

IOWA'S AMERICANA STORY



From the Missouri to the Mississippi

Travel across Iowa on a journey that celebrates the people, places, and stories that shaped America's heartland. From the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers to iconic music landmarks, presidential history, and classic roadside Americana, this tour blends national history with unforgettable local character. This itinerary offers a true slice of Americana with experiences travelers instantly connect to.

DAY 1: Westward Expansion, Riverways & Rock 'n' Roll

- Arrive in Council Bluffs
 - Explore the Union Pacific Railroad Museum
 - Visit the historic Squirrel Cage Jail
- Depart for Sioux City (1 hr, 26 min)
- Arrive in Sioux City
 - Lunch
 - Experience the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center
 - Reflective stop at Sergeant Floyd Monument
- Travel to Okoboji (2 hrs)
 - Discover the Iowa Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Museum
 - Tour Okoboji Classic Cars or Indian Motorcycle Factory & Visitor Center
 - Enjoy dinner overlooking the Iowa Great Lakes
- Overnight Okoboji

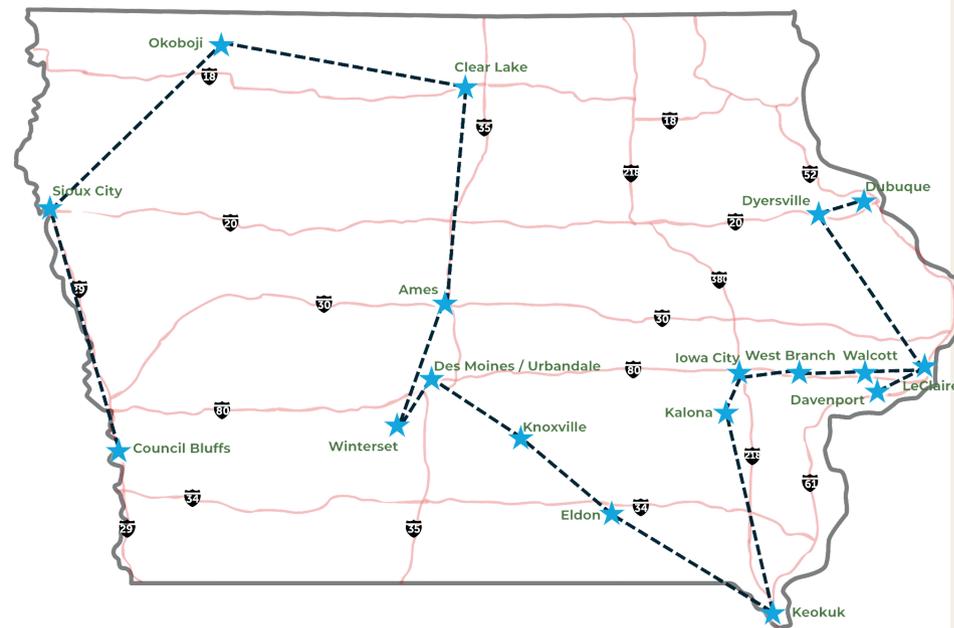
DAY 2: Music, Legends, & Hollywood Roots

- Depart Okoboji for Clear Lake (2 hrs)
- Arrive in Clear Lake
 - Guided Tour of Surf Ballroom & Surf Music Experience
- Depart for Ames (1 hr, 20 min)
 - Lunch
 - Stroll through Reiman Gardens & photo op with Elwood, World's Tallest Concrete Gnome
- Travel to Winterset (1 hr, 10 min)
 - Tour John Wayne Birthplace & Museum
 - Visit one of the six remaining Covered Bridges of Madison County
- Travel to Des Moines (40 min)
 - Farm-to-table dinner at Wallace House, Wallace Centers of Iowa
- Overnight Urbandale

DAY 3: Democracy, American Art, & Military Legacy

- Guided tour of Iowa State Capitol
- Travel to Knoxville (46 min)
 - Explore the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame & Museum
 - Lunch
- Travel to Eldon (1 hr, 10 min)
 - Visit the American Gothic House & Center with photo opportunities
- Travel to Keokuk (1 hr, 15 min)
 - Visit Keokuk National Cemetery
 - View Lock & Dam 19, an engineering landmark on the Mississippi River
 - Dinner
- Overnight Keokuk

