

North Dakota Energy Tour July 17-19, 2019

Wednesday, July 17

7:45 a.m.	Load Bus at McLeod Co-op Power, 1231 Ford Ave. N., Glencoe MN
8:00 a.m.	Bus leaves for North Dakota Energy Tour
Mid-morning	Coffee/restroom stop*
12:20 p.m.	Lunch at Pizza Ranch in Fargo
1:10 p.m.	Leave Fargo
2:45 p.m.	Jamestown, ND - Visit Frontier Village, world's largest buffalo monument, and live buffalo herd
3:50 p.m.	Leave Jamestown
5:30 p.m.	Arrive at hotel in Bismarck – Staybridge Suites
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Reception at the hotel patio

Thursday, July 18

6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.	Breakfast in hotel
7:30 a.m.	Depart Hotel for the Falkirk Mine
8:30 a.m.	Tour the Falkirk Mine. See the gigantic equipment that is used to help supply about 8 million tons of lignite coal each year to Coal Creek Station. The group tours the mine aboard the Falkirk Mine bus.
10:30 a.m.	Drive to Coal Creek Station. During the drive to the power plant, your tour guide will talk about how Blue Flint Ethanol uses a mix of primary & waste steam to produce ethanol, making it one of the lowest-cost facilities in the nation.
11:00 a.m.	Tour Coal Creek Station, the largest power plant in North Dakota. Learn why this power plant is vitally important to Great River Energy's generation needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none">➔ Cookies & coffee served prior to the tour.➔ Tour stops include the maintenance floor, turbine deck, control room observation area, 8th floor boiler & 21st floor outdoor overlook.
12:15 p.m.	Lunch at Coal Creek Station. View interactive exhibits in the lobby, shop for North Dakota coal items & Great River Energy merchandise
1:15 p.m.	Drive Thru tour of Blue Flint Ethanol Plant
2:00 p.m.	Depart for Garrison Dam
2:30 p.m.	Arrive at Garrison Dam overview to view the Garrison Dam , the fifth largest earthen dam in the world. Learn how the plant generates electricity that is marketed by the Western Area Power.
3:00 p.m.	Tour the Garrison Dam Fish Hatchery, which plays a key role in providing quality fish stocking throughout the Great Plains Region.
4:15 p.m.	Depart for Bismarck
5:30 p.m.	Arrive at hotel. <i>Dinner is on your own.* Touring/shopping/use of hotel pool, hot tub and other amenities is on your own.</i>

Friday, July 19

6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.	Breakfast in hotel
7:40 a.m.	Load bus
7:50 a.m.	Bus departs
8:00 a.m.	Tour North Dakota Heritage Center. Tour at your own pace. Visit gift shop.
9:30 a.m.	Bus departs
Late-morning	Coffee/restroom stop in Jamestown*
12:50 p.m.	Fast-food lunch stop in Fargo.* <i>Lunch is on your own. Culver's, Arby's, KFC, Taco John's or Caribou Coffee.</i>
1:30 p.m.	Bus departs for home
Mid-afternoon	Wayside rest stop
5:30-6:00 p.m.	Arrive in Glencoe

Meals denoted with * are on your own. Schedule times may vary slightly from list above.

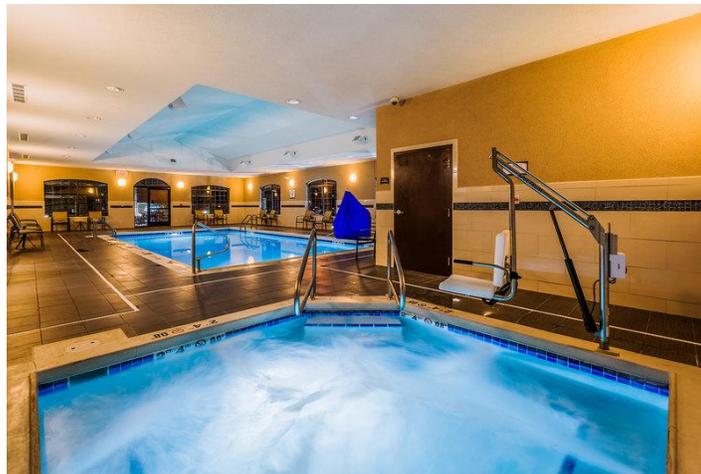
Hotel room, motor coach transportation, Pizza Ranch buffet lunch, hotel breakfasts and evening reception, are included in the tour price.



Staybridge Suites Hotel: Rooms include a full-size refrigerator and stovetop, so feel free to bring snacks or beverages for after-hours snacking. Hotel has 98 air-conditioned rooms, pillowtop beds, wired and wireless internet, self-serve laundry, indoor swimming pool, hot tub, 24-hour fitness center. It is located within walking distance of more than a dozen restaurants.

Staybridge Suites provides Wednesday night social reception at the hotel patio. Includes light meal or grilled burgers, salad bar, cookie, with complimentary beer, wine, soda or juice. Guests can sit in the courtyard and visit around the firepit.

Morning breakfast includes hot and cold food items, meat and egg choice, fresh fruit, oatmeal, yogurt, breads, juices, coffee, etc.



Hotel is across the parking lot from the Gateway Mall, open until 8 PM which includes restaurants: Gourmet Hot Dog & Sausage Shop, Longhorn Steakhouse, Ohau Hawaiian BQ & Sushi Bar, Perkins, Paradiso Mexican, Mocha Mama's Coffee, Rockin' 50's Café, Shogun Shushi & Hibachi, Hit the Spot Gyros, B&R Bakes & Cakes, and Little Taste of Mexico. It also has an AMC Movie Theater, Hobby Lobby, JoAnn Fabrics, Pride of Dakota original ND products store, clothing, antiques, nail care stores, a medical clinic, and Planet Fitness.

Thursday tour dress: Please wear blue jeans or slacks for tour day. Shorts or capris are acceptable if weather is warm. CLOSED TOE FOOTWEAR IS REQUIRED ON TOUR DAY (NO SANDALS OR FLIP FLOPS). If it is cool, a light jacket may be needed. Members participating in the tour need to be physically able to climb stairs and do a significant amount of walking. Children must be ten years or older to go along on the trip.

Cost of the trip is \$250 per adult. Cost for children 10 years to 18 years of age staying in the same room with their parents or grandparents is \$150 per person. Payment is due at the time the reservation is placed. If for any reason the Co-op is forced to cancel the trip, members will be refunded their payments in full. Reserve your seats by sending a check with coupon from newsletter or calling in a credit card payment to McLeod Co-op Power 1-800-494-6272.

Sneak Peek at some of the tour highlights:



Close-up look at the huge equipment, mining process, & land reclamation process at Falkirk Mine.



Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery & Aquarium tour. Garrison Dam & Lake Sakakawea drive-by tour.



World's largest buffalo monument, Frontier Village, and live buffalo herd at Jamestown, ND.



North Dakota Heritage Center includes a history museum and gift shop. Last stop in Bismarck, ND.



View from 21st floor of Coal Creek Station plant. Drive-thru tour of Blue Flint ethanol plant.



Coal Creek Station, near Underwood, ND provides baseload power using clean-coal and Dry-Fining™ technologies. The two units of Coal Creek Station have over 1,100 MW of generating capability. The extensive walking tour through the power plant is very educational and views from the 21st floor observation area are phenomenal.