

Reunion Tour

We've never counted up how many folks have traveled with Kris, Goldie and me on the Lewis & Clark Trail since 2001, but it must be in the hundreds by now. The camaraderie and good times on this particular itinerary were apparent immediately, and lifelong friendships were formed on every departure. The same is true on all of our tours actually, but the longer the trip, the more evident it is.

I have often contemplated a so-called reunion tour, but was always stumped by where to go. Obviously, re-tracing the trail route was not only redundant, but an expensive way to re-ignite old friendships (although I am quite proud that one intrepid sojourner has done the trail twice with us!)

But there are obstacles associated with such a project: where to go that everyone would be interested in (no small task), how long should it be, what dates would have the widest appeal? I was still mulling the prospect when five former L&C sojourners turned up serendipitously on our Oregon Trail roster this summer (one from 2004, two from 2007, and two from 2015). They returned home eager to promote the idea and it is spreading still.

We are looking at an all-Missouri tour, where our collective adventure started. There will be something familiar (though, remember: the L&C itinerary has evolved and improved considerably since that first excursion in 2001) but mostly new. Missouri is full of great history unrelated to Lewis & Clark, which I have been itching to do but never found the opportunity.

I'm thinking 6-7 days beginning in St. Louis and perhaps ending in Kansas City. We're not going to waste our time on tourist traps (like Branson), but there will be some out-of-the-way-spots that don't turn up on other tour companies' itineraries. Dates: June 24-30ish.

This is your chance to renew old acquaintances and make new friends with many of the same memories!

Please let us know what you think.

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