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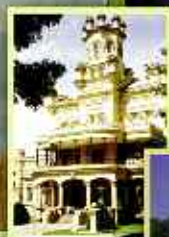
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Partners (both suppliers and buyers) from all over the upper Midwest are stepping forward, as you can see by the members of our new Advisory Board. They've been enthusiastically providing us with itinerary planning ideas, plus suggesting creative ways this magazine can be more helpful and convenient for everyone who uses it...whether that be the print version, or ITINERARIES MIDWEST ONLINE.

One exceptional comment came from Advisory Board member Shebby Lee (Shebby Lee Tours, Rapid City), who confirmed – as a result of her involvement in NTA and TAP, that tour operators are looking for new and unique Midwest sample itineraries. Itineraries from both coasts are plentiful, but there is a market for new tours right here and now, directly in the region covered by ITINERARIES MIDWEST. Not only does our strategy call for publishing dynamic sample itineraries and travel ideas in every issue, but also for placing ITINERARIES MIDWEST Group Travel Magazine into the hands of tour operators, bank club directors and group leaders from coast to coast in the U.S. and Canada. In fact, our new digital distribution will begin including international operators with this very issue!

As you can see, we want to share our vision with you. We invite you to join us in putting the upper Midwest on the group travel map...like it has never been done before!

Heather J. Lahren and Mark W. Peterson  
Co-Publishers, ITINERARIES MIDWEST Magazine



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## What's a "Mayberry"?

A "Mayberry" is where you can find a treasure trove of history, heritage and just plain fun – throughout the entire Midwest! Starting with Kansas in this issue, discover with us, experiences your groups will love...experiences created by passionate individuals who had their own stories to tell.

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# Authentic Old West Fun

BY KATHLEEN SOMERS

The fun in North Dakota just keeps getting better and better. This year, the state's number one vacation spot has even more to offer than ever before. **Historic Medora** offers exciting entertainment, breathtaking beauty, rich history, and memorable experiences designed to keep you coming back for more. Take a step back in time and learn about the founder of Medora, the Marquis de Mores, a French nobleman who named the town after his wife in 1883. The elegant home he built for her, the **Chateau de Mores**, has been restored to its original splendor, and visitors today can tour the 26-room chateau.

Another notable to spend time in Medora was a young and colorful New York politician named Theodore Roosevelt. He arrived in the newly established Medora just months after the Marquis, but his influence on the area was great, just as the area's influence was on him. Visitors today have many opportunities to be educated and inspired through interpretive programs, museums, and attractions that focus on the **Old West** and the life of Theodore Roosevelt in the **Badlands**.

You'll want to center your plans on the Medora musical extravaganza. This professionally produced production is performed nightly all summer in America's most beautiful outdoor amphitheater. The high-energy show combines singing, dancing, comedy and nationally known variety acts. The **Medora Musical** is new each year, but always includes a special tribute to Theodore Roosevelt, as well as a star-spangled finale. All ages enjoy this western stage show offered from **June 3 through September 6, 2009** at 8:30 MDT. **The Burning Hills Singers** accompanied by the on-stage band; the **Coal Diggers**, entertain in the outdoor splendor of the **North Dakota Badlands**, along with fireworks, horses, and exciting song and dance routines. You can enhance your groups experience with a "**Behind the Scenes Tour**", just prior to the show.

The **Rough Riders Hotel** has always been the center of activity in Medora. Originally constructed in 1884-5, the hotel was named the 'Metropolitan' in anticipation of a boom in Medora. In 1903 the name was changed to the Rough Riders Hotel in honor of Theodore Roosevelt's Rough Riders and their service in the Spanish-American War. The historic hotel has enjoyed a rich history, and most recently a major renovation. Since the close of the 2008 tourist season, the first phase of the original structure has been completely renovated and will open prior to the 2009 season. The main level will feature an enlarged dining room and added bar. Phase two will be completed in June 2010 and will offer 68 guest rooms joined to the original structure by complete conference facilities and a spacious lobby. Reservations are now being taken for groups wishing to book their 2010 group outing at the Rough Riders Hotel.

Another way to make your groups experience more special is with the nationally acclaimed **Pitchfork Steak Fondue**. Encourage cameras and healthy appetites for this exceptional dining experience. Chefs load ribeye steak onto pitchforks and fondue them western style. Dinner is served atop a bluff overlooking the picturesque badlands and comes with all the fixin's, as well as a side of western melodies performed live by cast members of the Medora Musical. The Fondue is held nightly at 6:15 MDT, all summer.

Be sure to include the **Theodore Roosevelt National Park** with its rugged beauty. The national park named for our 26th President, covers 110 square miles and provides panoramic vistas in the savagely beautiful **North Dakota Badlands**. The Park allows visitors to enjoy a sense of solitude, inspiration, and timelessness similar to Roosevelt's experience in the Dakota Territory in the 1880s. Guests have an opportunity to learn about an environment and way of life that helped shape Theodore Roosevelt's attitudes and philosophy regarding conservation. He was quoted saying "I never would have been President if it had not been for my experiences in North Dakota."

Treat your group firsthand to the **Badlands** as you drive through the picture perfect terrain on the 36-mile loop with spectacular scenery and abundant wildlife. This paved drive includes interpretive signs explaining the park's historical and natural features.

Just three miles south of Medora is the **Bully Pulpit Golf Course**. This majestic, new 18-hole course is carved into the North Dakota Badlands, providing an exciting golf adventure. Described as "America's Best New Affordable Public Course" by Golf Digest, this world-class golf course was designed in a way to preserve the environment. Golfers will appreciate the attention given to the environment during construction and the variety in topography, vegetation, wildlife, vistas, history, and natural assets. Imagine standing on a magnificent Badlands bluff as you overlook the Little Missouri River. Feel the canyon winds at your back as you prepare to drive your ball onto a fairway 150 feet below.

Medora loves motorcoaches, as evidenced by the many group tour benefits. You'll enjoy a complimentary sarsaparilla reception upon arrival, plus free on-site motorcoach parking, and express baggage delivery, to name a few. All of your reservations can be handled with all-inclusive pricing. Itineraries and promotional photos are also available. **Head to Medora for Real Western Fun!** Saddle up for a trail ride, tee off from a Badlands butte, savor a steak prepared "cowboy style" and complete your day with the Greatest Show in the West! Medora invites you to where the west kicks up its heels. 🐎

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### Buffalo Roundup & Arts Festival

September 26-28, 2009 – Custer, South Dakota

Your group can enjoy three days of South Dakota's finest artists and craftsmen, along with great Western and Native American entertainment at the annual Buffalo Roundup Arts Festival. On Sunday the competition is fierce, but friendly at the Buffalo Wallow Chili Cook-off, and on Monday feel the thunder and join the herd for the Annual Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup. Watch cowpokes as they roundup and drive the buffalo, 1,500 head strong, into the buffalo corrals. Finish your day at a very unique buffalo roundup chuck wagon cookout. For information visit [www.custerstatepark.info](http://www.custerstatepark.info) or call 605-255-4515.



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### festivals

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### attractions

Unusual attractions abound for unusual group experiences unique to Iowa. How about a great art collection by the Masters (Charles City) — Surprised? Maybe a zoo trip that gives your group time with a lion trainer (and the lion!) Or lunch in a rain-forest setting (**Blank Park Zoo**)? Would your group like to see the fish that swim in the mighty Mississippi (**Nat'l Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium**)?

### entertainment

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### Iowa helped build America

Iowa is blessed with an abundance of history, from Victorian homes, museums and landmarks, to entire towns — where stepping back in time is as easy as walking through the front door. Created by people whose life journeys began in our great state, some of whom include: **Johnny Carson**, TV entertainer (*Corning, IA*), **William "Buffalo Bill" Cody**, scout (*LeClaire*), **Mamie Doud Eisenhower**, U.S. First Lady (*Boone*), **Bob Feller**, pro baseball pitcher (*Van Meter*), **George H. Gallup**, pollster (*Jefferson*), **Herbert Hoover**, U.S. president (*West Branch*), **Ann Landers**, columnist (*Sioux City*), **Abigail Van Buren**, columnist (*Sioux City*), **Cloris Leachman**, actress (*Des Moines*), **Glenn Miller**, band-

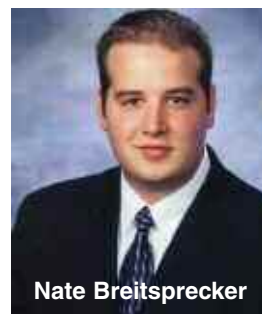
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and art crawls await your group.**

**T**he weather outside is balmy, relative to the recent — and classic — Midwest winter, that is. But now the wind rustling the leaves carries the faint scent of wildflowers. Clouds skid across a perfectly blue sky. Ah, spring. Ahhhh, summer. As a tour operator, the first place you want to hit with your motorcoach group is a windowless, climate-controlled planetarium for an armchair tour of the stars and planets...hold it!

**When the temps soar and our beautiful birds start singing again? No way!**

**Okay, so planetariums are cool. But you know that when warm weather blossoms in the Midwest, the first place you want to rush is outside. Because, let's face it, warm weather rolls through this part of the world only once per year. The other six months, Midwesterners are juggling hats and scarves, and gauging layers of clothing by the thermometer stuck in the snow bank.**

**Not that you can't have fun when the snow flies. But those months of hibernation make spring all the sweeter when the first green grass pokes through the melting ice. And Midwesterners know how to party when the temperatures rise — under the blue sky, out in the open, out where the sun shines. So, dust off those sunglasses; retrieve the shorts and summer garb from their mothball nap; and hop aboard the heat wave to a season radiant with **outdoor pageants** and **art crawls**.**

**BY BRITT AAMODT**

## OUTDOOR PAGEANTS

So what exactly *is* an outdoor pageant? And why would you want to take your group to one?

The first thing you need to know is that an outdoor pageant is gloriously out-of-doors, and the committees organizing these events make the most of it: fireworks, food booths, hayrides, parades through bunting-trimmed main streets, smoking barbecues and pie eating contests — because you need room to maneuver if you're going to wolf down ten pies in under a minute.

