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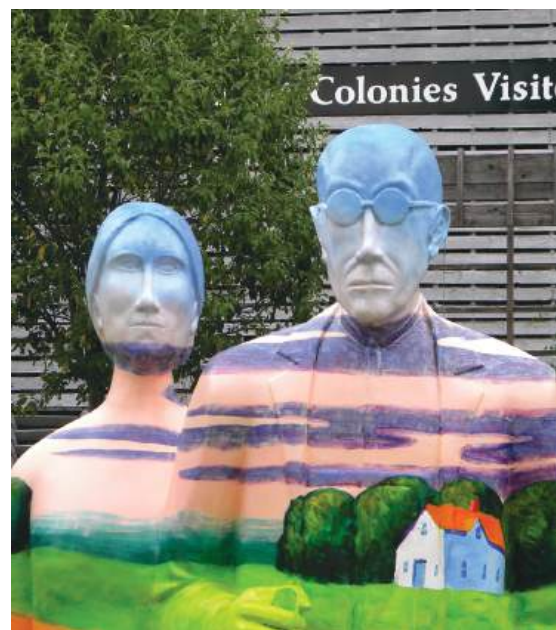
## EXPERIENCE IOWA

Iowa offers activities that engage travelers across generations and appeals to groups with a wide variety of shared interests. Enjoy our Midwest hospitality as you explore a range of authentic Iowa experiences.



## IMAGINE ALL THE POSSIBILITIES IN IOWA...

- Experience agritourism to urban adventures
- Nostalgic journeys or peaceful getaways
- Gorgeous lodging
- Amazing local food & drink
- Learn something new or take in amazing performances







## GET STARTED

Bring your group tour for an excuse to explore, indulge, or just get away. Mix and match your favorite places to eat, shop, and relax to create a brand new experience, every time.



## BOOK YOUR GROUP TOUR IN IOWA TODAY



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Executive Director  
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**iowaTravelIndustry.org**



Iowa Travel Industry Partners (iIOWA) is the only statewide organization dedicated to group tour promotion. iIOWA members are knowledgeable professionals ready to create experiences for the meetings market. Let us help you plan interesting and unique group-friendly itineraries that will take you off the beaten path and into the heartland of Iowa.



**THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND TRAVEL IOWA FOR THEIR SUPPORT.**







# Motorcoach Group Tour



## All Aboard For Allamakee County's Scenic Adventure In Extreme Northeast Iowa



**Val Reinke**  
Executive Director

Welcome to Northeast Iowa's Allamakee County where you will find an entirely different experience. Deeply carved river valleys, upward reaching bluffs, winding Mississippi River roads and quaint River towns offering indoor/outdoor activities for all seasons. We are here to serve you with Midwest hometown hospitality. Our office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm.

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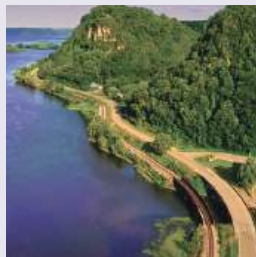
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Des Moines	215 miles
Minneapolis	179 miles
St. Louis	387 miles
Milwaukee	207 miles
Chicago	271 miles



**Effigy Mounds National Monument**



**Iowa Great River Road National Scenic Byway**



**Driftless Area Scenic Byway**



**Yellow River State Forest**



**Historic Bridges**



**Driftless Area Education & Visitor Center**



**Rivertown Shopping**



**Eagle Watch**



**Group Activities**

**Allamakee County:**

Harpers Ferry  
Lansing  
New Albin  
Postville  
Waterville  
Waukon

### NORTHEAST IOWA



Check Out  
Our Video  
on YouTube!



# Start Exploring Allamakee County

## Effigy Mounds National Monument

The 2,526-acre park is divided into two units (North and South) by the Yellow River. Walking trails provide modest to extended routes, allowing you to select your route and view a variety of mounds. An accessible boardwalk trail into the wetlands near the Visitor Center is available for disabled visitors and persons of all walking abilities.

## Yellow River State Forest

Located in Southeast Allamakee County, 729 State Forest Road, forest entrance via Harpers Ferry or State Highway 76. Yellow River State Forest was first acquired as a state forest in 1935, the Yellow River State Forest has grown to encompass nearly 9,000 acres of natural beauty.

## Great River Road .... 36.2 Miles

You can enjoy the best of 36.2 miles of the Great River Road in Allamakee County.

## Driftless Area Scenic Byway .... 100 Miles

This beautiful scenic byway zigzags its way on hard-surfaced and gravel roads through the high relief, pre-glacial landscape in extreme northeastern Iowa in Allamakee County. This byway has been voted most scenic byway in the state of Iowa.



## Driftless Area Education & Visitor Center

New in 2017! The center offers live animals, interpretative displays, 2 viewing decks of the Mississippi River, and a great group educational experience. Located at 1944 Columbus Rd, just south of Lansing.



## Take your scenic adventure to another level . . .

- Hiking
- Wine Tasting
- Bird Watching
- Beer Tasting
- Trout Fishing
- Cheese Curd Tour
- Kayaking
- Shopping



Scan for more information

For a calendar of events and lodging guide visit [www.allamakeecounty.com](http://www.allamakeecounty.com)





# See the inspiration for Grant Wood's iconic piece of American art...

In 1930, Grant Wood took a tour of Eldon, a small Iowa town, and spotted a little white house with a large gothic-style window. Inspired, Wood quickly sketched the house and returned home to Cedar Rapids to paint *American Gothic*.

The house still stands to this day and its exterior is viewed by thousands of people each year. The adjacent **visitor center** welcomes travelers from near and far, providing services for the site, including an exhibit gallery and a gift shop.

Eldon is located in the southeast corner of Wapello County approximately eleven miles straight southeast of Ottumwa- a town with big-city amenities and small-town hospitality. It is sixteen miles by car between the two cities using US highways 34 and 16.



## American Gothic House & Center

300 American Gothic Street  
Eldon, Iowa  
(641) 652-3352



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# AMERICAN GOTHIC HOUSE CENTER

MON - TUES: CLOSED  
WED - SAT: 10AM - 4PM  
SUN: 1PM - 4PM

Group tours to the American Gothic House and Center are a great addition to any tour itinerary no matter what time of year it is. Whether you are interested in history, art, a great photo opportunity, or a stroll through our beautiful native prairie gardens, we have something for everyone in your group.

We ask scheduled tours to have a minimum of 10 people in the group and to please give us a 3-4 week advance notice.

## PRE-ARRANGED GROUP TOUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Welcome and introduction to museum, Grant Wood, *American Gothic*, and the American Gothic House by docent; gallery and gift shop on your own
- Choice of two educational films (adult or children's version)
- Photos in front of the house (costumes and props may be available)
- Docent led tour of the American Gothic House interior

**Please note:** Visitors are only allowed to tour the ground floor since the stairs to the second floor are steep and winding with no handrail. In addition, the house is not easily accessible for individuals with mobility issues. There is a slight hill leading up to the house, two steps to get onto the porch, and one step to get inside the house.

- Bus parking (option to obtain video in advance for viewing on the bus)
- Restrooms (two stalls for women and one stall for men)
- Center is wheelchair accessible and there is one wheelchair available on-site
- Two outdoor picnic tables on-site but other outdoor shelters are near
- Monday or Tuesday tours may be available- contact Cari for details

Visit length depends on how many people you have in your group and which activities you participate in. Visits vary between 30 and 90 minutes. Admission prices start at \$5 each ages 13-59 and \$4 each ages 60+, discounts based on group size. Coming soon: educational classroom for personalized programs!

Please note that tours may be available outside of our normal hours of operation with advanced arrangement.





# Welcome aboard the **Celebration Belle**

Planning your group event? Cruise atop the #1 attraction in our area~ The Mississippi River! The Celebration Belle is a unique experience for any of your event needs!

*Join us!*

**2025**



Family owned, cruising the Mississippi River for over 40 years!

## **Captain's Dinner Cruise**

(Please call or see brochure for dates available)

Board: 6:00 pm Depart: 6:30 pm Return 9:00 pm

2 1/2 hour cruise Live Entertainment

Full dinner buffet including:

our famous carved prime rib  
marinated baked chicken breast  
hot pasta w/ fresh vegetables  
potato & vegetable rolls w/ butter assorted cold salads  
dessert coffee and iced tea

Tuesday-Friday \$60.95 per person\*

(Mondays are available based on availability)

Saturday \$62.95 per person

Tax and gratuity included

**~ Put your planning at ease ~**

**Contact: Susan**

**800-297-0034 x 204**

**309-764-1952 x 204**

**susan@celebrationbelle.com**



## **Narrated Lunch Cruise**

(Please call or see brochure for dates available)

Board: 11:30 am Depart: 12:00 pm Return 1:30 pm

1 1/2 hour cruise Captain's Narration

Full hot lunch buffet including:

marinated baked chicken breast or chef's choice  
hot pasta w/ fresh vegetables  
potato & vegetable  
assorted cold salads rolls w/ butter  
dessert, coffee and iced tea

