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# Exploring Freeburg Flowers, Farms, and Iconic Sites May 12, 2026

Settled by Germans in the 1850s, the village of Freeburg was platted in 1903 and named after the German city of Freiburg. In this historic town we will visit their beautiful church, the unique Hilkemeyer General Store, tour Turkey Hill Ranch, visit two farms settled in the mid to late 1800s, and end the day with a bouquet of flowers from River Road Blossoms. Join us and learn the history of this quaint town and some of its unusual sites.

8:30 am Depart from Community Christian Church, 1598 Hwy. 50 E, Linn, MO – restrooms available.

9:00 Arrive at Holy Family Catholic Church in Freeburg. Holy Family parish was founded in 1904 as a small wooden chapel. In the spring of 1920, ground was broken and the foundation was built of solid rock for the present church. Today, this church is referred to affectionately as the "Cathedral of the Ozarks" for its Romanesque architectural design and twin 96-foot steeples with gilded crosses.



10:00 Visit Hilkemeyer General Store, where you'll find everything from cast iron cooking items to a museum featuring collections of knives, guns, and memorabilia from back in the day.



11:15 Arrive at Turkey Hill Ranch Bible Camp. Established in 1972, the camp covers seven hundred wooded acres. Each summer more than 1,000 campers make new friends and enjoy the great outdoors at Turkey Hill Ranch. We will tour and learn more about the camp, and enjoy a lunch catered by Argyle Catering in this beautiful setting.



1:15 pm We make our way to the countryside, along the Maries River, to two farms settled in the mid to late 1800s. The Plassmeyer Century Farm was settled by German immigrants in 1867. Now the property belongs to the great-great granddaughter and great-great grandson. Hear stories and see photos of the farm and house built in 1881. The second farm we tour is the farm adjoining the Plassmeyer farm. It was settled in 1850 by the Adrians, who purchased the land with money from "striking it rich" in the California Gold Rush. You'll enjoy dessert while visiting the farms.



3:45 Tour River Road Blossoms, a family owned business who specializes in field grown cut flowers, and end your day with a fresh flower bouquet!

5:00 Arrive Community Christian Church.



## Reservation Form – cost \$85 per person

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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