Outdoor pageants run the gamut from Shakespeare in the Park, jazz fests, bluegrass jams and polka to rodeo days, Old West days, river days, classic cars, puppet parades and 5K runs through historic downtowns. Are we making you hungry yet? Get your fill with corn feeds, burger chow-downs, wine and cheese fests, garlic fests, prodigious farmer's markets and much more. Enjoyment is certain, when you consider that these outdoor pageants are often the biggest party a town throws all year.

Cities put on some great outdoor festivals, but sleepy, out-of-the-way places do too. Festivals give these small towns an excuse to put on the dog and show off what's special about their history, ethnicity and way of life. Year after year, they spend much of the calendar year planning the festival and fine-tuning their schedule of events. You'll often find specialized services, facilities and exclusive parking, so they're better equipped to work with large groups like motorcoach tours. In fact, they thrive on groups and often provide special-event packages designed with the group tour in mind.

## ART CRAWLS

You can take your art at a jog or a crawl. Yet crawling is better. Art crawls and fairs are some of the best shindigs going in the warm weather months, and another great excuse to get your tour group outside to soak up the Vitamin D and a whole new realm of experiences. Really, an art festival is another brand of outdoor pageant but with much more handmade art treasures to cherish.

Art-inspired pageants celebrate the creative life of communities. You can find them in urban centers, in suburbs and in rural artist colonies, dotting scenic river valleys, backwoods and lakeshores. Specifically, art fairs attract local, regional and sometimes national artists, depending on the scope of the event, to exhibit their work in tents and booths, which may be set up in a park or on cordoned off city streets.

Art crawls, on the other hand, guide you through the local arts community, whether that be artist studios scattered across several city blocks, an entire building devoted to artist studios or studios spanning a localized region (requiring some drive time from one location to another). That's where the crawl comes in, as you progress studio to studio. You may want to designate a meeting time and let your group disperse for a few hours. Art crawl organizers often publish detailed maps, which your group members can use to plot their own course.

You'll also want to slow your pace to take in the endless sculptures, pottery, oils, watercolors, textiles, leatherwork, carving, stained glass and jewelry on display; and to savor the artist demonstrations and the goodies and treats laid out for these special occasions. Artists are always on hand to talk about their work and, if asked, to give you and your group a behind-the-scenes look at the workshop. Don't forget: artist communities are thriving social centers, so expect to be lured in by neighborhood bistros and boutiques.

## PAGEANTS AND CRAWLS FOR THE MOTORCOACH GROUP

The best thing about taking your motorcoach to an outdoor pageant or an art crawl is that veteran festival committees have organized their events with the group traveler in mind. *Where can I park?* That's the age-old concern of the motorcoach group, and festivals work with you to find parking on-site or off-site in local business lots or on the street. Also, you'll benefit from shuttles to the event site and designated drop-off and pick-up locations.

How about lodging? Will you need it? Sometimes a festival's main attraction occurs in the evening, like a symphony performance under the stars. Festivals work with lodging establishments to free up rooms for their events. But some small-town pageants have more visitors than available rooms, and it may be best to book rooms a year in advance.

A festival that runs most of its programming during daylight hours gives you the added option of heading out of town at the end of the day to the next leg of your itinerary and to other lodgings.

To ensure efficiency and create a pleasant experience for everyone, a festival representative or chamber member may board your motorcoach upon arrival to greet passengers and outline attractions and facilities. Check with the chamber or visitor's bureau when booking to find out about these services. Also, most festivals are pleased to offer group rates, and special tours and excursions for motorcoach groups.

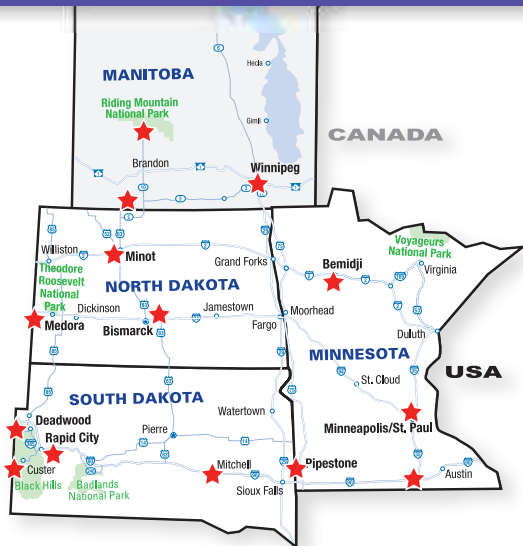
That's just one more way the Midwest throws out the welcome shingle to fun under the sun. ❁



# CITY NIGHTS & NORTHERN LIGHTS

## A 13-Day Two Nation Sample Itinerary

Travel to one of the most diverse and unspoiled destinations on the North American continent. The northern lights still appear in the night skies in remote areas, yet the cities offer a wealth of entertainment and shopping temptations. Great for groups of all ages!



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### day1

#### MINNEAPOLIS & SAINT PAUL, MN

9 – 8:00 pm

The Twin Cities of **Minneapolis** and **Saint Paul** are not identical twins. Minneapolis' contemporary, sleek skyscrapers contrast with Saint Paul's European-style architecture. Enjoy tours that include both cities. Also, **Mall of America**, the USA's largest shopping/entertainment center, beckons shoppers with over 500 stores, restaurants and entertainment.

8 – 11:00 pm

Enjoy an entertaining evening in Minneapolis' **Hennepin Avenue Theater District**, **Chanhassen Dinner Theater** or **Mystic Lake Casino**.

### day2

#### To BEMIDJI, MN (230 mi/370km)

8 – 12:00 pm

Travel the **Great River Road** along the **Mississippi River** to **Little Falls, MN**. Relive Charles Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic with a visit to the **Lindbergh Home and Interpretive Center**.

12 – 5:00 pm

In **Bemidji**, see the giant statue of **Paul Bunyan**, mythical lumberjack, with his pet blue ox, **Babe**. Nearby in **Itasca State Park**, the Mississippi River trickles out of a spring-fed lake beginning its 2,552-mile

(4,084-km) journey to the Gulf of Mexico. Naturalist-guided excursions are available.

### day3

#### To WINNIPEG, MB (229mi/369 km)

8 – 1:00 pm

From Bemidji, travel north to **Winnipeg, Manitoba's capital**, (pop. 700,000), a cosmopolitan city with an exciting and diverse range of attractions, activities, dining, shopping and people.

1 – 5:00 pm

With roots as an early fur trade hub, later a gateway to Canada's pioneer west and center of commerce, Winnipeg boasts rich history and the old world charm of Winnipeg's **French Quarter**, **St. Boniface**. Climb aboard a replica ship from the fur trade era at **The Manitoba Museum**, or have a glimpse into the life of a voyageur, at **Lower Fort Garry National Historic Site**. Tour the **Royal Canadian Mint**.

5 – 9:00 pm

Spend a little time at one of the city's **two casinos**. Evening activities include dinner theater, Broadway musicals, gaming and dining in wonderful, ethnic neighborhood restaurants.

### day4

#### To RIDING MOUNTAIN

#### NATIONAL PARK, MB (142 mi/227 km)

9 – 4:00 pm

Heading west along the **Trans-Canada/Yellowhead Highway**, take time to smell the lilies at **Neepawa's Lily Nook** and visit the **Margaret Laurence Museum**, a living memorial to its author. Turn north onto Highway 10 and end up in **Riding Mountain National Park**. See magnificent wildlife plus its own herd of bison roaming the range at **Lake Audy**.

4:00 pm

Enjoy the evening at **Wasagaming** or **Clear Lake**, the nearby resort townsite. Offering shops, restaurants, a movie theater, a museum, visitor center, marina, accommodations and a championship golf course.

### day5

#### To BOISSEVAIN, MB (115 mi/186 km)

9 – 11:00 am

Depart early and spot the wildlife as you drive south to **Brandon**. This is Manitoba's second largest city with a population of 47,000.

11 – 2:00 pm

Rich agricultural heritage is showcased at the **Daly House Museum** and the **Commonwealth Air Training Plane Museum** where pilots from throughout the Commonwealth trained for World War II.

2 – 5:00 pm

A warm prairie welcome awaits you in **Boissevain**, voted one of Canada's most beautiful towns. Featuring outdoor art murals, **Moncur Gallery**, **Irwin Goodon Wildlife Museum**, **Walkinshaw Place's** map of Canada fields and **Dueck's Cedar Chalet** for a homemade meal.

5 – 7:00 pm

Boissevain is located just north of the **International**

**Peace Garden**, the 2,339-acre botanical garden commemorating peace between the U.S. and Canada. It has 150,000 flowers, **Peace Tower**, water features and magnificent floral displays. Overnight in Boissevain, MB.

### day6

#### To MINOT, ND (90 miles/144 km)

8 – 10:30 am

Leave Boissevain and travel south to **Dunseith** and the **Turtle Mountain Scenic Byway**, a 24-mile drive through the tree-covered **Turtle Mountains** with beautiful lakes, lush foliage & an abundance of wildlife.

10:30 – 6:00 pm

In **Minot**, visit the **Scandinavian Heritage Park**. This Nordic heritage park features a Stav church, Danish windmill, Finish sauna, a 220-year-old Norwegian house, stabbur, Swedish Dala horse and visitor center. The **Roosevelt Zoo** offers educational displays and zoo tours. Next, tours & sample wines at the **Pointe of View Winery**. Minot's unique restaurants offer entrées ranging from pheasant to elk, in addition to more standard selections.

### day7

#### To BISMARCK, ND (110 miles/177 km)

9 – 12:30 pm

**Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site** in **Stanton** was home to the Mandan and Hidatsa Indians and last occupied in 1845. This site has remains of three Hidatsa Villages, with 210 depressions and the home of **Sakakawea**.

12:30 – 3:30 pm

In **Washburn**, the **Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center** is a world-class interpretive site, along the route Lewis and Clark traveled on their "voyage of discovery", more than 200 years ago.