\$43.95 per person\*

Tax and gratuity included

## **Sightseeing Cruise**

1 1/2 hour Captain's Narrated cruise

\$20.00 per person

Food options available ~ Call for details

**Private events ~ Charters available**

Call for details / rates

\*all rates listed are for groups of 20 people or more



# 2025 Celebration Belle Group Schedule

		APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	PRICING
<b>Captains Dinner &amp; Dance</b> 6:30pm-9pm		Tues-Sat	Tues-Sat	3, 4, 5, 6, 7 10, 11, 12, 13 14, 17, 20, 21 24, 25, 26, 27 28	1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9 10, 11, 12, 18, 19 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 29, 30, 31	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 9, 15, 16, 19, 20 21, 22, 23, 26, 27 28, 29, 30	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 10, 11, 12, 13, 20 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	23, 24, 25 28, 29, 30, 31	Tues-Fri: \$ 60.95 Sat: \$ 62.95
<b>Narrated Lunch Cruise</b> 12pm-1:30pm		Tues-Sat Except 24	Tues-Sat Except 15	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 11, 13, 14, 17, 20 21, 24, 25, 27, 28	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 11, 12, 18, 19, 22 23, 25, 26, 29, 30	2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 15 16, 19, 22, 23, 26 27, 28, 29, 30	2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 12, 13, 20, 23 24, 26	24, 28, 29 30, 31	\$ 43.95
<b>Classic Oldies</b> <i>Moline</i>		24 11am - 3pm		12 11am - 3pm	10 11am - 3pm	7 11am - 3pm	11 11am - 3pm		\$ 64.95
<b>Hits of the Decades</b> <i>Moline</i>			15 11am - 3pm		24 11am - 3pm	21 11am - 3pm	25 11am - 3pm		\$ 64.95
<b>Tribute to Piano Men</b> <i>Moline</i>				26 11am - 3pm		20 11am - 3pm			\$ 64.95
<b>Tribute to the Rat Pack</b> <i>Moline</i>					31 11am - 3pm		4 11am - 3pm		\$ 64.95
<b>Oktoberfest Cruise</b> <i>Moline</i>							25 11am - 3pm		\$ 64.95
<b>Fall Foliage Cruise</b> <b>4-Hour</b> <i>Moline</i>							27 11am - 3pm	23, 25 11am - 3pm	\$ 64.95
<b>Fall Foliage Cruise</b> <i>Moline to Muscatine</i> <i>Muscatine to Moline</i>								22 11am - 3pm	\$ 64.95
<b>Bix Jazz Lunch Cruise</b> <b>3-Hour</b>						1 11am - 2pm			\$ 63.95
<b>Dubuque, IA Departures</b>					Classic Oldies 16 11am - 3pm	Classic Oldies/ Hits of the Decades 13 11am - 3pm			\$ 64.95
<b>Dubuque Dinner</b> <i>Dubuque</i>					16 6pm - 8:30pm	13 6pm - 8:30pm			\$ 60.95
<b>All Day Cruises</b>	<i>LeClaire, IA to Dubuque, IA</i>			18 7am - 6pm	15 7am - 6pm	12 7am - 6pm	15 7am - 6pm		\$ 180.95
	<i>Dubuque, IA to Moline, IL</i>			19 7am - 6pm	17 7am - 6pm	14 7am - 6pm	19 7am - 6pm		\$ 180.95
	<i>Moline, IL to Clinton, IA</i> <i>Round Trip Fall Cruise</i>							21 10am - 6pm	\$ 128.95
<b>North Fall Cruises</b>	<i>Dubuque, IA to Prairie du Chien, WI</i>						16 10am - 6pm		\$ 128.95
	<i>Prairie du Chien, WI</i> <i>Fall Foliage - 4 Hour</i>						17 11am - 3pm		\$ 64.95
	<i>Prairie du Chien, WI</i> <i>Dinner Cruise</i>						17 6:30pm - 9pm		\$ 60.95
	<i>Prairie du Chien, WI to Dubuque, IA</i>						18 10am - 6pm		\$ 128.95
<b>South Fall Cruises</b>	<i>Moline, IL to Burlington, IA</i>						29 7am - 6pm		\$ 189.95
	<i>Burlington, IA to Hannibal, MO</i>						30 7am - 6pm		\$ 189.95
	<i>Hannibal, MO to Grafton, IL</i>							1 7am - 6pm	\$ 189.95
	<i>Alton, IL to Chester, IL</i>							2 7am - 6pm	\$ 189.95
	<i>Madison, IN to Cincinnati, OH</i>							7 7am - 6pm	\$ 189.95
<b>Holiday Cruise</b>					November 21	12pm - 3pm			\$ 60.95



All cruises include  
tax and gratuity.

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Stay on budget with our affordable venues, amenities, and attractions!

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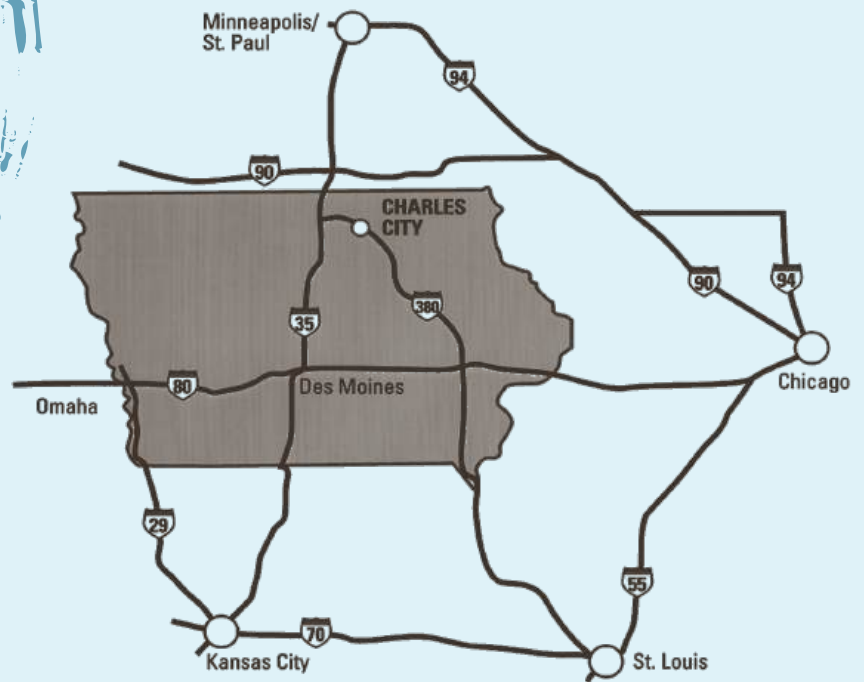
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Tourism Coordinator

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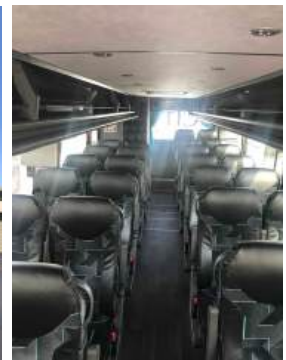
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## PEAK PERIOD AND ECONOMICAL PERIODS

- Peak Season- March, April, September, October
- Economical Travel Season- August, Late November, December and January



## COMMITTED TO SUSTAINABILITY

Along with the use of bio-diesel, motorcoaches have the lowest carbon footprint among 12 different forms of transportation. CIT Signature Transportation is certified in the Sustainable transportation from the University of Vermont. We train our drivers on being IdleFree and track this date for continuous improvement.



## TRUSTED FRIEND NETWORK

Through our participation in industry events and associations, we have created a large network across the United States. In case of a mechanical incident, our friends have sent us a bus or sent us their mechanic, so you can continue your journey.







## **Clinton, Iowa: Your Unexpected Escape on the Mighty Mississippi**

A river town that will capture your heart and create affordable memories that will last a lifetime.

Clinton located at the junction of  
The Great River Road & Lincoln Highway

3 Hour Drive from  
Chicago ● Madison ● Des Moines ● Springfield, IL

5 Hour Drive from  
St Louis ● Indianapolis ● Grand Rapids ● St Paul

Interested in Activities? Our partners love to offer unique & fun experiences such as

- Murder Mystery Dinner at the George Curtis Mansion
- Paint & Sip at Local Eating & Drinking Establishments
- Private tours of ballpark, museums, winery, and brewery
- Candy demo at Grandma's Goody Jar
- Professional stagecraft at Showboat Theatre
- Wine tastings at Don's Jewelry or Wide River Winery
- Meet & Greet the Lumberkings Baseball team
- Art Tours By Clinton Artists
- Guided Historical Tours

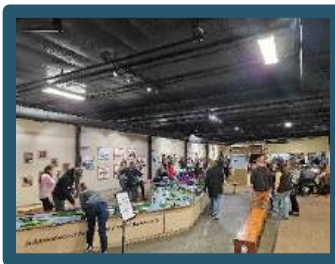
Experience the Mississippi River through catered tours or one of our itineraries. Explore our group tours at [hgrowclinton.com/visiting/group-tour-bus-tours/](http://hgrowclinton.com/visiting/group-tour-bus-tours/)

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### **Regional Attractions**

**Clinton Area Showboat Theatre**  
**DeImmigrant Windmill**  
**Rusty Barrel Lounge**  
**Lumberkings Baseball**  
**The Sawmill Museum**  
**Wild Rose Casino & Hotel**  
**Wide River Winery**  
**Paint It Back**  
**Bicklehaupt Arboretum**  
**Riverfront Dining**  
**Eagle Point Park**  
**Grandma's Goody Jar**  
**Downtown Shopping District**  
**Great Revivalist Brewery**  
**George Curtis Mansion**  
**Clinton Co. Historical Society**  
**Catholic History Center**  
**Duke Slater Memorial Statue**  
**Freedom Rock**  
**Rainbow Arts Center**  
**Veteran's Memorial**  
**Clinton Marina**  
**Great River Road**  
**Lincoln Highway**  
**River Cities Art Trail**  
**Riverview Bandshell**  
**Lyons District Shopping**  
**Valley Oaks Golf Course**  
**Mississippi River Eco-Tourism Center**





**Historical Rivertown:** Experience when Clinton was the lumber capital and how it now feeds the nation through key attractions like The Sawmill Museum, Clinton County Historical Society, and Curtis Mansion.

Like History? Check out these other Historic Landmarks

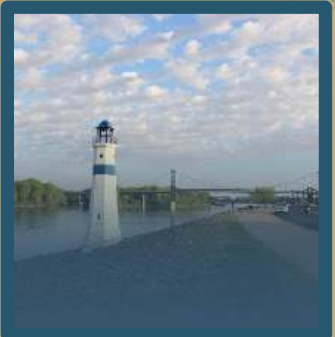
The Sawmill Museum • Curtis Mansion  
Clinton Public Library • St. Boniface Catholic Historical Center  
Clinton County Historical Museum • Clinton County Courthouse  
• Duke Slater Memorial Statue



**Arts & Culture:** Clinton is home to live theater, impressive public art, regular events, and live entertainment all year long. Don't forget the Casino and their full calendar of events.

Like Arts? Check out these other Arts, Education & Entertainment Venues

Wild Rose Casino & Hotel •  
Paint It Back Art Festival • Bicklehaupt Arboretum  
• The Grove: A Forest of Art  
Live Music seasonally at: Finally Friday • Music on the Avenue  
• Market Music/Wednesday Farmer's Market • Tailgate N Tallboys



**Mighty Mississippi & Recreation:** The River provides amazing recreational opportunities. Don't forget the Illinois side, the backwaters, and the agritourism options for your group tour. Fulton, Illinois is a must pair to any trip to Clinton.

Like Unique Venues? Check out these other One-of-a-Kind Attractions

Clinton County Eco-Center • Blue Heron Pontoon Ride  
• Blue Hill Dairy Farm • Eagle Point Park  
• Clinton Marina • Fulton Illinois  
• Lumberkings Baseball



**Group Dining Stunning settings accommodate groups of all sizes with food that matches the views. Clinton is famous for Chicken George!**

Like great eateries? Check out these other Area-Specific Food & Beverage spots

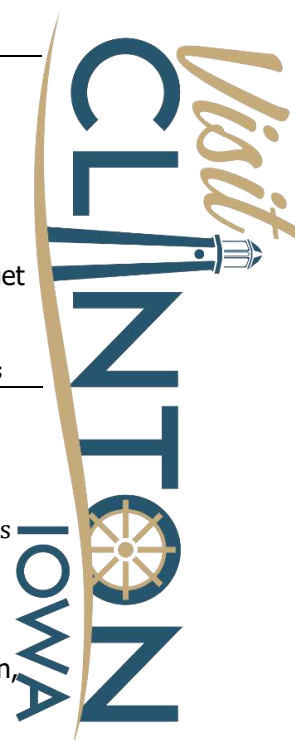
Rastrelli's • Great Revivalist Brewery • Wide River Winery  
Candlelight Inn • Backshop Pizza  
Homer's Deli & Sweetheart Bakery •  
Deanna's Java • SOI5 Thai • Legend's Sports Bar • Coach's Corner



**Shopping** Shop our historic street-scaped downtown and the north end. Find that one of a kind antique item that can only be found in an historic river town.

