

# HAPPY DAYS IN MILWAUKEE & CHINA LIGHTS

**Wednesday, October 18 - Friday, October 20**  
**Milwaukee and Hales Corners, Wisconsin**

“Sclemiel, schlimazel, hasenpfeffer incorporated” is the lyrics from the Laverne and Shirley sitcom that was the most successful spin-off from Happy Days, the series that was set in Milwaukee in the 50’s and revolved around teenager Richie Cunningham and his family. We can’t forget the high school dropout, Arthur “Fonzie” Fonzarelli. Even though none of the filming for Happy Days took place in Milwaukee, the Milky Way Drive-In (now Kopp’s Frozen Custard) was the inspiration for the original Arnold’s



Drive-In which was the hang out for the gang. Our Happy Days tour to Milwaukee will revolve around the brewery theme and focus on putting a lot of “Happy” into our days.

Upon arrival in Milwaukee we will have lunch and tour at the Harley-Davidson Museum (remember Fonzie was a biker). Within the walls of the H-D museum we will find motorcycles and artifacts that tell the story of the Motor Company’s rich history and heritage. Every gallery and exhibit is an astonishing testimony to the legendary bikes, the people who built them and, of course, every individual who ever felt the powerful rumble on a long stretch of road.

A city tour “In Search of Milwaukee’s Beer Barons” will fill our afternoon. Even though Shottz Brewery (where Laverne and Shirley worked) isn’t real, it was modeled after the Miller, Schlitz, and Pabst Breweries once located in Milwaukee. Our journey will include sites where the Blatzes, Gettelmans, Millers, Pabsts and Uihleins brewed their famous beers, built their



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palatial homes and raised their families. This tour will include a tour of Miller Brewing with some beer tasting included. We will be sure to stop at the newly erected statue of Fonzie! Our overnight accommodations will be at the Potawatomi Hotel/Casino.

On our second day in Milwaukee we will enjoy a tour of the Pabst Mansion. When Captain Frederick Pabst, Milwaukee's famed beer baron, began construction of a new mansion for his family in 1890, he could not have anticipated that it would survive and thrive into the twenty-first century as a testament to America's Gilded Age. This 20,000 square foot mansion features elaborately handcrafted woodwork, original wall coverings and furnishings, leaded glass, important 19th century artwork and a great docent led story.

After the Pabst descendants sold the house in 1908, it became the archbishop's residence and the center of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Milwaukee for more than sixty years. When it was sold in 1975, the mansion was nearly torn down to make way for a parking lot. After a three-year crusade for its preservation, it was spared demolition and went on to become an award-winning house museum. The Mansion was placed on the national Register of Historic Places in 1979.

Our next stop will be at the Best Place at the Historic Pabst Brewery. We will be transported back in time and then taken on a journey through the tale of Pabst brands and the City of Milwaukee with 60's retro beer commercials. We can re-live the rich story of the Best & Pabst families over a cold pint of Pabst Blue Ribbon, Schlitz or a Sprecher root beer in ornate Blue Ribbon Hall. We'll then visit the office of Captain Pabst and the beautiful 1880 corporate headquarters. We'll walk through the old infirmary which was transformed into a Prohibition Era "Speakeasy."

Our day will continue with a visit to the Boerner Botanical Gardens. The gardens are an internationally renowned horticultural showplace and offer



gardeners and plant lovers the opportunity to take in the colors and scents of a variety of collections. The many gardens include the Annual garden, Perennial Mall, Rose Garden, Herb Garden, Daylily Path, Bog Walk, Rock Garden, Shrub Mall, Peony Garden and the Trial Garden.

Our evening will be spent at the Gardens as well to view the China Lights. This event celebrates the art, skill, and beauty of traditional Chinese lantern festivals that have been celebrated for the last 400 years. This amazing event includes over 40 exhibits, made of more than 1,000 components, are welded together and then covered with colored silk and then hand painted. These displays are then illuminated with LED lighting to complete the amazing visual experience. In addition to the lighted displays there are multiple nightly performances of classic Chinese arts. There are also displays highlighting the history and culture of China from the past to the present. Chinese and American food will be available for purchase along with beer and non-alcoholic beverages.

Before leaving Milwaukee on Friday we will enjoy a delicious progressive ethnic meal tour. This tour truly shows off the entire city of Milwaukee. Beginning on Old World 3rd Street we'll learn about the German immigrants and sample cheese, sausage, beer and root beer. Then we'll visit the Irish Third Ward, with shopping in the Milwaukee Public Market. We then enjoy a generous entrée at the last remaining Polish restaurant in town. And, we'll get dessert in the Italian enclave of Brady Street!



Fun, food, foam, Fonzie and friends all make this a Happy Days tour!

**COST PER PERSON:**

Double.....	\$400.00	Triple .....	\$360.00
Quad.....	\$350.00	Single .....	\$500.00

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation, two nights' accommodations, two meals (lunches or dinners), and all admissions and scheduled services.

Departure time from Medford	6:30 a.m.
Approximate return time	7:00 p.m.