

# *Galena Getaway: Winter 2018*



Explore the unforgettable bluffs near the Mississippi.



Stand atop the world!



Hike along sparkling, ice-fringed creeks.



Spot bald eagles.

*Back by "wild-woman" demand!*

*Sat-Sun, Jan. 27-28 or Tue-Wed, Jan. 30-31*

*Trailbound Trips: Dream. Explore. Discover.*



Explore charming, historic Galena.

## ***Day 1***

### ***10:15 am: Hike Apple River Canyon***

In this charming canyon, icefalls cascade from cliffs along the picturesque Apple River. Once the bottom of a vast inland sea that stretched from the Alleghenies to the Rockies, this area was chiseled into cliffs and canyons by the Apple River. Our 3-mile hike winds along the Apple River, through hardwood and pine forests, along animal trails, and beside gorgeous cliff-top views of the canyon. We'll also check out a favorite eagle roosting spot.

A bit of history... The town of Millville once flourished here. Named after two sawmills, Millville thrived as a stop on the Galena-to-Chicago stagecoach route until 1854 when the Illinois Central Railroad built its Freeport to Galena route, just four miles north of town. In 1892, a devastating flood washed out the dam, swept away many buildings, and forever drove out the townspeople.

### ***1:45 pm: Check into the DeSoto House***

***Hotel*** After a great hike, check into our historic hotel in the heart of downtown Galena. The DeSoto House is Illinois' oldest operating hotel, where Abe Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, and William Jennings Bryan stayed. This warm and charming 1855 landmark also served as presidential campaign headquarters for Ulysses S. Grant. Graciously decorated Victorian rooms provide modern bathrooms, televisions, and other conveniences. The Courtyard Restaurant is a lovely 4-story atrium serving breakfast and lunch daily. (Your lodging is included in the trip cost.)

### ***2 pm: Explore Downtown Galena***

Step out of our hotel and into the center of this charming town on the banks of the Galena River. Enjoy its 19<sup>th</sup> century mansions, one-of-a-kind shops, warm ambience, local wineries, and eateries.

***...Or Hike*** with the guides along the Galena River.



Enjoy a tribe of like-minded outdoor women.



Savor winter's beauty in this gorgeous setting.

### 6 pm: Dine at Fried Green Tomatoes

Savor this locally famous restaurant's great food and fun ambience. It's housed in the building where Ulysses S. Grant worked in the 1860s, helping his father and brothers with the family leather and harness business.

Relax After Dinner in your comfy room or enjoy one another's company in the hotel's common areas.

## **Day 2**

9 am: Watch Eagles Eagle-watch on the Great River, near where Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin meet. We'll visit a dam that is popular with wintering eagles; the dam's churning waters keep the river from freezing and stun fish as they flow through it – providing relatively easy-picking for eagles' primary food source. We'll also hike at Eagle Point Park, described as one of the Midwest's most outstanding parks, with great vistas of the Mississippi and "birds' eye" views of eagles.

10 am: Hike Mines of Spain Horseshoe Bluff Nestled along the Mississippi River, this gorgeous 1.5-mile trail takes us along beaver lodges and through towering canyons of Ordovician rock. This is a favorite hike!

11:30 am: Explore Catfish Creek Our 2-mile route hugs the banks of pretty Catfish Creek, where backwaters of the Mississippi flow. We'll also follow the upper trail through forests of birch and 200-year-old oaks. The village of the Mesquakie (Fox) Indians was located at the mouth of Catfish Creek; there they traded furs with French voyagers and mined lead in the countryside.

1:30 pm: Enjoy River Overlooks You'll love this optional 1-mile hike to a beautiful bluff over the Mississippi, where we'll look for soaring eagles, and learn of the unlikely friendship of the two men buried here.

Head home, refreshed and restored.



Add a bit of adventure this winter.



Learn who is buried here, overlooking the Mississippi.



Enjoy the pretty Galena-area countryside

***"I totally enjoyed the Galena weekend ... and love traveling with Trailbound Trips!"***

***~Mountain Mama***

***"As always, it was a wonderful trip! I'm so thankful for all you do. Truly memorable trips!!!"***

***~Winter Willow***

*Our getaways fill quickly. Hold your spot by registering below or online at [TrailboundTrips.com](http://TrailboundTrips.com).*

**Cost of \$160 covers:**

- Overnight stay at the DeSoto House Hotel (Double-occupancy; we'll reserve your room.\*)
  - 5 guided hikes
  - 2 Trailbound guides throughout your stay
  - Eagle-watching
  - Online photos of our getaway
  - Area info and history, driving directions, and more
- \*A private room is an additional \$55.

**1. Your name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

All communication is by email

**2. Roommate:** \_\_\_\_\_

Request a roomie or we'll be happy to pair you with another solo traveler

**3. Choose your dates:**

\_\_ Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28, 2018

\_\_ Tuesday-Wednesday, January 30-31, 2018

**4. Mail this form** with your non-refundable \$160 payment to: **Trailbound Trips**

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Barrington, IL 60010

**We're glad you're joining us!**

We'll e-mail you detailed info in November.

Questions before then? Don't hesitate to contact

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Enjoy spotting eagles as they fish, roost and soar.



Stay in the this inn where Abe Lincoln slept.

**Your Trailbound Guides,**

*Carol "Scout" Ruhter & Debbie "Leather Lambeau Lucy" Hager*

*"Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do ... Explore. Dream. Discover."*

*~Mark Twain*