Like to shop? Check out these 100% unique options for Retail Therapy

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Dudad's Hallmark • Déjà vu Furniture & Accessories  
Keeping You Sewing • Dandelion Wishes • Lulu Jo's • Renaissance  
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# WELCOME TO DES MOINES

In Greater Des Moines, we love to play host and it shows. Here you'll find all the desirable features of a larger urban center without any of the hassle. Culture without the cost. Art without the attitude. Travel without the traffic. Walkable without the worry. Whether you are city or country, spontaneous or calculated, Des Moines is relatable and comfortable, with something for everyone; the ideal blend of practical and aspirational.



## FOODIE DESTINATION

When it comes to dining in Greater Des Moines, there are so many appetizing options. From food on a stick to James Beard-nominated chefs, we put the "farm" in farm-to-table.



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1,000+  
Locally Owned  
Restaurants

18  
As Seen on TV  
Destinations

20+  
Local Breweries,  
Wineries, &  
Taprooms

12  
James Beard  
Nominated  
Chefs

## MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

### John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park

4.4 acres of inspiring art and selfie opportunities.

### Iowa State Capital

100 rooms of awe-inspiring history and camera-ready beauty.

### Blank Park Zoo

Lions and tigers and red panda bears, oh my!

### Downtown Farmers' Market

Food, music, murals, more than 300 vendors, and lots of dogs. It's one of the best-rated Farmers' Markets in America for a reason.

### Adventureland Park

An amusement park, water park, and underrated beer destination all in one.

### Prairie Meadows Racetrack, Casino, and Hotel

Enjoy live horseracing May — September, year-round sports betting, and 85,000 square feet of nonstop casino action.

### Jordan Creek Town Center

Iowa's largest shopping and entertainment district with more than 150 stores and entertainment venues like Topgolf and Smash Park.



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## CATCH THE EASE

### OUR AIRPORT

Des Moines International Airport is 10 minutes from downtown Des Moines offering 30+ nonstop flights\* (see map).

*\*includes seasonal flights*

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- 3 hours to Kansas City, MO
- 3.5 hours to Minneapolis, MN



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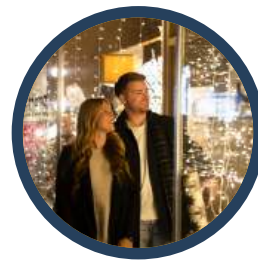
Whether it's craft beer, local wine, or a local experience, you'll make a memory in Greater Des Moines! Make your own craft to take home or try out something that's already Iowa crafted. Either way, we're sure you'll love it!



### AS SEEN ON TV

**"Is this Heaven? No, it's Iowa."**

That's either the famous movie quote from "Field of Dreams" or the question you're bound to ask when you bite into one of the many foodie feasts from the capital city featured on TV.



### HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Want to see what the holidays are like in the Midwest? Bright lights, fluffy snow, delicious hot chocolate? Explore the classics of Greater Des Moines for your next holiday-themed trip!



### HISTORY BUFF

Discover the unique stories of influential people and the (sometimes literal) ground work they laid to build Greater Des Moines into the rich cultural destination it is today.

## UNIQUE TOURS

Whether you're looking to find outdoor adventures or dive into the Greater Des Moines arts and culture scene, our itineraries can help you make the most out of your Greater Des Moines trip.



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ITINERARIES  
AND MORE!**



### QUILTING FEVER

Come for the quilting, stay for the shopping, museums, historic homes, and amazing artwork around every corner!



### GIRLS GETAWAY

Looking for somewhere to spend a weekend with the gals? Greater Des Moines has it all – from bottomless brunches and retail therapy to bridges and Broadway, there is no shortage of ways to unwind and pamper yourselves!



### FARM-TO-TABLE

Iowa feeds the world! On this tour, learn where your food comes from and watch it through the stages of production all the way to your fork. Whether you're a foodie, an agriculturalist, or an interested consumer...this is for you!



### AG-VENTURE

Here in Iowa, we lead the nation for many commodities including corn, egg, pork, and ethanol production. Bring your group to Des Moines to tour everything agriculture!

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DES MOINES**

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**CHECK OUT OUR  
PLANNER'S GUIDE**







# Iowa's Oldest City, Brand New Amenities!

Dubuque, Iowa's oldest city, is on the verge of an exciting transformation with several new developments enhancing its appeal.



## National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium

### DETAILS:

The museum is taking on a new look! Be sure to stop in and check out the new Otter Habitat opening in spring!

### ESTIMATED COMPLETION:

Spring 2025



## Island Social + Q Casino

### DETAILS:

77+ High End Arcade Games  
6 Duckpin Bowling Lanes  
6 Digital Axe Throwing Lanes  
PinSeekers Coming 2026

### ESTIMATED COMPLETION:

Now Open



## The Key Hotel

### DETAILS:

Tapestry Collection by Hilton  
90+ total rooms and suites  
Rooftop restaurant and bar  
Event space

### ESTIMATED COMPLETION:

Fall 2025



## Wanderwood Gardens

### DETAILS:

2.5 Acres  
15 different areas  
Learning & education center  
Interactive gardens

### ESTIMATED COMPLETION:

Spring 2026



## Residence Inn & Courtyard by Marriott

### DETAILS:

6 story building  
160 total rooms  
Located in Port of Dubuque

### ESTIMATED COMPLETION:

Summer 2026



## Dubuque Museum of Art

### DETAILS:

3 Building Campus  
Educational Courtyard  
Rooftop Garden & Green Space  
Terrace and Cafe  
New Gallery Spaces

### ESTIMATED COMPLETION:

Fall 2027



**Denver Air Connection will now be flying into Dubuque Daily:**  
Denver Air has interline agreements with American, United, and Delta.  
You can book one itinerary from your destination to Dubuque!



BERNING ACRES



DUBUQUE ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS



CONVIVUM URBAN FARMSTEAD



BREITBACH'S COUNTRY DINING



FIELD OF DREAMS MOVIE SITE



EAGLE POINT PARK



MATHIAS' HAM HOUSE



IRISH MEADOWS ALPACA FARM



# Homes, Barns, & Gardens.

## DAY 1: HISTORICAL HOMES

**Morning:** **Mathias Ham House.** Tour this 19th-century mansion and learn about Dubuque's "Sauerkraut King."

**Late Morning:** **Historic Progressive Dinner.** Enjoy a meal while visiting unique properties like the Fannie Stout House.

**Afternoon:** **Dyer-Botsford Historical House.** Discover the Victorian architecture and 2,000 dolls in Dyersville.

**Evening:** **Field of Dreams Movie Site.** Visit the iconic farmhouse and relive your favorite scenes.

## DAY 2: RUSTIC BARNs

**Morning:** **Irish Meadows Alpaca Farm.** Meet show alpacas and learn about their history.

**Late Morning:** **Breitbach's Country Dining.** Savor a homemade buffet at Iowa's oldest restaurant.

**Afternoon:** **Berning Acres.** Explore a dairy farm and its educational activities.

**Evening:** **Morocco Supper Club.** End the day with a famous chicken dinner.

## DAY 3: VIBRANT GARDENS

**Morning:** **Dubuque Arboretum.** Enjoy seasonal blooms from tulips to chrysanthemums..

**Late Morning:** **Wanderwood Gardens.** Experience a magical, nature-filled adventure. Opening in 2026.

**Afternoon:** **Eagle Point Park.** Soak in Mississippi River views and lush landscapes.

**Evening:** **Convivium Urban Farmstead.** Enjoy farm-to-table dining and urban farming projects.

## COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES

**Itineraries:** Customized itinerary creation.

**Lodging:** Gathering of hotel room rates.

**Site Visits:** Customized site visits.

**Welcome:** Personal group welcome.

**Caramels:** Made by our local nuns.

**Resources:** 'The Groupie' - Group Tour Planner Guide and 'The Groupie Gamer' Day Trip Cards.

## GROUP TOUR FRIENDLY RESTAURANTS

**7 HILLS BREWING** [7hillsbrew.com](http://7hillsbrew.com)

**BREITBACH'S COUNTRY DINING** [breitbachscountrydining.com](http://breitbachscountrydining.com)

**CATFISH CHARLIE'S** [catfishcharliesdubuque.com](http://catfishcharliesdubuque.com)

**CONVIVUM URBAN FARMSTEAD** [convivium-dbq.com](http://convivium-dbq.com)

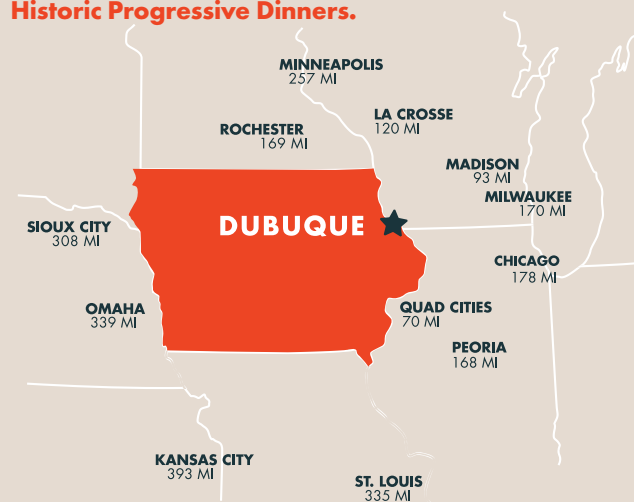
**MORACCO SUPPER CLUB** [moraccodebq.com](http://moraccodebq.com)

**POTOSI BREWERY** [potosibrewery.com](http://potosibrewery.com)

**STONE CLIFF WINERY** [stonecliffwinery.com](http://stonecliffwinery.com)

**TIMMERMAN'S SUPPER CLUB** [timmermanssupperclub.com](http://timmermanssupperclub.com)

**For unique dining experience, ask about our Historic Progressive Dinners.**



Scan or head to [traveldubuque.com/groups](http://traveldubuque.com/groups) for more itineraries.



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# FAIRFIELD IOWA



F&S Cider House



ICON Gallery



Carnegie Museum

## Art, Cider, History

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IN SOUTHEAST IOWA!

1-3  
Day  
Itineraries

- Creative Spaces Art Tour
- Historic Heroes Tour
- Comfort Food & Brews Foodie Tour
- Make & Explore: A Creative Experience
- Unique Shopping
- For the love of Birds; a beginners day out.



