



2019 National Driving Tour “Drive the Driftless”

The “Driftless” is a unique and beautiful sculpted landscape which represents the unglaciated regions of southeastern Minnesota, western Wisconsin and northeastern Iowa. It is a strange combination of plateaus, deep river gorges, sinkholes, caves and monadnocks, huge masses of rock rising up and out of the middle of a plateau. The upper Mississippi River slashes through the Driftless in dramatic fashion and offers spectacular vistas and intricately classical motoring opportunities.

The Twin Cities Regional Group #46 is planning a National Driving Tour of this region from July 15—19, 2019. From our Headquarters Hotel in the beautiful historic river town of Winona, Minnesota, we have planned a series of carefully mapped daily drives which will radiate in four compass directions showcasing this enthralling topography and geography in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Averaging 150 miles roundtrip daily, the routes will take us through isolated rural hamlets and charming river communities with deep historical roots in the settlement of this region. You will visit places with names like Red Wing, Lake City, Nelson, Alma, Cream, Forestville, Lanesboro, Lacrosse and Lansing.

Driving these roads will take you back to an earlier time and a different motoring skill set. But it also offers visits to local museums, car collections, shopping, historical re-enactments, and an excursion on a Mississippi River paddle wheeler. There will be something for everyone. An introductory Welcome Dinner, where detailed Tour information will be distributed and a wrap up Banquet will bookend the week.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share the road and traveling adventures with fellow V-8 ers through the beautiful region we can claim in some way as our own — more shifting and less drifting we hope.