3:30 – 8:00 pm

In **Bismarck**, you can choose from a variety of activities. The **North Dakota Heritage Center** has one of the world's largest collections of Plains Indian artifacts, second only to the Smithsonian. **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park**, includes **On-A-Slant Indian Village** and a **Mandan Indian village** which thrived for 200 years. Conclude the day with a relaxing ride on the **Lewis and Clark Riverboat**.

### day8

#### To MEDORA, ND (128 miles/206 km)

9 – 11:00 am

Make a stop in **Richardton** at **Assumption Abbey**, a historic **Bavarian Romanesque Catholic Church** built in 1909 and identified by its twin spires. Abbey library, gift shop, wine cellar & shop are open by request.

11 – 1:30 pm

The **Ukrainian Culture Institute** in **Dickinson** features folk art, research library, Ukrainian exhibits and food items. **Dakota Dinosaur Museum** in **Dickinson** features a life-size Triceratops and Pachycephalosaurus outside the entrance.

1:30 – 3:00 pm

**Medora**, an authentic Old West cow town, was founded in 1883 by the Marquis de Mores. Tour the 26-room, 2-story house known as the **Chateau de Mores State Historic Site**.

3 – 4:00 pm

The **North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame** offers Western heritage and life on the plains with home-steaders and ranchers trail drivers, American Indians, rodeos and the impact of the horse.

4 – 5:30 pm

The **Billings County Courthouse Museum** holds memorabilia, history of the county and courtroom stories of cowboys. **Bully the Play**, a one-man performance from the Broadway play, presenting the life of Theodore Roosevelt as president, father, husband and hunter in the **North Dakota Badlands**.

5:30 pm

For dinner, experience the **Pitchfork Fondue**, a unique western steak meal served at the **Tjaden Center** on the bluffs. Later enjoy the **Medora Musical**, a Broadway-style musical show staged outdoors in the **Burning Hills Amphitheatre**.

## day9

To **DEADWOOD, SD** (220 miles, 354 km)

9 – 3:00 pm

Take a morning loop drive through **Theodore Roosevelt National Park**. At the entrance to the South Unit of the Park, tour the **Visitors Center** and **Theodore Roosevelt's Cabin** from the **Maltese Cross Ranch**. Lunch at the park followed by a guided tour.

3 – 7:00 pm

Depart Medora for historic **Deadwood, SD**, and enjoy a historic tour, learning about the 1876 gold rush and the colorful characters who lived there. Try your luck at gaming or visit historic attractions. In summer months, see **re-enactments** of the "**Murder of Wild Bill Hickok**" and the "**Trial of Jack McCall**."

## day10

To **BLACK HILLS to RAPID CITY, SD**

(112 miles/180 km)

9 – 1:00 pm

Travel on Hwy 385, to **Mount Rushmore National Memorial**, America's Shrine of Democracy. This drive

offers views of **Pactola Lake**, pine-covered mountains and lush meadows. **Crazy Horse Memorial** is a work in progress of a mountain-sized man and his spirited horse. **Hill City** offers many area artists' shops on Main Street.

1 – 7:00 pm

Board an historic 1880 train to **Keystone**. Keystone's choices of activities include shopping, presidential attractions, exploring Black Hills caves, touring a gold mine, or panning for gold. Evening entertainment could include a lighting ceremony at Mount Rushmore National Memorial.

## day11

To **BLACK HILLS to RAPID CITY, SD**

(147 miles, 237 km)

9 – 12:00 pm

**Custer State Park's Wildlife Loop** offers opportunities to watch for 1,500 bison as well as pronghorn, deer, prairie dogs, elk, mountain goats and bighorn sheep in this 71,000-acre (28,400 ha) wildlife preserve.

12 – 4:00 pm

Travel south to **Wind Cave National Park** and enjoy a tour of unique box-work formations in the fourth longest cave in the world. Interested in bizarre animals, bonebeds and learning how the world got to where it is? Then check out the **Mammoth Site of Hot Springs**, South Dakota!

4 – 8:00 pm

The **Journey Museum** in **Rapid City** gives a wonderful overview of the Black Hills from the Lakota and white man's perspectives. Downtown Rapid City is a mecca for shoppers looking for Native American art. **Black Hills Gold Jewelry** tours are available. Join cowboys for a chuckwagon dinner, complete with singing and entertainment.

## day12

To **MITCHELL, SD** (288 miles/463 km)

9 – 10:30 am

Travel east on I-90 to the town of **Wall**, where a little country drug store became famous for offering free ice water, and now features one of the largest collections of original western art in the country.

10:30 – 1:30 pm

Travel the **S.D. Hwy 240 Loop** through **Badlands National Park** and enjoy the spires and pinnacles of this 244,000-acre (97,600 ha) wilderness area.

1:30 – 6:30 pm

Traveling east on I-90, you'll find the **Akta Lakota Museum** in **Chamberlain**, offering artifacts as well as modern day Native American Art. Continuing east, attraction choices in **Mitchell** include the **World's Only Corn Palace**, the **Mitchell Prehistoric Indian Village** and **Dakota Discovery Museum**.

## day13

To **PIPESTONE, MN** (122 mi/196 km)

10 – 1:00 pm

Tour **Sioux Falls**, South Dakota's largest city, where options include a tour of **Falls Park**, the **Washington Pavilion of Arts and Science**, the **Outdoor Campus**, the **Great Plains Zoo**, and great shopping opportunities.

1 – 7:00 pm

Crossing the border into Minnesota, have lunch at a local restaurant in **Pipstone**. Visitors can learn the history of Native American culture at an interpretive center. Continue across the rich agricultural farmland of southern Minnesota.

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LA SALLE, MARSHALL, MOLINE,  
MONEE, PEORIA, ROCKFORD,  
ST. CHARLES, SPRINGFIELD

## calendar of events

### april

- **Spring Indian Market Days** Apr 4-5, Collinsville 615-346-5160
- **Civil War Weekend** Apr 18-19, St. Charles 224-856-9049
- **Lincoln Pilgrimage** Apr 24-26, Springfield 218-529-2727

### may

- **Artwalk at The Promenade** May 2-3, Bolingbrook 630-296-8340
- **Gaelic Park Irish Festival** May 22-25, Oak Forest 708-687-9323
- **11th Annual St. Charles Fine Art Show** May 23-24, St. Charles 630-513-5386
- **Shawnee Hills Wine Trail & Arts Festival** May 23-24, Murphysboro 618-967-4006

### june

- **Peoria Art Guild's Fine Art Fair** Jun 6, Peoria 309-671-2787
- **18th Annual Return to Pimiteoui Pow Wow** Jun 13-14, Peoria 309-691-8423
- **A Day in the Country - Crete Garden Walk and Bazaar** Jun 24-25, Crete 708-672-6767
- **Taste of Chicago** Jun 26-Jul 5, Chicago 877-224-2246

### july

- **Lisle Eyes to the Skies Festival** Jul 2-5, Lisle 800-733-9811
- **Contemporary Indian Art Show** Jul 10-12, Collinsville 618-346-5160
- **Chicago Outdoor Film Festival** Jul 14-Aug 25, Chicago 877-224-2246
- **Midwest Fiber & Folk Art Fair** Jul 17-19, Crystal Lake 815-276-2537
- **Shakespeare in the Park** Jul 19, Wheaton 630-668-5161

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Art on the Square - Belleville

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### ART ON THE SQUARE - BELLEVILLE

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Hundreds of volunteers support this fair, such as food vendors and entertainers who make the weekend a treat for the 80,000+ visitors who attend. Activities like the interactive mural, sponsored by the Tourism Bureau of Southwestern Illinois, the Children's Art Garden, and so much more, ensures something for everyone to enjoy. **May 15-17, 2009. 800-677-9255** (See location on map, page 15)

### other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in illinois

**Antioch Art Crawl in Historic Downtown** – Antioch  
Showcasing its artistic talents through the many arts of life... Music, Drama, Choir, Sketching, Paintings, and Pottery. Enjoy the vignettes of talent, music and song throughout this art crawl. *May 2, 847-395-2233*

**Bucktown Arts Festival** – Chicago  
More than 20 years ago, this show began as an intimate gathering between local artisans. It's evolved into one of Chicago's leading events for nearly 200 painters, sculptors, fiber artists, jewelers and photographers. *August 29-30, 312-409-8305*

**Christkindlmarkt** – Chicago  
An outdoor German Christmas market held at Daley Plaza. It's the largest and most renowned German winter holiday market in the US. This unique shopping and culinary experience is set in a charming winter village atmosphere. *November 26-December 24, 312-644-2662*

**Ethnic Arts Festival** – Evanston  
This Festival transforms the idyllic lakefront Dawes Park into a global village. Surrounded by the flags of more than 100 nations, honoring the diversity of our planet. Groups experience the colors, sounds, and aromas of world cultures. *July 18-19, 847-448-8260*

**Fountain Square Art Festival** – Evanston  
Located on six city blocks in downtown Evanston with "Fountain Square" sculpture garden serving as its focal point. This is the largest and oldest juried fine arts fair on Chicago's North Shore with more than 250 artists. *June 27-28, 847-328-1500*

**Lakeview East Festival of the Arts** – Chicago  
Chicago's premier fine art and fine craft festival showcasing over 130 juried artists, offering something for everyone! One of the top shows in Sunshine Artist's Magazine. *September 26-27, 773-348-8608*

**The Nauvoo Pageant** – Nauvoo  
Through music, drama and dance, this outdoor pageant re-enacts the lives of Mormon settlers in the 1840s, who struggled to build a city and find peace on the swampy banks of the Mississippi in western Illinois. *July 7-August 1, 800-453-3860*

**Old Town Art Fair** – Chicago  
More than 250 national artists will turn out for the show's 60th anniversary in the charming residential streets of Old Town. Some highlights include the "Gallery of Gardens" and a self-guided historic tour of the Old Town Triangle District. *June 13-14, 312-337-1938*

**Peoria Art Guild Fine Art Fair** – Peoria  
Join 150-juried artists at the scenic Riverfront Park for a weekend of fun. Artists showcase work in ceramics, fiber, glass and more. *September 26-27, 309-637-2787*

**The Grant Park Music Festival** – Chicago  
Join the Grammy-Nominated Grant Park Orchestra and Chorus at the beautiful Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. It is the nations only remaining free, outdoor classical music series and celebrates its 75th season this summer. *June-August, 312-742-7638*



## THE SHAWNEE HILLS WINE TRAIL

This sample itinerary works best May 23-24, 2009 during the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail & Arts Festival.