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# FAIRFIELD MUST DO ACTIVITIES

- **Explore** the history of early agriculture
- Admire the strength & grace of **draft horses**
- Hear the **stories** of Iowa's early heroes
- Watch stained glass **artists** at work
- Take a guided tour of SE Iowa Birds with our **birdwatching** experience
- Take in some **entertainment** in our astounding theater
- Find something new in our **unique shops**
- Participate in "**Paint & Party**" classes
- Explore a **Vedic Observatory**



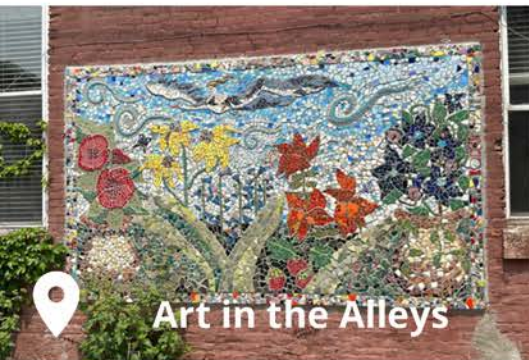
 **Maasdam Barns**



 **Carnegie Historical Museum**



 **Vedic Observatory**



 **Art in the Alleys**



 **Bountiful Bakery**



 **Cedar Valley Winery**

## Bask in the Art

Visit outdoor installations.  
Discover new artists in our galleries

## Comfort Food

From pastries to burgers, tacos to noodles, you'll find the best in comfort food

## Visit the Makers

From wineries and cideries to stained glass creators



FORT DODGE, IOWA

# *Dodge the Ordinary!*



Scan here for your  
FREE Meetings &  
Events Planning Guide!



## BITES & SIPS

Our restaurants serve a variety of food: from authentic Korean cuisine to a tea room, or two breweries including River Hops' locally-sourced ingredients and seasonal specialty brews, there's something new for you to try.

## AWESOME ART & HISTORY

With a city full of art, the 110-ft grain silo mural, and opportunities to explore your own artistry, creativity is everywhere. And don't forget to check out the Fort Museum and historic architecture downtown.

## AG ADVENTURES

Experience the workings of an active, family-owned and -operated community orchard with indoor cafe, boutique shopping, Iowa décor, and outdoor adventures for families. Visit our family owned and operated Soldier Creek Winery located on 9 acres of vines and taste their national-award-winning wines.

FORT DODGE, IA | [DODGETHEORDINARY.COM](http://DODGETHEORDINARY.COM)



# Visit Fort Dodge IOWA



STUDIO FUSION



GAGA & HOO

## FEATURED ATTRACTIONS:

- Guido van Helten Grain Silo Mural
- Soldier Creek Winery
- Ag Tourism
- Tea Thyme
- Blanden Memorial Art Museum
- Studio Fusion
- Terry Moehnke Veteran's Memorial Park
- River Hops & ShinyTop Brewing
- Fort Museum & Frontier Village
- Gaga & Hoo
- Matt Cosgrove River's Edge Discovery Center



FORT DODGE GRAIN  
SILO MURAL

## We offer...

Custom itineraries built for your group.  
Step-on guide services.  
Assistance making local arrangements  
A personal welcome.



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MATT COSGROVE  
RIVER'S EDGE  
DISCOVERY CENTER



RIVER HOPS BREWING





# GROUP TOUR & REUNION INFORMATION

**SITES:** BLUEDORN SCIENCE IMAGINARIUM | GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE  
RENSSELAER RUSSELL HOUSE MUSEUM | SULLIVAN BROTHERS IOWA VETERANS MUSEUM

## GROUP TOUR PACKAGES

- \$20: Self-Guided Tour of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum & Grout Museum of History and Science, Mini Sullivan Documentary, and **snack & drink break** (2.5 hrs)
- \$30: Self-Guided Tour of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum & Grout Museum of History and Science, Mini Sullivan Documentary, and **boxed lunch** (3 hrs) *This is the most popular tour option for military reunions!*
- \$35: Behind the Scenes Collection Tour and Self-Guided tour of Grout Museum & Iowa Veterans Museum (2-3 hrs)
- \$40: Self-Guided Tour of the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum & Grout Museum of History and Science, Mini Sullivan Documentary, Guided Tour of the Rensselaer Russell House Museum, and a **hot buffet, 25 person minimum** (3-4 hrs)

## BASIC TOUR OPTIONS

### SELF-GUIDED

Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum/ Grout Museum\* (3 hrs)

\$10/person

*Special Veterans rate*

\$5/Veteran

Add a private planetarium show (30 min)

\$4/person

Add a guided orientation at the start of your tour (45 min)

\$4/person

### GUIDED

Rensselaer Russell House (1.5-2 hrs)

\$15/person

*\* preferred choice of most group tour operators*

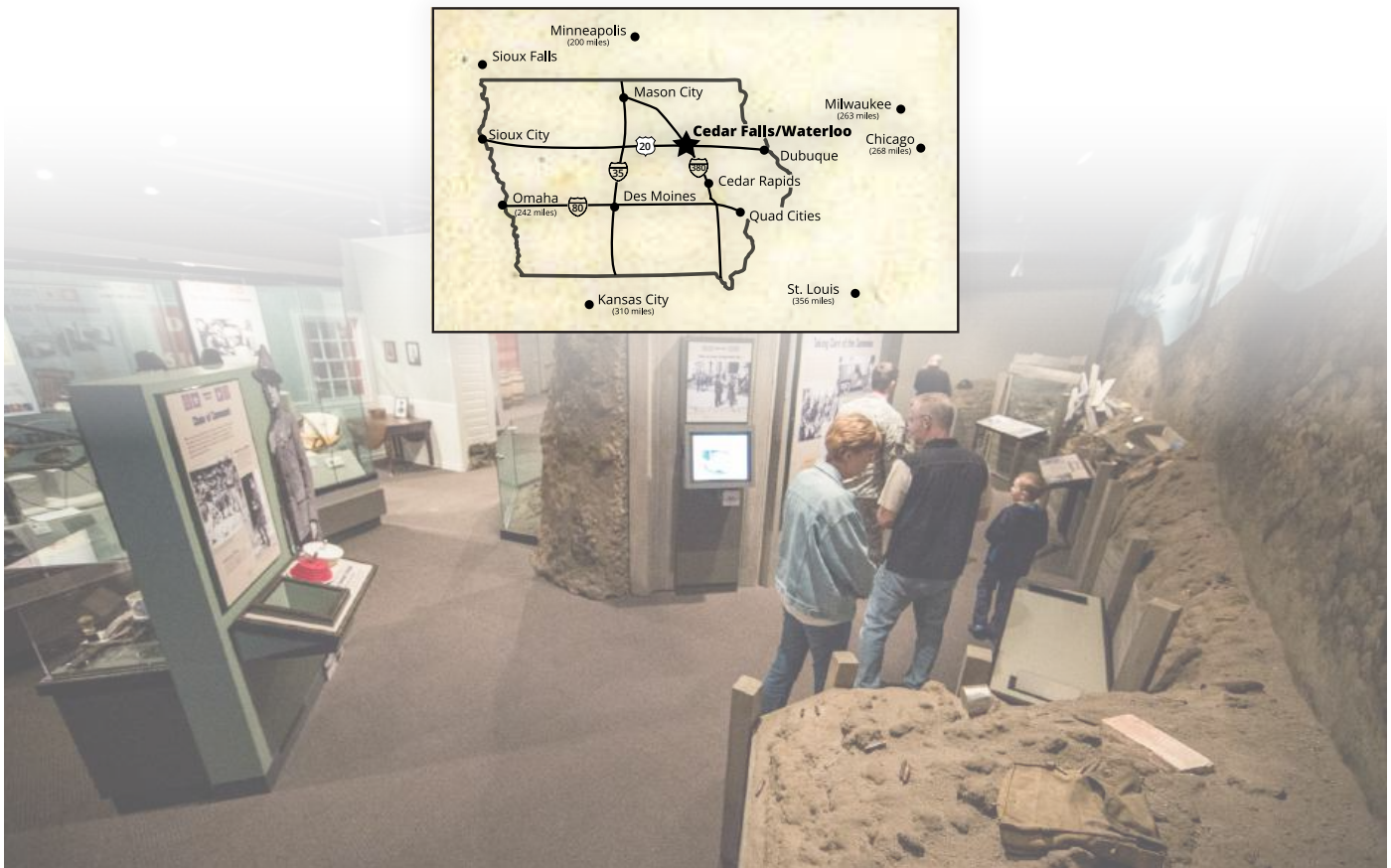
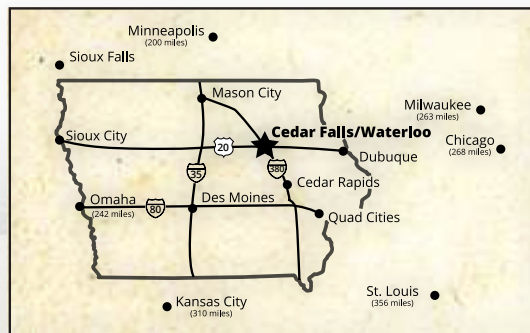
# BOOKING GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

- All Group Tours require a twelve-person minimum.
- Self guided tours may be booked Monday-Saturday, 10AM-4PM.
- All Saturday tours must be self-guided.
- Guided tours are available Monday-Friday.
- A flat \$50 tour guide fee will be applied to guided tours for each tour guide needed.
- You will receive a confirmation e-mail packet detailing costs, maps and parking directions.
- Submit **ONE** form of payment for the full amount payable to the Grout Museum District. Accepted forms of payment include Cash, Check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover, & American Express.
- **Reservation MUST be made at least two weeks prior to tour.**
- **Group Tours need to be paid in full one week in advance.**
- No refunds are available for visitors who are sick or cancel last minute.
- Membership admission does not apply when part of a group tour.

TO SCHEDULE A TOUR/FOR MORE INFO CONTACT DESIRAE SCHMIDT  
AT 319.234.6357 OR DESIRAE.SCHMIDT@GMDISTRICT.ORG.

FOR CURRENT TEMPORARY EXHIBIT SCHEDULE: [GMDISTRICT.ORG/EXHIBITS](http://GMDISTRICT.ORG/EXHIBITS)

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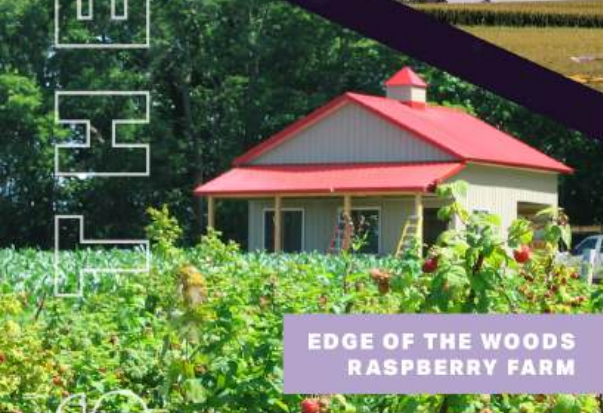
THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

# EXPERIENCE *Indianola*

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NATIONAL BALLOON  
CLASSIC



EDGE OF THE WOODS  
RASPBERRY FARM



PRIVATE OPERA  
LUNCHEON



BALLOONS  
& BELLINIS



INDIANOLA  
MAIN STREET

**BIG EXPERIENCES,  
SMALL-TOWN FEEL**

## EXPERIENCE INDIANOLA'S STAPLES INCLUDE:

- The National Balloon Classic
- Balloons, Bellinis & Breakfast
- Hit a High Note Luncheon at World-Renowned Opera
- Fly Through Indianola's Historic Main Street
- Numerous Agritourism Adventures
- Brewery and Winery Experiences
- Historical Tours including the George Washington Carver Museum
- National Balloon Museum
- A Sensory Soar Honey Tasting
- Des Moines, Covered Bridges, John Wayne Museum and Historic Pella within a short drive
- Plus so much more!

