm ~ Back to the hotel to refresh: Austin, MN has nearly 400 lodging rooms in which your guests can rest, relax and rejuvenate. Check in at one of the many lodging accommodations in Austin to re-

lax and rejuvenate: AmericInn, Days Inn, Econolodge, Holiday Inn, Rodeway Inn and Super 8.

5:30pm ~ Dinner: Wine, dine and relax with the camaraderie of your family and friends. Options include The Old Mill, a 1850's former flour mill on the Cedar River overlooking the Ramsey Dam and is one of the most historic and well-regarded restaurants in southern Minnesota, or the Austin Country Club, located on a well-kept, heavily wooded, picturesque, challenging USGA 18-hole golf course with a beautiful clubhouse and fine amenities.

7:00pm ~ Historic Paramount Theatre: One of only 4 "Atmospheric Theatres" remaining in Minnesota. Opened in 1929, it was designed for stage theatre and first-run movies. The Paramount was designed to represent being in a courtyard of a quaint Spanish Village with twinkling stars and rolling clouds overhead. Fully restored to its original grandeur, this functioning theatre is available for your group to view a movie or enjoy other entertainment.

~ Back to the hotel for the evening

DAY TWO

9:00am ~ Wind Farm Tour: The Austin area is well known for being a major player in the Wind Industry. There are multiple wind farms in the area and over 1,500 wind turbines total. Visit a farm and learn why wind power is currently the fastest-growing source of electricity production in the world.

10:30am-11:30am ~ Jay C. Hormel Nature Center: Enjoy hardwood and pine forests, restored prairies, creeks, ponds, and delightful walking trails, and the brand- new \$7 million interpretive center which open in 2017.

11:45am-12:45pm ~ Lunch: Saddle up the group and head out to an incredible buffet including SPAM® pizza in addition to an unlimited variety of other pizza, fried chicken, potatoes, salads, desserts, and more.

1:00pm-2:30pm ~ Mower County Historical Society: Artifacts and historical items in 16 buildings include one of the original Hormel Buildings, where George Hormel started the company. Also be sure to check out the vintage firefighting equipment, horse-drawn carriages, a steam locomotive, caboose, one room school house, a Civil War flag and more

2:45-3:30pm ~ Sterling Shopping Center: Explore one of the original strip malls in Minnesota. A truly unique experience with a distinctive blend of "just-what-you're looking-for" gifts, decor, fashion, and more.

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