The Shawnee Hills Wine Trail wineries are located in Jackson and Union Counties in southern Illinois. Consisting of twelve award-winning wineries, just a



few minutes apart. Rolling hills and picturesque vistas are the backdrop for the vineyards and wineries along the way. Groups taking the wine trail on the Festival weekend, May 23-24, can experience fine wines, local artisans, great food, live music, vintage baseball and more in Riverside Park in Murphysboro!

This suggested itinerary is for a small group, of 20 or less- (call ahead to verify hours and wine selections) visit [www.shawneewinetrail.com](http://www.shawneewinetrail.com) for details.

### 10 – 11:00 am

Begin on the north end of the Shawnee Hills Wine Trail at **Kite Hill Vineyards Winery / Bed and Breakfast**. A boutique winery situated on twenty-six beautiful acres. Enjoy a glass of wine on their deck and catch a glimpse of the turtles sunning themselves in the nearby lake.

### 11 – 12:00 pm

Follow the "Wine Trail Signs" to **Pomona Winery**, nestled in the hills of the Shawnee Forest. Taste exceptional fruit wines and savor the natural wooded surroundings from the covered deck, or garden picnic area while enjoying a light boxed lunch.

### 12 – 1:30 pm

Continue on your journey to **Von Jakob Vineyard**. Take



a walk through the vineyard or around the pond. The vineyard is a great place to have a glass of wine and a plate of cheese. Unique to this winery is the first Honey Blush wine and White Port produced in the state.

### 1:30 – 3:00 pm

Next, the oldest winery in southern Illinois, **Alto Vineyards and Winery** at Alto Pass. Taste the wine that has won over 300 medals since 1988, and wander through the 10-acre vineyard. Relax and enjoy the scenery with a glass of wine.

### 3 – 4:00 pm

Head down the road for an early bite to eat at **Hedman's Vineyard** in the **Peach Barn Cafe'**, serving authentic Swedish cuisine. Then browse through the Scandinavian Gift shop while tasting prized wines grown from their estate.

### 4 – 5:00 pm

Board the motorcoach and head to **StarView Vineyards**. Learn about the grape varieties that are grown here. Visit the vineyard and stop at the brand

new tasting room and gift shop that features a large fireplace, an expansive deck with a gorgeous view of the vineyard, plus ponds filled with Koi fish and breathtaking views.

### 5 – 6:00 pm

Complete your day by visiting Southern Illinois' largest winery, **Blue Sky Vineyards**, housed in a Tuscan Villa. You'll enjoy wines by the glass or bottle in a large indoor seating area or on two beautiful outdoor terraces that overlook the vineyard and the rolling countryside.

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group contact your tour operator or go to [www.shawneewinetrail.com](http://www.shawneewinetrail.com) for contact information on each of the wineries.

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DUBUQUE, DYERSVILLE,  
INDEPENDENCE, MAQUOKETA,  
MASON CITY, OSCEOLA,  
SIOUX CITY, WATERLOO

## calendar of events

### april

- **Spring Has Sprung at Heartland Acres**  
Apr 18, Independence 319-332-0123
- **"Tweaksters"** Apr 18,  
Ohnward Fine Arts Center 563-652-9815
- **Earth Day** Apr 22, National Mississippi River  
Museum & Aquarium, Dubuque 563-557-9545
- **"Glenn Miller Orchestra"** Apr 25,  
Ohnward Fine Arts Center 563-652-9815
- **The World Famous Glenn Miller Orchestra**  
Apr 25, Maquoketa 563-652-9844

### may

- **Hair** May 1-16, Theatre Cedar Rapids  
319-366-8592
- **Dutch Days** May 2-3, Fulton 815-589-4545
- **Maifest** May 2-3, Anama 800-579-2294
- **27th Annual 4th Street Cruise** May 23,  
Waterloo 800-728-8431
- **My Waterloo Days** May 28-31,  
Waterloo 319-233-8431
- **"The Odd Couple"** May 28-Jun 29,  
The Old Creamery Theatre 319-622-6034

### june

- **Glenn Miller Festival** Jun 11-14,  
Clarinda 712-542-2461
- **America's River Festival** Jun 12-14,  
Dubuque 800-798-8844
- **Jackson County Pro Rodeo** Jun 18-20,  
Bellevue 563-872-5830
- **Timber City Days** Jun 26-27,  
Maquoketa 563-652-4602
- **Amana Wine Tour** Jun 26, Jul 24 & Aug 28,  
Amana 319-622-3567
- **Balloons in June** June 27-28,  
Clinton 563-242-9174

### july

- **Bellevue Heritage Days** Jul 3-4,  
Bellevue 563-872-5830
- **Independence Day Celebration** Jul 3-5,  
Independence 319-361-3126
- **Riverboat Days** Jul 3-5,  
Clinton 800-395-7277
- **Rooftop Jazz & Blues** Jul 4,  
Waterloo 800-728-8431
- **"Singing in the Rain"** Jul 9-19,  
Clinton Show Boat 563-242-6760
- **College Hill Arts Festival** Jul 17-18,  
Cedar Falls 800-845-1955
- **Nordic Fest** Jul 23-25,  
Decorah 800-383-3378
- **Shakespeare on the Lawn** Jul 24-25,  
Des Moines 515-274-1777

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)



## THE DES MOINES ARTS FESTIVAL - DES MOINES

The Des Moines Arts Festival is returning to Western Gateway Park on June 26-28th, 2009. For the past 11 years, this free, three-day festival of the arts has drawn over 1.5 million people and been crowned by its peers as one of the best festivals in the world! Featuring 175 talented artists and their original artwork in 14 categories, reflecting the very best, having been juried from over 1,200 applicants. Providing guests with the unique opportunity to meet artists, face-to-face, from around the world and purchase their artwork. Also featuring arts and activities for adults including an interactive mural where thousands of people will contribute their personal touch in recreating two masterpieces of modern art. Entertainment is a memorable feature, with musical and performing arts; guests can enjoy more than 100 hours of entertainment. Plus more than 20 eclectic food booths provide patrons with a variety of culinary delights. **June 26-28, 2009. 800-451-2625** (See location on map, page 26)

## other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in iowa

### Amana Artisans' 8th Annual Studio Tour – Amana Colonies

Enjoy a beautiful fall driving tour of the seven villages of Amana, visiting artist's studios along the way. 10 Amana artists open their studio doors for this 3-day event. Interact with the working artists; see how & where their creations are being made. *September 18-20, 800-579-2294*

### 17th Annual Marion Arts Festival – Marion

Nationally recognized fine art and craft event featuring 50 artists from across the country, hands-on art activities for everyone, food and entertainment. *May 16, 319-377-6316*

### 1st Fridays Art Walk – Fairfield

Your group can stroll the beautiful town square and enjoy 19+ galleries filled with world-class art. Tour art galleries, taste incredible foods, or watch wonderful performances! *First Friday of every month, 641-233-8883*

### Dubuquefest – Dubuque

A fine art festival, with live music, and many arts & crafts from regional artists! Features a "creation station" for imaginative art projects and activities! *May 15-17, 563-451-7985*

### Glenn Miller Festival – Clarinda

Celebrate the music and memory of Alton Glenn Miller. Enjoy tours of Glenn Miller's birthplace home, stage shows, picnics, dances, & historical displays. *June 11-14, 712-542-2461*

### Grant Wood Art Festival – Anamosa

37th annual festival honoring Anamosa-native and world-

renowned artist; Grant Wood. Plus lots of local and regional artists showcasing their arts & crafts. *June 14, 319-462-4879*

### Holiday Arts Festival – Waterloo

Featuring artworks from the finest Midwest artists working in wood, jewelry, metal, clay, glass, print, painting and more! *November 15, 800-728-8431*

### Iowa Arts Festival – Iowa City

A weekend-long, free community celebration featuring over 115 local and regional visual artists displaying and selling their artwork, a music festival, a "Culinary Row", a variety of activities and entertainment, both creative and educational. *June 5-7, 800-283-6592*

### Pella Tulip Time Festival – Pella

Pella comes alive with tulips at Tulip Time. Thousands of residents wear Dutch attire and celebrate their Dutch heritage. Travel back in time to a European village full of windmills, tulips and excitement. *May 1-3, 888-746-3882*

### Riverbank Art Fair – Iowa City

An annual outdoor art exhibition and sale, featuring artists from all over the Midwest and beyond showcasing their paintings, ceramics, photography, woodworking, metal, needlework, and much more. *April 25-26, 800-283-6592*

### Riverview Art Renaissance – Bellevue

Stroll along the beautiful Mississippi Riverfront and view original artwork displayed by many artists in this one-day event. *August 16, 563-872-5830*

## A LITTLE SLICE OF IOWA TO WHET YOUR WHISTLE

Best April through December. See route on page 26.

### day one

#### CEDAR RAPIDS, IA

Check in at the **Baymont Inn and Suites**, offering exceptional service with a wide range of popular amenities. They will host a complimentary cookie and punch welcome upon arrival, as well as a bus sweep-out!

#### 4 – 5:00 pm

Arrive at the **African American Museum**. Recently rebuilt after the devastating 2008 flood. See its new layout: the Education wing, the Nikee Gift Shop and view the exhibits; currently "All Roads Lead to Buxton". *Reservations for special times.*

#### 5 – 6:30 pm

With a vast array of restaurants to choose from, there's surely something to please every palate. And dinner is just not complete without a 'show'.