**EXPERIENCEINDIANOLA.COM/GROUPS**





WOW! What a day we enjoyed!! Learning about hot air ballooning was very interesting. You have quite an area to showcase and you all did a great job welcoming us to Indianola. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!

**Kathy, Millennium Club Director**



## NATIONAL BALLOON CLASSIC GROUP SKY SUITE

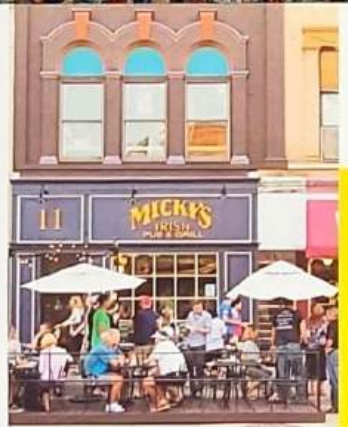
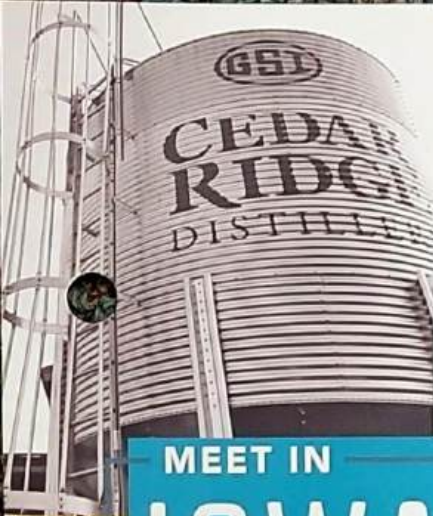


Take your guests experience OVER THE TOP with an exclusive VIP Sky Suite Rental at the National Balloon Classic! This exclusive suite is in a prime location and features three viewing options. The upper viewing deck beckons you to picture-perfect, unobstructed views of hot air balloons, drone shows, fireworks, Nite Glows™, and other entertainment.

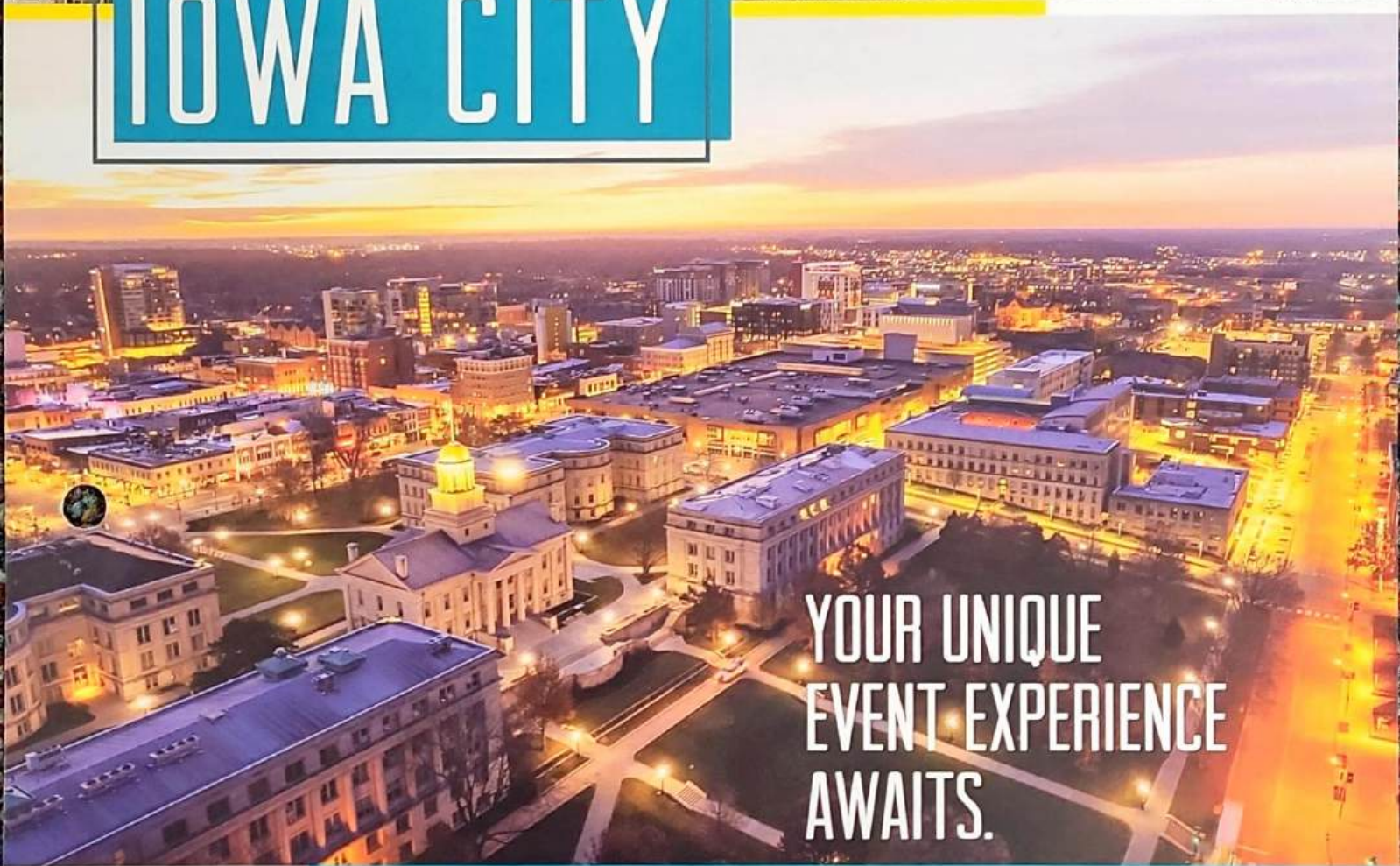


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# EXPLORE

## *Iowa City/Coralville*

**LET US CURATE YOUR  
EVENT EXPERIENCE**



### *Growing Ag-Tourism Industry*

Cedar Ridge Winery & Distillery | Wilson's Orchard & Farm | Walker Homestead |



### *Sports & Recreation*

Cycling | Hiking | Kayaking



### *Foodie & Brewery Scene*

Home to: Big Grove Brewery | Reunion Brewery | Backpacket Brewery | Field Day Brewing & hundreds of locally owned restaurants



### *"Greatest Small City for the Arts"*

A plethora of live music venues and local theatres. Hancher Auditorium | FilmScene | Englert Theatre | James Theatre | Riverside Theatre | Elray's



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An abundance of retail in Downtown Iowa City and Coralville's Iowa River Landing showcasing a thriving local community



**3,300+  
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**CENTRALLY LOCATED  
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**EASTERN IOWA  
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EXPERIENCE KALONA, IOWA

# KALONA *Tours*

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS GROUPS OF 12 OR MORE CAN TOUR KALONA.

## **\*COUNTRYSIDE TOUR** \$20/PER

Discover the world of Kalona businesses or the Amish who continue to live the simple, wholesome lives of our pioneers. Drive past their homes, schools, and farms as you learn about their fascinating traditions and customs.

INCLUDES 2 DESTINATION LOCATIONS (SEE BACK FOR DETAILS)

## **\*COUNTRY CULINARY** \$30/PER

Enjoy a "family-style" meal in a Mennonite home while you learn about the Amish and Mennonite way of life from a local guide. From home-baked bread to fresh fruit pies, we ensure you won't leave hungry.

## **\*EXTENDED COUNTRYSIDE TOUR** \$45/PER

### **COUNTRYSIDE TOUR + COUNTRY CULINARY** (2 DESTINATION LOCATIONS)

Learn as you visit 2 Destination Locations of your choosing and top off your tour with a wonderful, home-cooked, "family-style" meal.

## **ULTIMATE DAY TOUR** \$50/PER

Start your day at the Village welcome center with Coffee, Strudel and Tour. Then visit your choice of 2-3 Destination Locations. Learn interesting insight as you travel and tour the countryside.

**\*TOUR INCLUDES A 50% DISCOUNT ON THE HISTORICAL VILLAGE TOUR**



# DESTINATION LOCATIONS

APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR IS SPENT  
AT EACH LOCATION

- AMISH DAIRY GOAT FARM
- AMISH FIELD OPERATION
- BUNKER MILL BRIDGE HISTORIC SITE
- AMISH COUNTRY STORE
- CONSERVATIVE MENNONITE PROGRAM
- CREEKSIDE E-BIKES
- FARMERS HEN HOUSE
- GOLDEN DELIGHT BAKERY

- JK CREATIVE WOOD & GIFTS
- KALONA BREWING COMPANY
- KALONA BUGGY SHOP
- KALONA CHOCOLATES
- KALONA CREAMERY
- KALONA HISTORICAL VILLAGE
- AMISH CASKET MAKER

- KALONA QUILT & TEXTILE MUSEUM
- KALONA SALE BARN
- LOCAL FABRIC SHOPS & HISTORIC DOWNTOWN
- MAX-CAST SCULPTURE FOUNDRY
- OLD MANS CREEK WINERY
- STRINGTOWN GROCERY & PRODUCE

## DINNER DETAILS

**SAMPLE MENU:** Turkey, noodles, mashed potatoes & gravy, vegetable, lettuce or cabbage (coleslaw) salad, tapioca salad, home-baked bread, apple butter, homemade jam, homemade dessert, choice of drink.

*With delicious made from scratch meals and cheerful hospitality, the German style of cooking features large serving dishes passed around the table allowing folks to help themselves to portions to suit their palate and appetite. No one leaves the table hungry at an Amish/ Mennonite home cooked meal.*

## FULL MENU CHOICES:



**KALONA**  
HISTORICAL VILLAGE

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### PLEASE NOTE THESE RULES & RESTRICTIONS:

1. A minimum of 12 paid adults are required to reserve a date.
2. Reservations must be made at least 2 weeks prior to your tour date. Payment in full required 14 days prior when a final head count is provided.
3. The mode of transportation you bring to Kalona is the method of travel you will use to tour. We do not provide transportation.
4. We reserve the right to cancel any tour for any reason out of our control.
5. We may select the destinations you prefer to visit, but many are Mom & Pop operated and as such may not be available on the date you select.



