

Explore Wisconsin: Portage

Thursday, September 10th



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Did you know Portage was named for the Fox-Wisconsin Waterway, a portage between the Fox River and the Wisconsin River, which was recognized by Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet during their discovery of a route to the Mississippi River in 1673? The city's slogan is "Where the North Begins." And that is where our trip begins. The local historian will hop on our bus and provide us with a 45 minute tour that will include an overview of the various historic sites in the area. We will also spend some time at "Society Hill" with a chance to view many of the older homes in the community.

After the tour, we stop at the local Portage Historical Museum where you will have the option of a guided tour or a chance to explore on your own. For lunch we will head to Neil's Wine House where there is outdoor and indoor seating available. Lunch options include a toasted croissant sandwich, chicken bacon ranch wrap, or a plate of lasagna.

With full bellies, we have two options for the afternoon. There is a variety of stores available for shopping including a gift shop with over 15 different vendors, an arts and crafts store, and a floral shop. If you'd rather shop at a farmer's and artist's market, you're in luck! Portage hosts one in their downtown area. Once we have our fill of afternoon treats, we will head back to Berlin!



There is the potential for more than average walking on this trip.



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SCHEDULE

- 8:30 Bus Leaves Walmart
- 10:00 Hop on Tour
- 11:00 Museum
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Downtown Exploring
- 5:00 Arrive back in Berlin