#### 6:30 – 9:00 pm

See a play at **Theatre Cedar Rapids**, a community theatre with a long and successful history dating back to 1929! As one of the larger community theatres in the country, its home is in an elegant 500-seat theatre in downtown Cedar Rapids. Pick from an enticing list of upcoming productions. Relax and enjoy the performance! (*Due to 2008 flood – the Temporary Performance Location is: TCR Lindale, 4444 First Avenue NE*)

### day two

#### AMANA COLONIES 18 miles

#### 9 – 9:45 am

Take the short drive to the **Amana Colonies**, an historic German Communal settlement filled with great food, great atmosphere and best yet, great people. An art lovers paradise; plan to spend the day exploring all there is to see and do. The seven historic villages of the Amana Colonies are one of Iowa's most famous travel attractions. They preserve their crafts and culture while offering a variety of experiences. The arts community is thriving as local artisans and artists create baskets, candles, furniture, clocks, toys, iron, brass and copper goods, pottery, glass, jewelry, knives, brooms and quilts, along with paintings, prints and fine art work of every description.

#### 9:45 – 11:45 am

Visit the **Heritage Society** for an unusual group tour of the Amana Colonies. Choose from a few unique history tours. All tours can be customized to your group's needs, interests and itinerary.

#### The Amana Colonies Barn Tour

Experience the unique history of agriculture through the architecture of barns. On this bus tour, the Heritage Society guide will take you to different communal barns. Visitors will not only learn about Amana's communal agricultural history this way, but they will also see the largest modern continual farm in the state of Iowa and even have the opportunity to speak with the modern day farm manager.

#### 11:45 – 1:00 pm

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#### 1 – 2:00 pm

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#### 2 – 3:30 pm

Pay a visit to the **Ackerman Winery/ Heritage Wine and Cheese Haus**. They have the distinct honor of being the oldest winery owned and operated by one family in the state of Iowa. Take a walk through tour of their cellar, and observe where the wines are produced, aged and bottled. Step up to the sample bar and choose from over 24 varieties of wines.

**The Heritage Wine and Cheese Haus** offers a large variety of gourmet food items including cheeses, jellies, mustards, dressings, and more.

#### 3:30 – 5:15 pm

Spend some time browsing around this unique town, and be sure to include visits to the **Amana Woolen Mill**, (Iowa's only operating woolen mill), and see how famous Amana® wool and cotton blankets are made, and the **Amana Furniture and Clock Shop**. This original furniture shop features handcrafted solid walnut, oak and cherry furniture and clocks in traditional and custom designs.

#### 5:15 – 7:00 pm

Tonight's dinner will be at the **Ronnenburg Restaurant**. Serving authentic German food from their original communal kitchen. Be their guests and experience family-style dining, homemade soups and salads, and delicious desserts.

#### 7 – 9:00 pm

Take in a performance by the **Old Creamery Theatre Company**, live professional theater at its finest! Comedies, musicals and more, your group will absolutely love this company and their spacious 300-seat theatre. They'll even step on your tour bus and shake hands to say 'hello' before they bid you farewell!

#### 9:00 pm

Return to the **Baymont Inn & Suites** for a restful nights sleep.

### day three

#### ANAMOSA 30 miles

#### 8 – 9:00 am

After a delicious breakfast, board the bus for the trip to **Anamosa**.

#### 9 – 10:30 am

You enjoyed yourselves so much yesterday that they have you headed for prison! Just Kidding! Actually you are indeed headed to prison – but just to tour the magnificent architecture of the **Anamosa State Penitentiary**. Now 130+ years old, it was built almost entirely by the prisoners within its walls, this Romanesque Revival style building has been a tourist attraction from the very beginning. Known as the "White Palace of the West" due to the architecture and color of the limestone. Tours are of the exterior only and include the Penitentiary Museum.

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**10:30 – 12:30 pm**

On to lighter things like wine and food, your next stop in Anamosa is the **Daly Creek Winery and Bistro**. Enjoy wine samples and browse the extensive gift shop of this charming winery. And once you've worked up a little appetite, be seated indoors or out, and dine on Chef-prepared gourmet dishes of pasta, chicken, fish and Iowa corn-fed beef, as well as delicious appetizers and scrumptious desserts. Of course a glass of Daly Creek's own wine will complement any menu item.

**12:30 – 2:30 pm**

Your eyes will be amazed as you cruise along Iowa's Scenic Hwy 64, along rounded hills and colorful

woodlands. A picture-perfect place with adventurous caves, canyon like cliffs and barges navigating the mightiest river of them all, the Mississippi, offering breathtaking views. Turn off Hwy 64 at Baldwin for a tour of the **Tabor Home Vineyards and Winery**; an award winning family owned estate winery.

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

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**3 – 4:00 pm**

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**4 – 6:15 pm**

Enjoy a tour of the **Jackson County Historical** and the newly refurbished **Clinton Engines Museums**. End the afternoon at the **Hurtsville Interpretive Center**, exploring natural resources, colorful wildflowers and butterflies. The 18-acre wetland provides wildlife viewing opportunities from the trails, bird blind and observation deck, and a perfect way to wind down the day.

**6:15 – 10:00 pm**

Enjoy dinner at the **Decker Hotel**, an elegant dining room in an historic hotel. This evening's performance is at the **Ohnward Fine Arts Center**. Check schedule for events in the Art Gallery, live performances, concerts, plays and even magic shows. You'll see why Maquoketa is so excited about having this exceptional venue in their community.

**day four**

**CLINTON** 40 miles

**8 – 9:00 am**

Drive along scenic Hwy 61 to Hwy 136 to **Clinton**, where your group can enjoy a variety of tour possibilities. Stay

overnight; enjoy dinner, theatre, or casino gaming at the new Wild Rose Casino & Resort. Or explore the history, nature, beauty and special events of this Mississippi River area. For more specific ideas, see ad on right.

**9 – 10:30 am**

Arrive at Lock and Dam 13 to view barges and boats locking through on the widest pool in the Upper Mississippi River Basin. Managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, see the impressive way the locks use gravity to raise or lower the water. Special group tours may be arranged by calling the park rangers.

**10:30 – 12:00 pm**

Visit the **River Arts Center** showcasing new exhibits hung every six weeks. The gift shop contains unique items on consignment, created by artists from the Clinton area and all over the United States.

**12 – 2:00 pm**

40 miles

Enjoy lunch at the George M. Curtis Mansion before catching the Great River Road heading north via US 67 and US 52 for a short stop in Bellevue.

**2 – 4:00 pm**

**BELLEVUE**

Bellevue, meaning “beautiful view”; a representative from **Bellevue's Chamber** will step on to welcome you and introduce you to Bellevue's spectacular views up and down the Mississippi River. Nestled between towering wooded bluffs and bordered by the mighty Mississippi, this town offers an assortment of venues to relax with nature, enjoy shopping and dining, and participate in festivities throughout the year. Let their experts be your guide.

**4 – 4:45 pm**

25 miles

Continue north to **Dubuque** along the Great River Road.

**4:45 – 5:30 pm**

Check into the **Hampton Inn Dubuque**. Relax a bit before dinner.

**5:30 pm**

Enjoy dinner at the beautiful historic **Redstone Mansion** or spend the evening with **Dubuque River Rides** on one of their fabulous boats. The **SPIRIT of Dubuque** is an authentic dual paddle wheeler with an open-air deck for optimum viewing. A unique cruise full of special events, including **dining** in a Victorian styled salon on a Prime Rib and Chicken dinner, while witnessing a “murder” in their Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre.

**day five**

**DUBUQUE**

**8 – 10:00 am**

A must see is the **National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium**. Six large aquariums, giant catfish, turtles, otters, ducks, frogs, reptiles and the history of America's most famous river; the Mississippi. Interactive exhibits and living history demonstrations bring this exciting riverfront campus to life. Each visit is a truly interactive experience where visitors can get “up close and personal” with native river animals and become barge pilots. Tour the William M. Black steamboat and watch as a boat is launched into the Mississippi River.

**10 – 2:00 pm**

Tour the Exciting Port of Dubuque on board their vintage **Trolleys**. See historic downtown with its elegant Victorian architecture, Eagle Point Park's spectacular views of the Mississippi. Also along this mighty river, tour the **Stone Cliff Winery**, located in historic Dubuque's Star Brewery. Visitors are able to sample the wines and browse through the gift shop while enjoying these breathtaking views of the Mississippi. The winery hosts a variety of events throughout the year, including concerts in their outdoor amphitheatre.

**2 – 4:00 pm**

**DYERSVILLE** 27 miles

Travel west a half hour, with a stop in Dyersville (the home of the movie “Field of Dreams”). Rich in history, its beauty can be seen in the **Basilica of St. Francis**



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**4 – 6:00 pm**

**INDEPENDENCE** 42 miles

A little further west, call it a day in Independence, Iowa. Check into the cozy **Country Inn & Suites** and relax before dinner.

**6:00 pm**

Dinner tonight is at the **Homestead Restaurant**, built on the banks of Swan Lake, with both a front and a back porch, complete with a screen door! Enjoy a drink in the Cider House Lounge before indulging in a delicious dinner. Don't miss the gift shop either – you're sure to find a precious keepsake to take home.