# LECLAIRE IOWA

## THE PLACE FOR YOUR NEXT GROUP EXCURSION

### EXPERIENCE

- RIVERBOAT CRUISES
- ANTIQUES & BOUTIQUES
- HISTORY ON DISPLAY
- DELECTABLE DINING
- LIBATIONS LANE
- A MEMORABLE GETAWAY



RIVERBOAT TWILIGHT



BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM



ANTIQUE ARCHAEOLOGY

## LECLAIRE IOWA

### DISTANCE FROM

QUAD CITIES.....	11 MI
IOWA CITY .....	65 MI
DUBUQUE.....	74 MI
CEDAR RAPIDS .....	89 MI
CHICAGO.....	162 MI
DES MOINES .....	176 MI
MILWAUKEE .....	203 MI
ST. LOUIS.....	260 MI
MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL .....	332 MI





## YOUR NEXT STOP ON THE GREAT RIVER ROAD!

Memorable moments await your group tour in LeClaire, Iowa. With extraordinary shopping, dining, and hand-on experiences, countless craft libations, and historical finds along the Great River Road, your group will marvel in the spellbinding chapters woven by those who came before as well as the stories still being written.

## CRUISE THE MISSISSIPPI

There's no better way to experience the Mighty Mississippi River than on board the **Riverboat Twilight**, a 126-foot, replicated Victorian steamboat. Take in the sights and sounds of the Upper Mississippi River Valley on a 1.5-hour sightseeing tour or reserve a luxurious two-day trip for your group.

## ANTIQUES & BOUTIQUES

Stop and witness the genesis of an antiques empire. As the home base of the hit History Channel show *American Pickers*, **Antique Archaeology** is packed with famous finds from the show's history, including motorcycles and gorgeous neon signs — plus plenty of merchandise for fans. But the antique shopping doesn't stop there. Pick your own treasures at local antique shops like **Mississippi Cottage Antiques** and **Decades**. Looking for something a little more modern? Independent boutiques like **Aunt Hattie's Fanciful Emporium**, **Bela**, and **Dwellings Home Decor** offer unique finds for anyone looking to go beyond the big box.

## PIONEERS & TRAILBLAZERS

One of America's most legendary pioneers lives on at the **Buffalo Bill Museum**, celebrating the life of "Buffalo Bill" Cody from his beginnings in our humble river town to his career as a U.S. Army Scout and frontiersman to his legendary Wild West expositions. Also, now on display is the 5,200-carat Cody Stone extracted from Buffalo Bill's Campo Bonito mine in Arizona! Exploration doesn't end with LeClaire's favorite son — stop by the perfectly preserved Lone Star steamboat and other historic relics during your trip.

## DINE & DRINK

No matter what flavor your group prefers, you are sure to find something for every taste in our incredible restaurants, including fast, casual meals and sit-down plates with stunning vistas. After dinner, head down to **Libations Lane** for some of the best beer, wines, and spirits in Iowa. You're bound to find that one special drink — or even a new favorite.

## EXPERIENTIAL ATTRACTIONS

LeClaire is brimming with opportunities to get up close with locally made products and even try your hand at creating your own memories. See how local grains are transformed into distilled spirits with a tour of the **Mississippi River Distilling Company**. Pour your own scented wax keepsake at **Buttercup Candles** or unlock your creative side and create your own handmade gift at **Crafted QC** — perfect for your next girls' trip!

## GET TOGETHER HERE

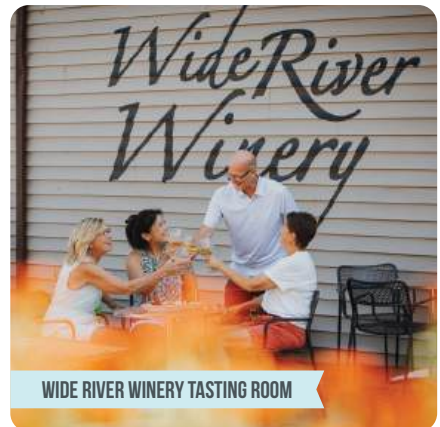
Planning your next big event? Nestled between Cody Road and the river, the **Celebration Center** at **Mississippi River Distilling Company** is the perfect spot for group outings, corporate events, birthdays, weddings, and more with its rooftop patio, whiskey cellar, and of course, plenty of handmade drinks and cocktails.



DWELLINGS HOME DECOR



CRANE & PELICAN CAFE



WIDE RIVER WINERY TASTING ROOM



CELEBRATION CENTER

### BUILDING AN ITINERARY? NEED LODGING?

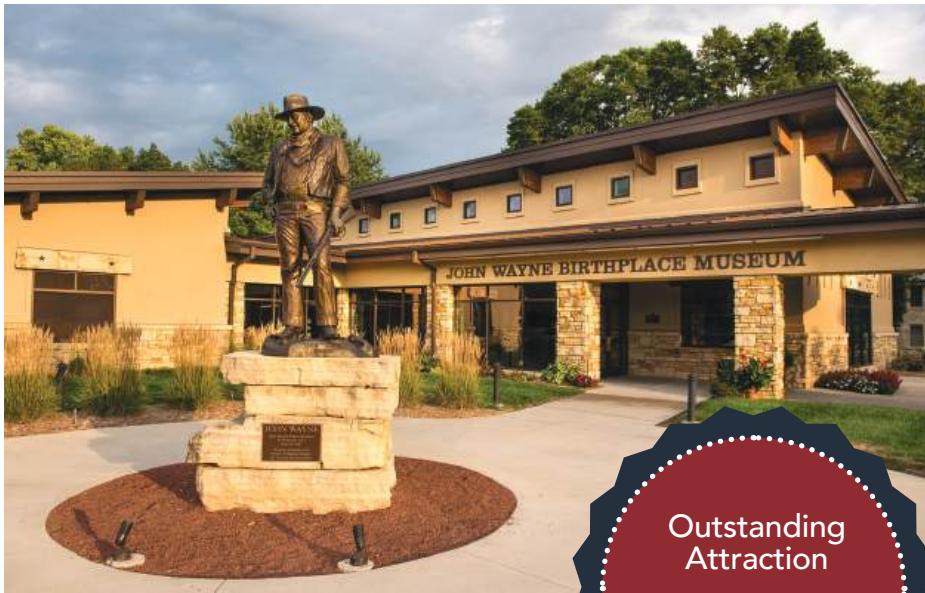
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# DISCOVER ICONIC AMERICA



## John Wayne Birthplace & Museum

The museum houses the largest diversified exhibit of John Wayne artifacts in existence, including original movie posters, film wardrobe, scripts, contracts, letters, artwork sculpture, and even one of his last customized automobiles. Admission includes the birthplace home which is adjacent to the museum.

- Open daily from 10 am to 4:30 pm.
- Groups of 20+: \$15 per person
- Estimated tour time: 1-1.5 hours

[johnwaynebirthplace.museum](http://johnwaynebirthplace.museum)

Outstanding  
Attraction

Iowa Tourism  
Award Winner

## Iowa Quilt Museum

Set in the former J.C. Penney building on Winterset's town square, the museum offers changing exhibits of American quilts.

- Group Rate (20+): \$6.00 per person
- Estimated tour time: 30-45 minutes

In addition to the quilt museum, quilters can shop at the award-winning Piece Works Quilt Shop (which also has workspace for quilting groups and retreats.)

The Iowa Quilt Festival takes place the first weekend in June each year in Winterset!



## Step-On Guided Tours



## History Brought to Life



## Culinary Experiences



## Arts & Culture



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## Hands-On Farm Visits



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STEP-ON GUIDED TOURS

# THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY

Known worldwide for our covered bridges, Madison County boasts six of these remaining historic structures, making us the Covered Bridge Capital of Iowa.

Group tours are our specialty! Each two-hour tour highlights the history of the bridges, the movie production, and a variety of local historical information while visiting several of the bridges. Your group's tour includes use of our Welcome Center, restrooms, and motorcoach parking, as well as the creation and coordination of your itinerary.

Tour time: 2 hours  
\$10 per person (Two comps provided)

[exploreimadisoncounty.com](http://exploreimadisoncounty.com)



**Contact:**  
Teddi Yaeger  
Tourism & Marketing Manager  
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**Driving Distances:**  
Pella, IA.....81 miles  
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Kansas City, MO.....182 miles  
Minneapolis, MN.....279 miles  
Chicago, IL.....369 miles





## MEET IN MARSHALLTOWN

In a sea of sameness, Marshalltown is a true original community of 28,000 people in the heart of Iowa.

### Marshalltown Highlights

- Red, White & Blue Capitol of Iowa
- Iowa's Only Resident Tribe (Meskwaki)
- Great Public Art & Free Art Museum
- Unique Museums
- Iconic Restaurants
- Great Shopping
- Made in America Manufacturing Tours
- Complimentary Step on Tours with a Professional Certified Guide
- And More!



### OUR LOCATION:

Located on Highway 30

30 mins from I-80 & I-35

45 mins to Des Moines

2.5 hours to Omaha, NE

3 hours to Kansas City, MO

3 hours to Minneapolis, MN

5 hours to Chicago, IL





# MARSHALLTOWN

## Iowa's Largest Hometown

### Hello from Marshalltown!

On behalf of 28,000 Marshalltonians (Marshalltownians? People of Marshalltown?), we are so happy to help you plan your Marshalltown adventure.

Marshalltown's central location, up-to-date facilities, nearly 600 hotel rooms, outstanding food options, history, art community, robust culture, rich Americana experiences and our hometown hospitality make us the ideal choice to host you and your tour group.

We look forward to supporting groups of all sizes. We look forward to answering any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,



**BRITTANY SICHRA**  
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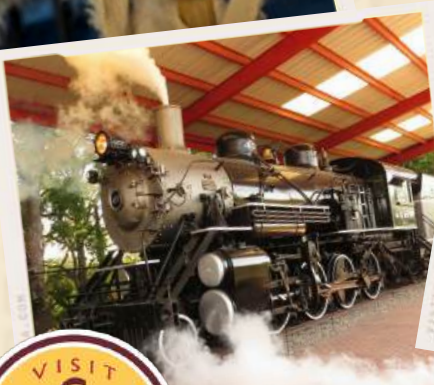


# Mason City

## IOWA



Located in the heart of the Midwest, our rich musical heritage and unique collection of historic architecture provide a variety of activities and experiences guaranteed to satisfy any group traveler.



