



Amber Waves of Grain

Travel with NOAH to discover "the amber waves of grain" immortalized by Katherine Lee Bates in her poem America the Beautiful as we explore the history and beauty of the Colorado High Plains at wheat harvest time. Observe the flora and fauna of the High Plains including: pronghorn, bison, prairie dog, coyote, and meadowlark. Learn of the fervor of activity and operations as man and machine race against time and weather to glean the fields. Then, relax in the refreshing breeze under the cottonwood trees as we picnic along the banks of the Arickaree River at the site of the historic Beecher Island Battleground. A walking tour of this site and Cecil B. Demille's movie, *The Plainsman* (staring Gary Cooper), reveal the importance of this battle as a turning point in the history of the Western Frontier. After a day on the prairie, we will check in to our accomodations and have dinner in Burlington, Colorado. A keyboard concert given by Vi Clark will conclude our evening of fun and fellowship.

On Day 2, following a complimentary continental breakfast, we're off to visit the Old Town Museum to relive the early 1900's of Burlington, CO. After lunch, enjoy a ride on the antique, forty-six carved animal, Kit Carson County Carousel. Experience the Eastern Plains of Colorado as never before.

The expense for this trip is \$65 (double occupancy), which includes transportation by church bus, overnight lodging, Complimentary Breakfast, and admission to Burlington's Old Town Museum. Registration and payment are due Sunday, June 13.

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