**day six**

**9:00 am**

Spend the morning at **Heartland Acres Agribition Center**; an exhibition of agriculture's past, present, and future in the National Heritage Area of Northeast Iowa. Sitting on over eighty acres of land, this premiere location teaches visitors the

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## NOON

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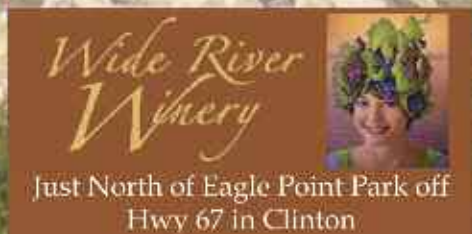
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1:30pm – A few blocks away is the Grout Museum District where you can "Touch, See, and Feel" the history. The "Engine of the Heartland" exhibit reviews the history of industry in our area. Waterloo was home to at least 10 automobile manufacturing companies in the early 1900's, automobiles which included the Dart and the Maytag. You have the opportunity to view the evolution of Waterloo from a small county-seat town into a Midwest industrial center. Machines of transportation and power are featured, along with agri-production, food processing, farm implement manufacturing, and printing. Step back in time with a visit to Waterloo's oldest Victorian mansion, the Rensselaer Russell House, filled with belongings of three generations of the Russell Family. The brand new 30,000 square foot Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum honors all veterans from Civil War to present day with its mix of oral veteran histories, vintage military films, and interactive exhibits. Named after Waterloo's WWII heroes the Five Sullivan Brothers, this experience puts you inside of a fighter plane and tank, to atop the bow of a reconstructed

USS Juneau that is viewable and extended from the first floor to the museum's second level. Other exhibits include the interior of a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter, the front of a Korean war-era jet fighter, WWII Pacific theater plus generations of memories from the Civil War to the present day.



**Sullivan Bros. Iowa Veterans Museum**  
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5:00pm – Check-in to one of Iowa's newest hotels, the Isle® Casino Hotel Waterloo. This beautiful full-service hotel has three restaurants including the *isle buffet*®, Farradays'® Steakhouse, Tradewinds Marketplace, fling® lounges and all the latest & greatest slot machines and favorite table games.

6:00pm – Take a short drive to enjoy a delicious, gourmet 3-course dinner by award winning Chef Lidija Golub at the new ArtHouse Café located inside the Waterloo Center for the Arts. Then a few steps down the hallway is the Hope Martin Theatre home of the Waterloo Community Playhouse. Since 1916, this theatrical company is one of the oldest and largest in Iowa. They present the best in classics, modern comedies, drama, musicals, and mysteries. Performances are scheduled every six weeks. They always have a summer musical in July and a holiday production in December. Sit back, relax. It's Showtime!



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## DAY 2

7:30am – Rise and shine after a great night's sleep and enjoy a scrumptious breakfast at the *isle buffet*.

9:00am – Take a behind the scenes tour of Petersen & Tietz Florist and Greenhouses. Since 1934, this third generation business specializes in mums, poinsettias and orchids that they wholesale all over the U.S. Different topics include horticultural therapy with the aspects of scrubbing the air like in the NASA Space Station, decorating your home with plants, and owner, Heidi, offering her helpful hints like she does each Saturday morning on our local TV channel for the "Weekend Gardner."

10:15 – Enter a world of discovery at the Dan Gable International Wrestling Institute & Museum. This 16,000 square foot facility chronicles the sport of wrestling back some 5,000 years. Gable won three state wrestling championships at Waterloo West High School, two NCAA titles at Iowa State University, and an Olympic championship as a competitor. As a coach he won 15 NCAA titles in 21 seasons at the University of Iowa. The museum holds more than 350 books including one that was published in 1727, thousands of artifacts, dozens of display cases, a video room, Dan's Olympic uniform, collegiate wrestling history from 1928 to present, and a training center as well as a half-size, pro wrestling ring. The museum emphasizes the value and impact of Gable's life and many accomplishments, providing inspiration and motivation to younger generations of athletes. Gift shop on site.



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11:45am – Have a delightful catered luncheon at the historic Snowden House built in 1881 and the home of the Waterloo Women's Club.

1:00pm – Just two blocks away, tour up to seven 100-year-old churches all located within a two-block area in Historic Church Row Neighborhood. A behind the scenes tour of

these prominent Waterloo churches and how, with faith, they have survived through the years all located within blocks of the downtown area. Religions represented are Greek Orthodox, First Baptist, Presbyterian, First Congregational, United Methodist, American Lutheran, and the Catholic Church. Each church has its own prominence in architecture from over millions of dollars in stained glass windows to the largest pipe organ this side of the Mississippi when it was installed. Tour a couple of these beauties and then have a refreshing afternoon break in one of them.

3:00pm – Artistry at its best! The Waterloo Center for the Arts has something creative for the entire family. Tour their impressive collection of artwork, from works by Grant Wood and Thomas Hart Benton to the colorful paintings, powerful metal sculptures, and sequined banners of their Haitian collection. The Center holds the largest public collection of Haitian artwork in the U.S. Situated along the banks of the scenic Cedar River, the Center's exhibits extend outside their walls into the surrounding sculpture gardens along the scenic Riverwalk and the waterfall fountain near the main entrance. They offer workshops and classes for your group: drawing, pottery, jewelry making, digital photography, video

editing and more! Your group can also tour the new Phelps Youth Pavilion, an interactive children's museum with over 40 hands-on exhibits...milk a life-size cow, digitally draw your self-portrait, and explore different countries & cultures. At the end of your visit, you'll certainly want to stop by the Gift Store to indulge in unique jewelry, pottery, artwork, and kids merchandise!

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5:00pm – Let's make butter! At Hansen's Dairy Farm you can enjoy a hands-on experience while visiting this 240 acre, 170 head dairy farm. A guided tour takes you through the

process of getting milk to your table: milking parlor, feeding facility, cow barns, feed shed, creamery, and farm equipment. Feed a baby calf or hand milk a cow.

6:00pm – Whoa! Take a horse drawn wagon ride (or sleigh ride during the winter months) out along the banks of Black Hawk Creek past a rustic cabin in the woods to a 100-year old barn where you will have a great home-cooked meal at Heritage Farm. Afterwards, have a sing-along with Ruthie on the upright piano. There are several buildings full of farm implements and old wagons you can view along with the native farm animals walking around the grounds.

In addition to these fun attractions, we have many more, whether your group is into agriculture, history, or arts & culture. Please contact Lonnie Elmore at 800-728-8431 or [Lonnie@TravelWaterloo.com](mailto:Lonnie@TravelWaterloo.com) to customize a tour especially for your group.



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- Ackerman Winery** Amana **319-622-3379**
- AJ's Copper Garden** Amana **319-622-6840**
- Amana Woolen Mill** Amana **800-222-6430**
- Tabor Home Winery** Baldwin **877-673-3131**
- Jackson County Historical Society**  
Maquoketa **563-652-1803**
- African American Museum of Iowa**  
Cedar Rapids **319-862-2101**
- Amana Heritage Society** Amana **319-622-3567**
- Anamosa State Penitentiary Museum**  
Anamosa **319-462-2386**
- Clinton Area Showboat Theatre**  
Clinton **563-242-6760**
- The Clinton County Historical Society Museum** Clinton **563-242-1201**

- Daly Creek Winery & Bistro**  
Anamosa **319-462-2525**
- Dan Gable International Wrestling Institute & Museum** Waterloo **319-233-0745**
- Dubuque River Rides** Dubuque **563-583-8093**
- Galleria de Paco** Waterloo **319-833-7226**
- George Curtis Mansion** Clinton **563-242-8556**
- Grout Museum District** Waterloo **319-234-6357**
- Heartland Acres Agribition Center**  
Independence **319-332-0123**
- Hurstville Interpretive Center**  
Maquoketa **563-652-3783**
- Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc.** Waterloo **800-THE-ISLE**

- National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium** **800-226-3369**  
350 East 3rd Street – Dubuque, IA 52001  
www.rivermuseum.com  
Enjoy dynamic aquariums, historical exhibits and a stroll through the wetlands and boatyard. Each visit is a truly interactive experience where groups can get "up close and personal" with native river animals and become barge pilots.
- Old City Hall Gallery** Maquoketa **563-652-3405**
- Stone Cliff Winery** Port Of Dubuque **563-552-1200**
- Trolley's of Dubuque** Dubuque **800-408-0077**
- Waterloo Center for the Arts**  
Waterloo **319-291-4490**
- Wild River Winery** Clinton **563-340-5678**
- Wild Rose Casino & Resort** Clinton **563-243-9000**

convention & visitors bureaus and chambers

- Amana Colonies Visitors Services**  
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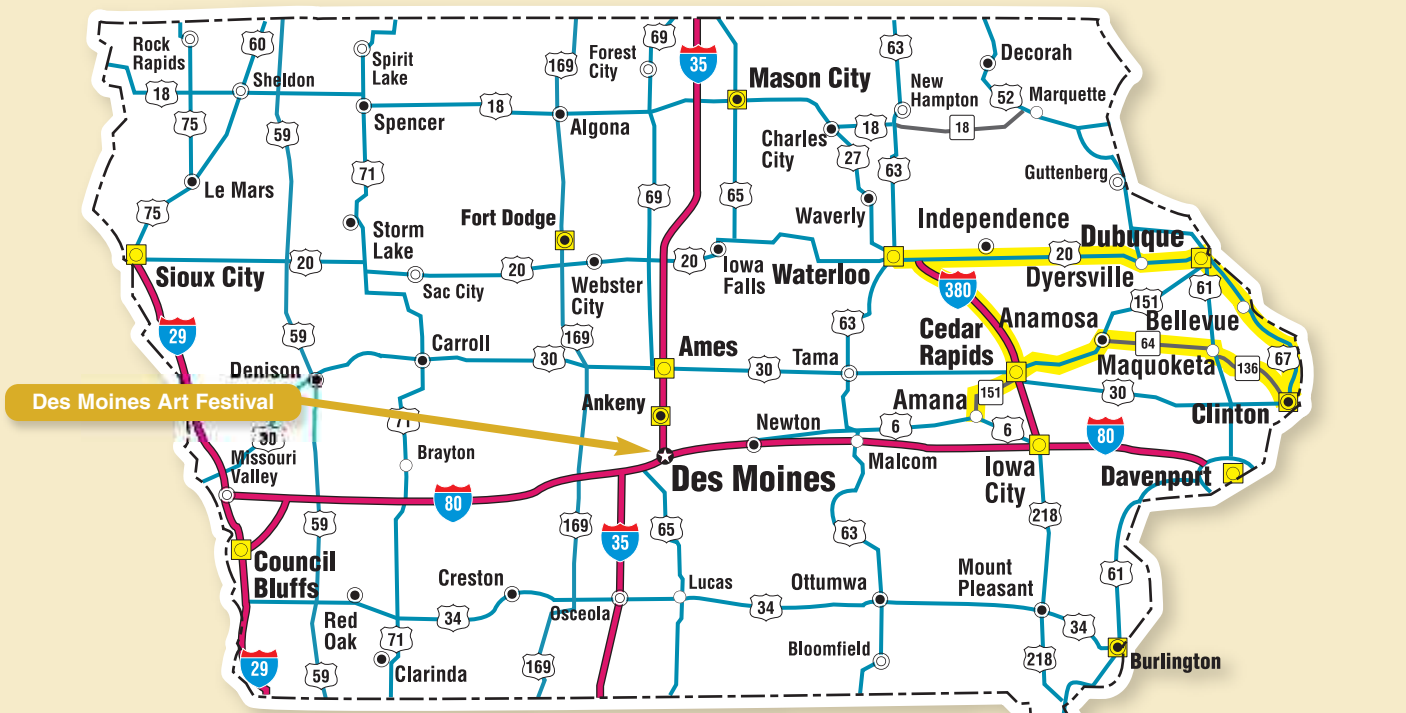
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## ART TOGEAU PARADE - LAWRENCE