## CONVENIENTLY LOCATED

*in the middle of everywhere  
and right on the way!*



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## MILES TO MASON CITY TO FROM:

### Iowa Cities

Burlington, IA	249
Cedar Rapids, IA	146
Council Bluffs, IA	245
Des Moines, IA	120
Dubuque, IA	164
Iowa City, IA	164
Quad Cities, IA	223
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Spirit Lake/Okoboji, IA	116
Waterloo/Cedar Falls, IA	81

### Midwest Cities

Chicago, IL	337
Fargo, ND	365
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Milwaukee, WI	371
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But Here....*

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READY TO CUSTOMIZE  
A TOUR TO MEET YOUR  
GROUP'S NEEDS.**

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and money with these  
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## ART & ARCHITECTURE

*Mason City, Iowa boasts a diverse array of art and architecture, from its historic Prairie School landmarks designed by Frank Lloyd Wright to contemporary sculptures and murals that reflect the city's vibrant cultural heritage.*



## MUSICAL HERITAGE

*Our rich musical heritage spans across all genres. From Broadway musicals to rock 'n roll, notable contributions include the birthplace of Meredith Willson, composer of "The Music Man," the annual North Iowa Band Festival honoring Willson's musical legacy, and the historic Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake.*



## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

*Experience the art of hospitality in Mason City, Iowa! Discover a diverse culinary scene featuring local flavors, charming shops with unique finds, and guided tours that explore the city's history and culture. Memorable moments await!*

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# Clear Lake & Mason City Iowa



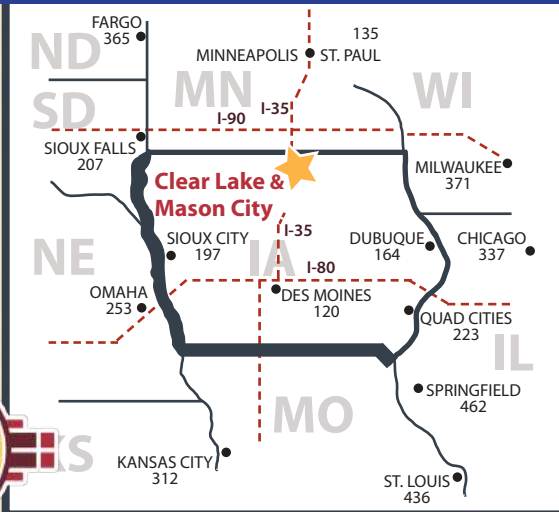
Located in the heart of the Midwest, Mason City and Clear Lake offer award-winning attractions, one-of-a-kind shops, eateries, and fabulous shopping – all blended with rich history and stunning architecture, and surrounded by stunning natural beauty and outdoor recreational opportunities.



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## LEGENDARY MUSIC EXPERIENCE

*Our rich musical heritage spans across all genres. From the historic Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake—an enduring icon of rock ‘n roll culture—to the celebrated legacy of Meredith Willson, whose The Music Man continues to inspire, honored annually by the North Iowa Band Festival.*



## HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

*Mason City and Clear Lake offer a blend of culture and history, from its historic Prairie School landmarks designed by Frank Lloyd Wright to the Clear Lake Fire Museum, a unique destination highlighting the courage and traditions of local firefighters*



## AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

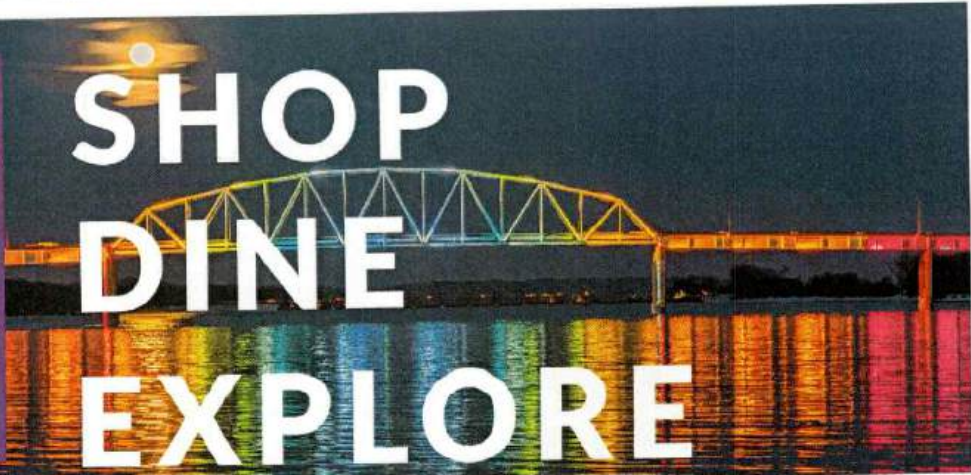
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# VISIT Muscatine IOWA



# SHOP DINE EXPLORE



## WORLD'S "UNOFFICIAL" LARGEST WATERMELON SLICE

Muscatine is home to the "unofficial" World's Largest Watermelon Slice which was installed in Fall of 2023. The sculpture measures a whopping 40 feet long, 16 feet tall, stands 26 feet high, and weighs 16,000 pounds! It's located on Muscatine's riverfront, a short walk from the Pearl City Station along the path and is lit in the evenings.

1 Harbor Drive • Muscatine, Iowa 52761  
[visitmuscataine.com/479/Worlds-Largest-Watermelon-Slice](http://visitmuscataine.com/479/Worlds-Largest-Watermelon-Slice)  
 (563) 263-8895



## THE NATIONAL PEARL BUTTON MUSEUM

Experience the Muscatine that was the "Pearl Button Capital of the World," a story proudly being told as the "gold rush of the Midwest", it wasn't gold, it wasn't silver, it was mother of pearl shells, taken from rivers of 19 states to make 1.5 billion pearl buttons annually, 1/3 of the world's pearl buttons.. a story started in the 1890's. Learn about how Muscatine is still a thriving manufacturing center on the second level of the museum through displays on 1940's and 1950's entrepreneurial giants who led to the manufacturing of products like office furniture, retread tires and corn product processing.

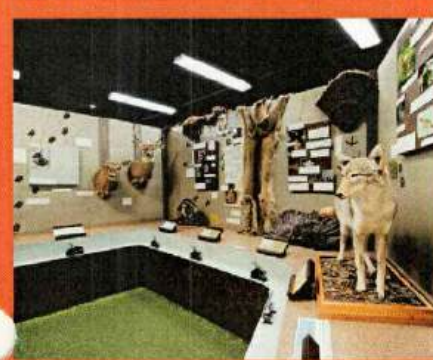
117 W. 2nd Street • Muscatine, Iowa 52761  
[muscatainehistory.org](http://muscatainehistory.org)  
 (563) 263-1052



## MUSCATINE ART CENTER

Visitors to the Muscatine Art Center encounter paintings made by artists recognized around the world, fascinating objects connected to Muscatine's past, beautifully crafted decorative arts, charming period rooms, and a Japanese Garden installed nearly a century ago. Learners of all ages can pique their curiosity through changing exhibitions, classes, and events.

1314 Mulberry Avenue • Muscatine, Iowa 52761  
[muscataineartcenter.org](http://muscataineartcenter.org)  
 (563) 263-8282



## ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER

The Environmental Learning Center offers numerous natural history exhibits, two 1,200-gallon aquariums with native fish, live reptiles and amphibians, more than 100 mounted animals and is the home to the Muscatine County Conservation Board office. The classroom in the Environmental Learning Center is available for rental by organized groups or businesses for workshops and meetings. Live animal demonstration available upon request.

3300 Cedar Street • Muscatine, Iowa 52761  
[muscatainecountyconservation.com](http://muscatainecountyconservation.com)  
 (563) 264-5922

## What we offer

- STEP-ON GUIDE SERVICES
- ASSISTANCE MAKING LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS
- PERSONAL WELCOME & VISITOR INFORMATION

## EXAMPLE ITINERARIES

- Buttons, Burgers, Birdies and Brews Itinerary
- Art, Antiques and Architecture Itinerary
- Let's Stay Outside Itinerary
- Bring Your Family to Meet Ours Itinerary

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THE  
**MERRILL**  
HOTEL

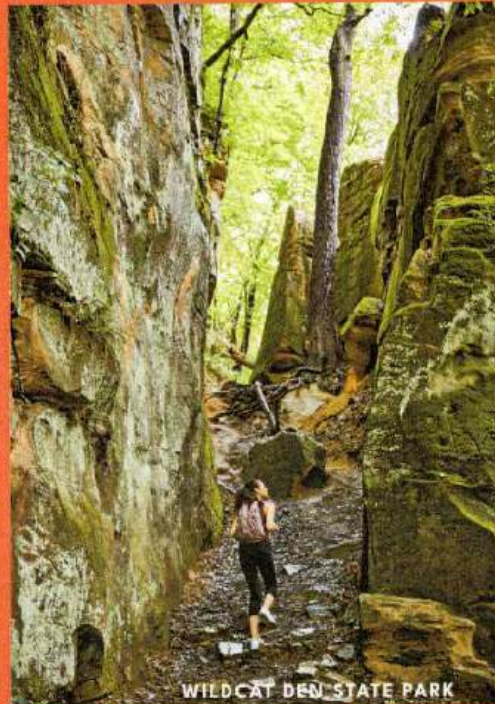
*Iowa's Top  
Rated Hotel!*

Muscatine has multiple lodging options including our award winning hotel. The Merrill, A Tribute Portfolio Hotel is a 4-Diamond boutique hotel that is located just steps away from our beautiful riverfront and vibrant downtown! It features Maxwell's on the River with riverfront views and upscale cuisine.



**A CONVENIENT  
WEEKEND  
Getaway!**

## *Outdoor Recreation*



WILDCAT DEN STATE PARK



DEEP LAKES PARK



EAGLE WATCHING

## *Shopping & Nightlife*

The Historic Downtown Muscatine District is home to a variety of unique shops and family-owned restaurants, and vibrant nightlife! Visit [muscatine.com/downtown](http://muscatine.com/downtown) to see a complete list of businesses.







# VACATION Okoboji

## WHO WE ARE

Okoboji is a nostalgic resort community nestled in the northwest corner of Iowa. It is just one of the 7 unique communities that make up the Iowa Great Lakes Region.

In the Iowa Great Lakes Region, you will find small towns and trails that wind through and around the 15,000 acres of glacially carved lakes. Each community and the lakes themselves offer a wide array of activities that are sure to entertain your group!



Historic Arnolds Park



Iowa Rock N' Roll Museum

## CUSTOMIZED ITINERARIES AVAILABLE!

Vacation Okoboji offers personalized itineraries tailored to your group's interests. From scenic boat tours and museum visits to lakeside dining and live entertainment, we'll help you plan a seamless and unforgettable trip!

## DISTANCE TO REGIONAL CITIES:

Sioux Falls, SD	87 miles
Sioux City, IA	110 miles
Omaha, NE	179 miles
Minneapolis, MN	181 miles
Des Moines, IA	205 miles
Kansas City, MO	332 miles
Chicago, IL	509 miles



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📍 Queen II Public Cruise Boat

## WHAT WE OFFER

### 🚢 YEAR ROUND ENTERTAINMENT

- **Okoboji Classic Cars:** Tour a 45,000-square-foot showroom featuring 80+ classic cars, 1960s murals, and a working restoration shop.
- **Museums:** Explore 13 unique museums in Dickinson County, covering a variety of fascinating topics—from boats and maritime history to rock 'n roll, vintage pinball machines, and beyond.
- **Guided Tours:** Take an informative and fun guided tour around the lake, led by local tourism experts, to discover historic homes and fascinating local tales.