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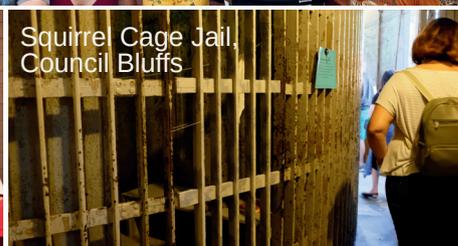
John Wayne Birthplace Museum, Winterset



Reiman Gardens Ames



Classic Cars, Okoboji



Squirrel Cage Jail, Council Bluffs

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DAY 4: Presidential Legacy & Heartland Roots

- Travel to Kalona (1 hr 30 min)
 - Experience Kalona Historical Village
- Depart for Iowa City (37 min)
 - View Devonian Fossil Gorge, don't forget a photo next to Dunkleosteus
 - Lunch
 - Photo op at the World's Largest Wooden Nickel
- Travel to West Branch (20 min)
 - Visit the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum
 - Explore the Hoover National Historic Site
- Travel to LeClaire (50 min)
 - Shop at Antique Archaeology, home of American Pickers
 - Explore the Buffalo Bill Museum
- Travel to Davenport (23 min)
 - Dinner
 - Explore the Figge Art Museum
- Overnight Davenport



National Farm Toy Museum, Dyersville



John Deere Pavilion, Quad Cities



Buffalo Bill Museum, LeClaire



Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum, West Branch

DAY 5: America at Work: Rivers, Industry & Baseball

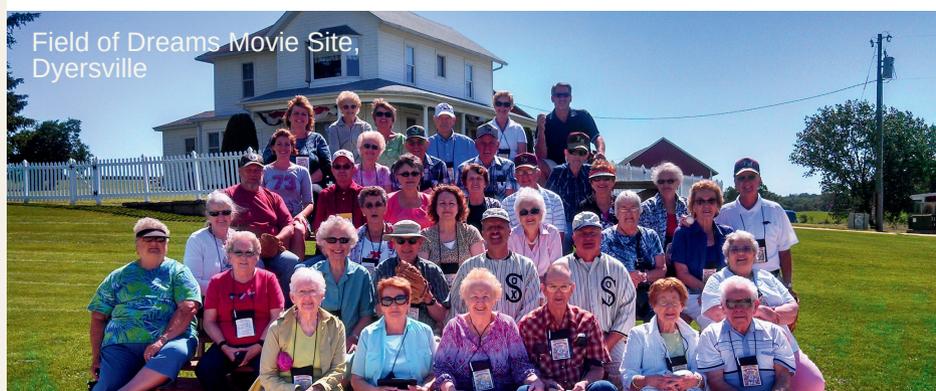
- Visit the John Deere Pavilion
- Board a 2-hour sightseeing Mississippi River cruise aboard either Riverboat Twilight or Celebration Belle
- Travel to Walcott (21 min)
 - Lunch at the World's Largest Truck Stop
 - Explore I-80 Trucking Museum
- Depart for Dyersville (1 hr, 30 min)
 - Visit the National Farm Toy Museum
 - Tour *If You Build It Exhibit* & The Baseball Hall of Dreams
 - Have a catch at the Field of Dreams Movie Site
- Travel to Dubuque (38 min)
 - Ride the Fenelon Place Elevator
 - Visit the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium
- Overnight Dubuque

BONUS STOPS: Additional experiences worth the detour

- **Loess Hills Scenic Byway:** Unique wind-blown hills with scenic overlooks. (from Akron, IA to Missouri boarder)
- **Crystal Lake's World's Largest Bullhead:** A quirky landmark celebrating fishing heritage. (Clear Lake)
- **Historic Park Inn:** The last remaining Frank Lloyd Wright hotel in the world. (Mason City)
- **Ice House Museum:** Explores ice harvesting in a historic 1921 ice house. (Cedar Falls)
- **World's Tallest Round-Handled Brick Trowel:** A tribute to Marshalltown's industrial history. (Marshalltown)
- **Old Capitol Museum:** A former government seat showcasing Iowa's statehood and civic life. (Iowa City)
- **The Sawmill Museum:** Focuses on the lumber industry and the Mississippi River's impact. (Clinton)
- **Snake Alley:** The "crookedest street in the world". (Burlington)
- **Hotel Manning:** One of Iowa's oldest operating hotels, reflecting river-town character and small-town charm. (Keosauqua)

Heaven? 
No, it's IOWA!

This itinerary offers flexible, Americana-themed experiences across Iowa that can be customized or added to existing tours. All stops are available year-round and independent of America's 250th Birthday.



Field of Dreams Movie Site, Dyersville