Lawrence's own wheeled art extravaganza, Art Togeau (pronounced "to-go"), features art cars and wheeled art creations from national, regional and local artists. One-wheel, two-wheels, three-wheels or six; roller blade, skateboard, or bicycle; lawn-mower, shopping cart or wheelchair; motor-driven, pedaled, pushed or dragged; all are given new identities by their owners ranging from clever to comical, to just plain nuts. Awards are given based on merit and need. The only thing taken seriously is the spirit of art, expression and community. This is the fourteenth year for the annual mobile-art parade, and it continues the tradition of being larger and weirder than the year before! **May 15, 2009. 785-843-2787** (See location on map, page 28)

### other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in Kansas

**Art in the Park and Craft Show** – Marion  
31st annual show in beautiful Central Park, downtown Marion. See over 250 artists from across the country, with live entertainment and food court, all in a shady and relaxing setting. *September 19, 620-382-3425*

**Art Walk on Broadway** – Pittsburg  
A twice a year event designed to allow artists to utilize downtown Pittsburg as a canvas. Groups can wander from one art stop to the next with a musical performance to cap off the night. *April 17 & October 23, 800-879-1112*

**Civil War on the Western Frontier** – Lawrence  
Lawrence commemorates its early history each August around the anniversary of Quantrill's Raid. The series of events include dramatic performances, scholarly lectures, living history and reenactments. *August 7-21, 785-865-4499*

**en plein air Art Fair** – El Dorado  
An annual art fair on the courthouse lawn, sponsored by El Dorado Main Street's Artscape Committee. The fair brings in artists from all over Kansas and beyond. Featuring live music, a quick draw contest, and more! *October 10, 316-321-3088*

**Hillsboro Arts & Crafts Fair** – Hillsboro  
Annual festival known as "The Midwestern Creative Art Market" with approximately 400 artists and craftsmen from all over the country displaying and selling one-of-a-kind creations. Local food and hometown hospitality add flavor to this already extraordinary fair. *September 19, 620-947-3506*

**Hidden Glen Arts Festival** – Olathe  
The Festival is highly regarded for abundant and high quality fine visual arts as well as continuous live performances and

demonstrations throughout the weekend. *September 19-20, 2009. 913-961-2787*

**Flint Hills Folklife Festival** – Cottonwood Falls  
Festival featuring historical presenters in period dress, demonstrating the skills necessary to live and work in the mid 1800s. Presenters include blacksmiths, herbalists, soap makers, rope makers, wood carvers and others. *June 13-15, 620-273-8686*

**Kansas Storytelling Festival** – Downs  
Professional storytellers delight audiences of all ages at this popular annual event, with everything from tall tales, folk tales, yarn spinning and dramatic characterizations. *April 24-25, 785-454-3808*

**McPherson Kansas Scottish Festival** – McPherson  
Experience a weekend of traditional Scottish activities from music to dance to athletic competitions. Hear bagpipers, see highland dancers, shop for Celtic jewelry and eat Scottish meat pies. *September 26-27, 800-324-8022*

**Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Pageant** – Medicine Lake  
Pageant reenacts history of what is now the 'Central United States', telling of the discovery, exploration and settlement of the Great Plains. The story comes alive in the natural amphitheater with the Gypsum Hills in the background. *September 23-October 1, 620-886-9815*

**Tulip Festival** – Wamego  
Every spring the Wamego City Park comes alive with the vibrant colors of over 18,000 tulips. These tulips become the backdrop for this weekend festival, complete with over 100 Art and Craft booths, a wide variety of food vendors and live entertainment for all ages. *April 18-19, 877-292-6346*



### kansas cities

ABILENE, DODGE CITY,  
GREAT BEND, HAYS, HUTCHINSON,  
INDEPENDENCE, JUNCTION CITY,  
KANSAS CITY, LAWRENCE,  
LEAVENWORTH, LINDSBORG,  
MERRIAM, MCPHERSON, SALINA,  
TOPEKA, WICHITA

### calendar of events

#### april

- **5th Annual Mountain Man Encampment**  
Apr 3-4, Arkansas City 620-442-6750
- **Gerry Nuestrom Young Artist Challenge**  
Apr 5-26, Salina 785-825-7733
- **Downtown Gallery Walk**  
Apr 24, Lawrence 785-830-8030

#### may

- **Cinco de Mayo Festival**  
May 1-3, Hutchinson 620-662-1280
- **KANZA Days**  
May 1-3, Winfield 620-221-2420
- **Hutchinson Annual Outdoor Art Fair**  
May 2, Hutchinson 620-663-1081
- **Sunflower Balloon Fest**  
May 10-11, Anthony 620-842-5456

#### june

- **Kansas Prairie Shop Hop**  
Jun 4-7, 785-364-4050
- **Phillipsburg Riverless Festival**  
Jun 5-7, Phillipsburg 785-543-2321
- **Spring Wildflower Tour**  
Jun 6, Canton 620-628-4455
- **Prairie Days Festival**  
Jun 13-14, Independence 620-289-4238
- **MidSummer's Day Festival**  
Jun 20, Lindsborg 888-227-2227

#### july

- **Fort Harker Days and Frontier Living History**  
Jul 10-11, Kanopolis 785-472-4444
- **76th Annual Fiesta Mexicana**  
Jul 14-18, Topeka 785-232-5088
- **Prairie Port Festival**  
Jul 23-26, El Dorado 316-321-1841
- **After Harvest Czech Festival**  
Jul 24-26, Wilson 785-658-2211

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## metro cities

AFTON, ALBERTVILLE, APPLE VALLEY, ARDEN HILLS, BLOOMINGTON, BUFFALO, BURNSVILLE, CHANHASSEN, CHASKA, COON RAPIDS, EAGAN, ELK RIVER, EXCELSIOR, JORDAN, LAKEVILLE, MINNEAPOLIS, PLYMOUTH, RICHFIELD, ROSEVILLE, SHAKOPEE, SAINT PAUL, STILLWATER

*Skylines & Shorelines*

## calendar of events

### june

- "KC & The Sunshine Band" Jun 6, Treasure Island Resort & Casino 800-222-7077
- **Buffalo Days** Jun 7-14, Buffalo 763-682-4902
- **Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition** Jun 12-Jan 3, 2010, Science Museum of MN 651-221-9444
- **Richfield Beautiful Home & Garden Tour** Jun 20, Richfield 612-861-9703
- **Rosefest** Jun 22-28, Roseville 877-980-3002
- "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" Jun 26-Sep 26, Chanhassen Dinner Theatre 952-934-1525

### july

- **Taste of Minnesota** Jul 2-5, Saint Paul 651-772-9980
- **Summer Fete** Jul 3, Bloomington 800-346-4289
- **Eagan's FunFest** Jul 3-4, Eagan 866-324-2620
- **Fourth of July Parade** Jul 4, Richfield 612-861-9395
- **Karl Oskar Days** Jul 8-12, Lindstrom 651-257-1177
- **Cities 97 Basilica Block Party** Jul 10-12, Minneapolis 612-333-1381
- **Highland Fest** Jul 17-19, Saint Paul 651-699-9042
- **Aquatennial** Jul 17-26, Minneapolis 612-338-3807
- **Minnesota Fringe Festival** Jul 30-Aug 9, Minneapolis 612-872-1212

### august

- **Minnesota Sate Fair** Aug 27-Sep 7, Saint Paul 651-632-2689

## northern cities

ALEXANDRIA, BEMIDJI, BRAINERD, CHISHOLM, DETROIT LAKES, DULUTH, ELY, EVELETH, EAST GRAND FORKS/GRAND FORKS, FARGO/MOORHEAD, FERGUS FALLS, GRAND MARAIS, GRAND PORTAGE, GRAND RAPIDS, HINCKLEY, LITTLE FALLS, LONG PRAIRIE, NEW YORK MILLS, PARK RAPIDS, PERHAM, ST. CLOUD, TWO HARBORS, VIRGINIA

*Northwoods & Lakes*

## calendar of events

### june

- **Nisswa-stämman Scandinavian Folk Festival** Jun 12-13, Nisswa 218-764-2994
- **Grand Cities Art Fest** Jun 13-14, East Grand Forks 701-738-8354
- **Prairie Fest 2009** Jun 18-21, Long Prairie 320-732-4900
- **Lemonade Concert and Art Fair** Jun 25, St. Cloud 800-264-2940
- **Annual Judy Garland Festival** Jun 25-27, Grand Rapids 218-326-1900
- **Fabulous 50's & 60's Weekend** Jun 26-27, Grand Portage 800-543-1384
- **Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival** Jun 26-28, Moorhead 218-299-5452
- **Swedish Midsommar Festival** Jun 28, Bemidji 218-444-3469

