



Tom's Christian Tours presents... Lutheran Women's Missionary Society to Tulsa, Oklahoma June 23 - 30, 2025

MONDAY, JUNE 23 (L) – We are excited to be on our way to the 2025 Lutheran Women's Missionary Society convention! During our travels, we will have time to get acquainted or reacquainted with our fellow LWMS convention go-ers. The morning will pass by quickly and soon we will be driving into **Starved Rock State Park** near Utica, Illinois. We will enjoy an **included lunch** and the beautiful scenery along the banks of the Illinois River. Our travels will continue until we reach the Gateway to the West, **St. Louis, Missouri**. It will be time to check into our hotel and enjoy the "Kickback" which is offered between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. Included in the Kickback are dinner appetizers and free drinks. Even though this may be enough for your dinner tonight, you also have the option to eat out on your own. After our day of travel and meeting up with friends, we look forward to a good night's rest at the **Drury Inn & Suites Southwest, St. Louis, MO**.

<u>TUESDAY, JUNE 24 (B, L)</u> – After an **included breakfast** at the hotel, our drive continues across Missouri. When the Ozark Mountains begin to come into view, it will mean that it is nearly time for our **included lunch**. Have your appetites ready and beware of flying food! We will feast on the delicious food at **Lambert's Café**, home of the "Throwed Rolls", in Ozark, Missouri. Moving on, we will learn more about the natural beauty of the area as we get into **Branson, Missouri**. By mid-afternoon, we will be in our seats to see the original production of **David** at the **Sight and Sound Theater** in Branson. The amazing show portrays the life of David - poet, warrior, and king - on the panoramic stage along with live animals, sets up to three stories high, and original music inspired by the psalms of David. Following the show, it will be time to check into our hotel for the evening. The evening can be spent as you please – maybe enjoying dinner, shopping, or taking a dip in one of the hotel pools. **Night at the Hotel Grand Victorian, Branson, Missouri**.

<u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25</u> (B, L) The day begins with an **included breakfast** at the hotel. Traveling south and west, prepare to take in the fresh Ozark Mountain air at **Dogwood Canyon**. Here we will experience an open-air wildlife tram tour which will take us past bluffs, waterfalls and even into Arkansas! A **chuck wagon lunch will be included** at the canyon. There will also be an opportunity for a bit of shopping. Then we will continue to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Once we arrive in the city, we will stop at the **Mother Road Market**, located on historic **Route 66**. Here, at Oklahoma's first food hall, you will be able to pick up some dinner and maybe your first Oklahoma souvenirs. Then it will be time to get checked into our **LWMS convention** hotel for our four-night stay. **Night at DoubleTree, Tulsa, Oklahoma.**

<u>THURSDAY, JUNE 26 (L)</u> – On this summer day we become acquainted with some **highlights of Tulsa**. With our **step-on guide**, we will take in some history, tunnels, districts of Tulsa, architecture, oil baron neighborhoods and Route 66. Our tour will include some time on and off our Lamers coach. After our touring, we will enjoy an **included lunch** together. By early afternoon (approximately 2:30 p.m.), we will go back to the **DoubleTree**. Registration for the **Lutheran Women's**Missionary Society 62nd annual convention will begin this afternoon. This year's theme is "Sowing the Seeds of Faith".

Remember that TCT's price <u>does</u> include all hotel stays but does <u>not</u> include convention meals and the registration fee. Night at DoubleTree, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 & SATURDAY, JUNE 28 – LWMS National Convention activities will fill our days. We will not have a coach available during these days. Nights at DoubleTree, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

<u>SUNDAY, JUNE 29 (L)</u> – Our bags will be loaded on our coach before we gather for the convention's closing worship service. After the service, we begin our journey back to Wisconsin. We'll stop for an **included buffet lunch** a few hours down the road. Our destination tonight will look familiar as we will be back to St. Louis and the hotel where we stayed a week ago. We will enjoy visiting and relaxing with our friends at the evening Kickback. Our **night's stay is at the Drury Inn Southwest, St. Louis, MO.**

<u>MONDAY, JUNE 30 (B,L)</u> – We will enjoy our **included breakfast** and packing our bags one last time. It's time to hit the road and get home today. A hearty **included lunch** awaits us a few hours up the road. Soon after lunch, we will begin saying goodbye to our mission-minded traveling friends. We will return home with memories of an inspiring LWMS convention, interesting sights, and time with new and old friends. **Night in home sweet home.**

(<u>Tentative</u> return time to Milwaukee will be 4:00 p.m. and Fond du Lac at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 30. Plan other drop-offs accordingly.)

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

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

Prices per person are:

SINGLE	DOUBLE	TRIPLE	QUAD
\$2300	\$1700	\$1500	\$1400

Payments

Initial Deposit Paid with Reservation \$400 per person Final Payment Due May 1, 2025 Tour price – deposit

*Cancellation Fees

Until February 1, 2025 No Cancellation Fee

Feb 2 – May 1, 2025 \$400 Cancellation Fee + non-recoverable expenses

After May 1, 2025 No refund unless seat is resold

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

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE LWMS convention registration and convention meals. The price also does not include tips for the coach driver and tour guides. Generally, driver tips are \$4 per person per day. Tour director tips average \$5-6 per person per day.

For more information call Scott or Tammy Monroe of Tom's Christian Tours at 262-408-5518.

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