📍 Okoboji Classic Car Museum

### 🚢 LAKESIDE LEISURE

- **Boat Tours:** Cruise West Lake Okoboji aboard historic excursion boats like the Queen II.
- **Historic Arnolds Park:** Stroll through charming shops and restaurants housed in buildings with rich, colorful histories.



📍 West O Brewery

### 🚢 DELICIOUS DINING & LOCAL FLAVORS

- **Wine & Beer Tasting:** Explore craft breweries and wineries, each offering unique flavors and locally produced beverages.
- **Lakeside Dining:** Treat your group to an unforgettable dining experience at one of Okoboji's many lakeside restaurants. From casual fare to fine dining, there's something for every palate.



📍 Bracco & Waterfront Grille

### 🚢 OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- **Nature & Wildlife:** Tour the Dickinson County Nature Center, Spirit Lake Fish Hatchery, or Iowa Lakeside Labs for educational, hands-on experiences.
- **Historic Landmarks:** Visit the Abbie Gardner Cabin, a poignant historical site, or the meticulously recreated Winchester Store Museum.
- **Scenic Trails:** Discover the Iowa Great Lakes Trail System for biking, walking, or just enjoying the natural beauty.
- **Glacial Legacy:** Learn about the unique glacial formations that shaped the region, from its crystal-clear lakes to its rolling landscapes.

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INFORMATION!



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# MEET Ottumwa

AND WAPELLO COUNTY, IOWA

YOU'RE ON THE ROAD.  
WE'RE YOUR DESTINATION.

Group tours will never run out of memorable experiences in Ottumwa and Wapello County. Whether you're daytripping or staying for the weekend, immerse yourself in history, the arts, outdoor activities, international cuisine, and one-of-a-kind local shopping districts.



## WHAT TO EXPERIENCE:

- Stand where Grant Wood sketched the world-famous *American Gothic* house
- Attend performances at Bridge View Center by national, regional and local artists
- Hike 16 miles of Wapello County Trail System
- Explore Pioneer Ridge Nature Area & Center
- Sample menus from 54 local restaurants
- Visit the Main Street shopping district
- Take pictures at the Radar O'Reilly M\*A\*S\*H exhibits at Meet Ottumwa & Iowa Heartland History Connection







# DID YOU *Know*?

BUT WAIT ... THERE'S MORE!

## Known around the world:

- Ottumwa residents represent more than 40 nationalities and speak more than 50 dialects. This diversity can be found in our local restaurants, stores, and events.
- In the early 1980s, Ottumwa's Twin Galaxies arcade began keeping high scores for video games. Thanks to Life Magazine and That's Incredible, we are officially the Video Game Capital of the World.
- Outlaw Jesse James, astronaut Scott Carpenter, and former president Richard Nixon all have Ottumwa connections.



## Meet Ottumwa makes it easy.

Let our experts make planning your time in Ottumwa effortless. From itineraries and restaurant suggestions to hotel room blocks and coordinating with venues and attractions, we'll be your boots on the ground. Start your trip at the Meet Ottumwa Visitor Center, 115 E. Main St., then set off on your adventure with everything you need for a one-of-a-kind experience.



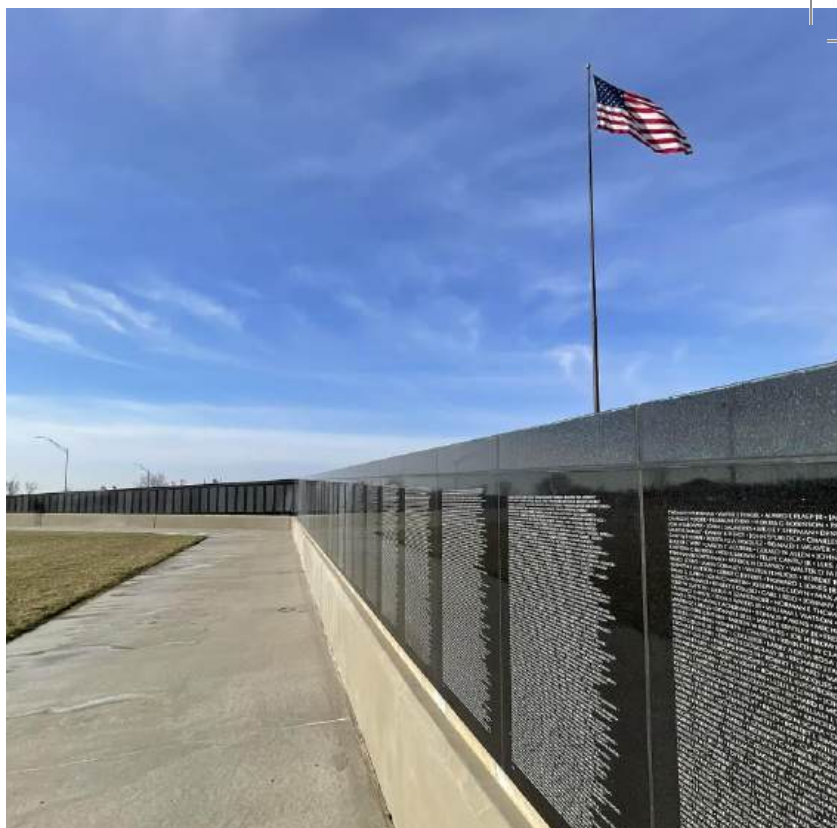
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## ELEVATE YOUR *Group Tour*

### EXPLORE THE FUN OF THE *Tri-State Area*

From fascinating history to cultural diversity to a foodie scene that can't be beat, Siouxland is the perfect place for your next group tour. Adventure into the great outdoors along the Missouri River, enjoy the thriving art scene or deepen your understanding of the area's heritage at our many hands-on museums. Explore Siouxland is here to help you put together a group tour that is fun for everyone.

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## SIouxLAND FREEDOM PARK

1801 Veterans Drive, South  
Sioux City, NE  
[SiouxlandFreedomPark.org](http://SiouxlandFreedomPark.org)

**Scenic Location:** A 55-acre park along the Missouri River, just south of Sioux City.

**Vietnam Memorial Wall:** Features a half-scale replica made from the same black granite as the D.C. original, listing 58,272 names of fallen Vietnam War service members.

**Korean War Veterans Memorial:** Unveiled in fall 2023, with 19 life-size statues of platoon soldiers, adding to the environment of healing, reflecting, and paying tribute to the military.



## SIoux CITY PUBLIC MUSEUM

607 4th Street, Sioux City, IA  
[SiouxCityMuseum.org](http://SiouxCityMuseum.org)

**Central Location:** The Sioux City Public Museum offers free admission with large, colorful exhibits and interactive displays.

**“Spirit of Sioux City”:** Visitors can enjoy a lively 12-minute orientation film showcasing the city’s history.

**Hands-On Experiences:** Includes the award-winning “Innovation I-Wall” and “The Big Dig,” a fossil dig site replica.



## SIoux CITY RAILROAD MUSEUM

3400 Sioux River Road, IA Hwy 12  
North, Loess Hills National Scenic  
Byway, Sioux City, IA  
[SiouxCityRailroadMuseum.org](http://SiouxCityRailroadMuseum.org)

**Rail Travel Tribute:** The Sioux City Railroad Museum honors early 20th-century rail travel, perfect for train enthusiasts and history lovers.

**Historical Attractions:** Enjoy a ride on the Grand Scale Train and explore the detailed Nebraska Central Model Railroad Exhibit.

**Extensive Collection:** Discover over 5,000 historical artifacts on the museum’s beautiful grounds.



## TRINITY HEIGHTS

33rd and Floyd Blvd., Sioux City, IA  
[TrinityHeights.com](http://TrinityHeights.com)

**Iconic Statues:** Features a 30’ Immaculate Heart of Mary statue on the east end and a 33’ Sacred Heart of Jesus statue on the west end.

**St. Joseph Center:** Houses a life-sized wood carving of the Last Supper.

**Devotional Shrines:** Numerous shrines are dedicated to Mary’s apparitions, with the Way of the Saints along the property’s southern edge.



## SIoux CITY ART CENTER

2600 Expedition Ct, Sioux City, IA

**Convenient Culture:** Located in the heart of downtown Sioux City, the Sioux City Art Center is Siouxland’s premier location for the work of local creatives.

**Permanent Favorites:** Encompassing sculptures, paintings, and so much more, the Art Center’s permanent collection boasts over 1,000 works that can be viewed anytime.

**Exciting Exhibitions:** A rotating selection of work from Upper Midwestern artists covers many mediums and styles, bringing the viewer a fresh selection with each visit.



## HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO

111 3rd Street, Sioux City, IA  
[HardRockCasinoSiouxCity.com](http://HardRockCasinoSiouxCity.com)

**Gaming Resort:** Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Sioux City features over 800 slot machines and a variety of table games.

**Entertainment & Dining:** Enjoy live entertainment, shop at the Rock Shop, and dine at Main + Abbey restaurant.

**Convenient Stay:** 54 rooms available for your group in the heart of Sioux City’s historic downtown.



## PALMER’S OLDE TYME CANDY SHOPPE

405 Wesley Pkwy, Sioux City, IA  
[PalmerCandy.com/Pages/Candy-Shoppe](http://PalmerCandy.com/Pages/Candy-Shoppe)

**Sweet History:** Palmers Olde Tyme Candy Shoppe offers a charming, old-fashioned candy store experience in Siouxland.

**Tasty Treats:** Browse their wares, sample treats, and enjoy bulk-buying options.

**Historic Insights:** Explore antique candy-making equipment and old photographs that showcase Palmer’s Iowa roots.



## JOLLY TIME COATED KERNELS

1717 Terminal Drive, Sioux City, IA  
[CoatedKernels.com/Our-Shoppe](http://CoatedKernels.com/Our-Shoppe)

**Gourmet Popcorn:** Jolly Time Coated Kernels offers a vibrant shop with specialty gourmet popcorn flavors.

**Sioux City Favorite:** As the headquarters of the world-famous Jolly Time popcorn, all flavors are made in-house.

**Delicious Variety:** From chocolate marshmallow to key lime pie and red hot cinnamon, there’s a flavor for everyone in your group.



## MID AMERICA MUSEUM OF AVIATION AND TRANSPORTATION

2600 Expedition Ct, Sioux City, IA  
<https://www.midamericairmuseum.org/>

**Historical Wonders:** The Mid America Museum of Aviation & Transportation (MAMAT) features educational exhibits and authentic historical artifacts in a commitment to conserve the history of aviation and transportation in Siouxland.

**An Ode to Miracles:** The MAMAT is situated on WWII-era Runway 22 and displays an extensive exhibit on the miracle landing of United Flight 232.

**Hands-On Learning:** The museum offers extensive classes, programs, and hands-on learning opportunities to further a student’s interest in aviation.

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