



**Tom's Christian Tours**  
**presents...**  
**Lutheran Women's Missionary Society to**  
**Athens, Georgia**  
**June 22 - 30, 2020**  
**\$1500 per person double**

**MONDAY, JUNE 22** – Today we will pick up our LWMS friends and head south. As we say good-bye to Wisconsin it will be time to make a fast-food lunch stop (or bring your own packed lunch). We may be seeing stars as we make a stop for a “spacey program” at the **Staerke Planetarium** in **Champaign, IL**. Following this program, our focus will be on our southern Illinois destination. At our Drury Inn, you will have the choice of enjoying the Drury Inn “kickback” of complimentary food and drinks or getting dinner at a nearby restaurant. After our day of travel and meeting up with friends old and new, it will be time to turn in for a good night's sleep in **Mt. Vernon, Illinois**.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23 (B, L)** – Plan for an early start today as we continue south traveling through Kentucky and into Tennessee. Be ready for some toe-tapping as we arrive in **Nashville, Tennessee**. It will be show time as we board the **General Jackson Showboat** in “Music City”. We will begin with an **included buffet lunch**, followed by the energetic **Taste of Tennessee** show. As we are cruising, there will also be time for an Outer Deck reception with entertainment and sightseeing. As we disembark, be ready to enjoy the sights of nearby **Franklin, TN**. What is known as “America's Favorite Main Street”, Franklin boasts of award winning antique shops, gift and book stores, boutiques, art galleries, and restaurants. You may want to grab a bite to eat or wait until we arrive at our hotel. A few minutes' drive will take us to the Drury Inn where we can enjoy its hospitality time of free drinks and a wide variety of food. The night will be spent in **Franklin, Tennessee**.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 (B, L)** – Today a short morning drive will allow us to step back into the days of the Civil War in the South. Franklin is the site of one of the bloodiest battles of this war. We will learn more about it as we tour one of its **historic museums**. Our drive will continue until we chug into Chattanooga area for an **included lunch**. Of course we need a “Chattanooga choo-choo” experience, so we take a ride on the **Missionary Ridge Local**. During the train ride we will learn of the local history and railroad operations, see how the turntable works to turn the engine around, and enjoy the beautiful scenery of the area. Then it's time to hit the road to reach the southernmost point of our trip. We will be driving into Athens, Georgia just in time to get checked into one of the **LWMS convention hotels** for our four night stay. After check-in, you can explore the area or just stay in for dinner on your own. Night at the **Hilton Garden Inn** in **Athens, GA**.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25 (L)** – On this summer day we become acquainted with the “Classic City of the South” – Athens, Georgia. Our southern senses will come alive as we enjoy the indoor and outdoor beauty of the 313 acre **State Botanical Garden of Georgia**. Then we will enjoy the southern hospitality of a local step-on guide during our **Athens Heritage Tour**. Historic neighborhoods, Antebellum homes, and the University of Georgia will be among the sites we will be seeing. We will take a break for an **included lunch** before taking in a **bit more history** of the city. By mid-afternoon, we will ride back to the **Hilton Garden Inn**. Registration for the **Lutheran Women's Missionary Society** 57th annual convention will begin mid-afternoon. This year's theme is “2020 Vision for Missions”. **Remember that TCT's price does include all hotel stays, but does not include convention meals and registration fee.** Night at **Hilton Garden Inn, Athens, Georgia**.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26 & SATURDAY, JUNE 27** – LWMS National Convention activities will fill our days. We will not have a coach available during these days. **Nights at Hilton Garden Inn, Athens, Georgia.**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28 (D)** – After the convention closing service, our journey north begins. We'll stop for a lunch break and continue on to Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. Here we will become part of one of the most famous feuds as we sneak into the **Hatfields and McCoys Dinner Show**. As the families try to settle their differences, we will be enjoying some southern fixin's, singin', dancin', and side-splittin' comedy. A short drive will take us to our destination in **Kodak, Tennessee.**

**MONDAY, JUNE 29 (B, L)** – We will continue our journey through Tennessee and into Kentucky. We will stop in **Lexington, Kentucky**, for an **included lunch**. Since this city is known as the "Horse City", we will be taking time for a **Thoroughbred Horse Farm tour**. As we pass through the rolling hills of the Kentucky bluegrass, we will visit some beautiful farms to see majestic horses. Included in this fun and interesting tour is information on the local history, thoroughbred horses and breeding. Our journey will then continue north where we will be ready to rest for our final night away. We will again be staying at a Drury Inn, which means you can take advantage of their evening "Kickback" or find dinner near the hotel. Night in **Indianapolis, Indiana.**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 30 (B, L)** – We have many miles behind us and some more to go today. We will stop for an **included lunch** before we begin saying good bye to our mission-minded traveling friends. Today we return home with memories of an inspiring LWMS convention, interesting sights, and time with new and old friends. **Night in home sweet home.**

**(Tentative return time to Fond du Lac will be mid-afternoon on Tuesday, June 30.)**

**Included meals:** (B) = Breakfast; (L) = Lunch; (D) = Dinner or supper

TCT reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary if it serves the best interest of the participants and/or if it accommodates changes in public transportation.

**Prices per person are:**

<b>SINGLE</b>	<b>DOUBLE</b>	<b>TRIPLE</b>	<b>QUAD</b>
<b>\$2200</b>	<b>\$1500</b>	<b>\$1300</b>	<b>\$1150</b>

**Payments**

Initial Deposit Paid with Reservation	\$200 per person
Final Payment Due May 1, 2020	Tour price – deposit

**\*Cancellation Fees**

Until February 1, 2020	No Cancellation Fee
Feb 2 – May 1, 2020	\$300 Cancellation Fee + non-recoverable expenses
After May 1, 2020	No refund unless seat is resold

\*If you purchase travel/cancellation insurance and cancel the tour for a covered reason, your policy will reimburse you for cancellation fees.

**PRICE INCLUDES** deluxe motor coach transportation, all meals and attractions listed on the itinerary, and tips for step on guides.

**PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE** meals not listed on itinerary and tips for the coach driver and tour guides. Generally driver tips are \$2-3 per person per day. Tour director tips average \$3-\$5 per person per day.

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