### july

- **Arts in the Park** Jul 5, Brainerd 800-450-2838
- **Majestic Pines Art Festival** Jul 17-18, Nisswa 800-950-9610
- **North Shore Dragon Boat Festival** Jul 24-26, Grand Marais 888-922-5000
- **Lake Bemidji Dragon Boat Festival** Jul 30-Aug 1, Bemidji 800-458-2223

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## southern cities

ALBERT LEA, AUSTIN, BROWNSVILLE, CALEDONIA, CANTON, CANNON FALLS, CHATFIELD, EITZEN, FAIRMONT, FARIBAULT, FOUNTAIN, HARMONY, HASTINGS, HOUSTON, HOKAH, LA CRESCENT, LANESBORO, MABEL, MORTON, NEW ULM, PIPESTONE, PRESTON, OWATONNA, REDWOOD FALLS, RUSHFORD, SPRING GROVE, SPRING VALLEY, WALNUT GROVE, WILLMAR, WYKOFF

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## calendar of events

### june

- **Buffalo Days** Jun 5-7, Luverne 507-283-4061
- **Minnesota Inventors Congress Invention and Idea Show** Jun 12-14, Redwood Falls 507-627-2344
- **Faribault Heritage Celebration** Jun 18-21, Faribault 507-334-4381
- **Covered Bridge Festival** Jun 19-21, Zumbrota 507-732-7318
- **Summer Fun Festival** Jun 21, Fairmont 507-235-5164

### july

- **4th of July Celebration** Jul 3-4, Albert Lea 507-373-3938
- **Austin's 4th of July Freedomfest** Jul 3-5, Austin 507-437-4563
- **Independence Day & 125-Year Celebration** Jul 3-5, Morton 507-697-6912
- **Edgerton's Dutch Festival** Jul 9-11, Pipestone 507-825-3316
- **Hayward Days** Jul 10-12, Albert Lea 507-373-2316
- **Rock County Galleries Grand Event** Jul 16-19, Luverne 507-283-4061
- **Bavarian Blast** Jul 17-19, New Ulm 507-359-2222
- **Red Hat Extravaganza** Jul 25, Pipestone 507-825-3316

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## EAGAN ART FESTIVAL - EAGAN

Held on the grounds of the Eagan Community Center, this 2-day juried art show features fine art and original handmade crafts by over 100 Artisans. Participate in the Art Experience Tent and be part of a community art project that is fun for all! Enjoy entertainment including music performances by the Century Brass Band and local Jazz favorites, jugglers and a variety of foods to make the Eagan Art Festival a favorite destination for groups of all ages. Explore Kinetic Art (moving parts) this year, and don't forget to bring home a fine piece of art to decorate your home, a handmade bracelet to decorate your wrist, or a special piece of wearable dyed art to adorn your shoulders. **June 27-28, 2009. 866-324-2620** (See location on map, pg 56)



## MISSISSIPPI MELODIE SHOWBOAT - GRAND RAPIDS

Relive the excitement of days past when the showboat came rounding the bend of the Mississippi River to bring entertainment to the towns on its shores. These colorfully costumed performers entertain you with song, dance and comedy. This is truly entertainment for everyone - no matter what the age. Your group will love sitting outdoors in the comfortable stadium seating on the banks of the Mississippi River. Such a unique experience your group will talk about it for years. The show is brand new each year and is on Minnesota Office of Tourism's list of top annual group tour festivals & events. **Performances are the last 3 weekends in July. 218-327-5780** (See location on map, page 56)



## MEANDER UPPER MINNESOTA RIVER ART CRAWL - UPPER MINNESOTA RIVER VALLEY

This award winning Meander is a free, self-guided tour of artist studios featuring the work of more than 50 local artists from the Upper Minnesota River Valley. This is a great trip for those seeking authentic culture, history and scenic vistas. Some of the communities include Ortonville, Appleton, Madison, Milan, Dawson, Montevideo and Granite Falls and anywhere in between. You're invited to visit artists in their own environment, who celebrate a lifestyle that represents the small, handmade, personal and local culture of the area. Be connected to local history, culture and landscape. A free brochure that includes driving directions to all studios is available. **October 2-4, 2009. 866-866-5432** (See location on map, page 56)

## other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in minnesota

### metro minnesota

#### **Anoka Riverfest and Craft Fair** – Anoka

One of the largest craft events in the area! You'll find over 150 hand-selected crafters exhibiting their unique wares, live music on three stages, food, free boat rides on the Rum & Mississippi Rivers, ghost tours, and more. *July 11, 763-421-7130*

#### **Autumn Festival,**

#### **An Arts & Crafts Affair** – Shakopee

Features over 500 artisans and crafters displaying everything from stained glass to American folk art pieces. This craft show is one that die-hard shoppers and casual browsers alike won't want to miss! *November 12-15, 800-574-2150*

#### **Cinco de Mayo Fiesta** – Saint Paul

One of the 10 largest festivals of its kind nationwide, attracting more than 100,000 visitors. Featuring over six blocks of food, music, dancing, a lowrider car show, colorful parade, a "People's Choice" salsa tasting contest and more! *May 1-2, 651-222-6347*

#### **Lakeville Area Arts Festival** – Lakeville

The park-like grounds allow the unique use of a circular type arrangement of artist booths, providing an intimate and accessible setting. Includes artist demonstrations and local talent. *September 19-20, 952-985-4640*

#### **Medieval Fair at Caponi Art Park** – Eagan

Discover what it was like to live during the Middle Ages in the wooded setting of the Art Park. Authentic pavilions will be on display in a Medieval Village as SCA members in period dress present interactive demonstrations and activities. *October 3-4, 651-454-9412*

#### **Midsommar Celebration** – American Swedish Institute

Welcome summer in Swedish style with folk dancing, fiddle music, colorful folk costumes, food, arts & crafts, & games. The highlight of the day is the raising of the midsommar pole (majstång). *June 20, 612-871-4907*

#### **Minnesota Renaissance Festival** – Shakopee

Journey back in time to a 16th-century village! This Minnesota tradition features entertainment, artisans, food, history and more! *Aug 22-Oct 4, 800-966-8215*

#### **Powderhorn Art Fair** – Minneapolis

Stroll the artist's booths and take in performances along the way, while you enjoy the park, the lake, and this picturesque event. *August 8-9, 612-722-4817*

#### **Saint Paul Art Crawl** – Saint Paul

See art by over 300 resident, guest and gallery artists all in beautiful and historic buildings. Art lovers of all ages are invited to visit artists' working spaces to view a wide range of art and the historic architecture of Saint Paul. *April 24-26 & October 9-11, 651-292-4373*

#### **Saint Paul Craftstravaganza** – Saint Paul

A one-day market for artists, crafters and designers of all stripes. There's plenty of vendors selling handmade art, plus hands-on workshops to learn new crafty skills. *May 2, 651-291-5327*

#### **Sidewalk Arts and Crafts Festival** – Buffalo

During this day, downtown Buffalo is filled with paintings, clay pottery and designs. The event is free, and not to be missed! *August 15, 763-682-4902*

#### **Stone Arch Festival of the Arts** – Minneapolis

This art festival is set apart from other locals, by the inclusion of other art genres including a wide variety of dance, theater and musical performances on 5 different stages. *June 20-21, 612-746-4508*

#### **Uptown Art Fair** – Minneapolis

What began as a neighborhood art sale has now developed into a nationally recognized event. It caters to tourists, art enthusiasts, artists, and festival-goers from around the country. *August 7-9, 612-823-4581*

### northern minnesota

#### **9th Annual Street Faire at the Lakes** – Detroit Lakes

This juried arts & craft show features invited artisans from across the country. Over 120 vendors, food venues and entertainment troupes create a festive atmosphere. *May 30-31, 800-542-3992*

#### **21st Annual White Oak Rendezvous** – Deer River

A celebration of MN history with a reenactment of a typical fur trade era post. Enjoy live music, food booths, story telling, traders, family camps of the era, demonstrations, and much more! *August 7-9, 218-246-9393*

#### **29th Annual Blueberry Art Festival** – Ely

With more than 300 exhibitors, you're sure to find something to please the entire group! *July 24-26, 218-365-6123*

#### **Art in the Park** – Bemidji

Since 1967, this juried fine arts and craft fair located on the shores of Lake Bemidji in beautiful, tree lined Library Park. Features over 120 artists, a dozen food vendors & live entertainment. *July 18-19, 218-444-7570*

#### **Grand Marais Arts Festival** – Grand Marais

The festival takes place on the harbor and features live music, food booths, a pie social, and fiber arts demonstrations. *July 11-12, 218-387-2737*

#### **Lake 'n Pine Craft Fair** – Park Rapids

A large number of artisans attend this juried show, which is limited to truly handcrafted work of original design and handmade by the exhibitor. *June 26-27, 800-247-0054*

#### **Land of the Loon**

#### **Arts & Crafts Festival** – Virginia

A Saturday parade kicks off this ethnic arts and crafts festival consisting of over 300 artists and crafters and 25 ethnic food booths. *June 20-21, 218-749-5555*

#### **Legend and Logging Days** – Park Rapids

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#### **Rendezvous Days & Pow-wow** – Grand Portage

Grand Portage comes alive and reflects on its rich heritage. Re-enactors from across the country and Canada gather to camp and challenge each other to games & skills from our past. *Aug 7-9, 800-543-1384*

#### **Olde World Renaissance Faire** – Twig

In the tradition of a medieval celebration, this faire presents bits of history & lore from 1200 - 1700 Europe. The trade merchants, medieval music and entertainment, historic education, & delicious foods are all nestled in a secluded enchanting meadow. *June 13-14, 218-729-5323*

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#### **9th Annual Bluff Country**

#### **Studio Art Tour** – Harmony

Find exciting treasures in the hills and valleys of Bluff Country during this Annual Studio Art Tour. One can observe the emergence of spring while traveling scenic back roads to the studios of the area's finest artists. *April 24-26, 800-428-2030*

#### **Art in the Park** – Lanesboro

Annual Fair held in Sylvan Park, view exhibits by 90+ artists, homemade foods, music and demonstrations. *June 21, 800-944-2670*

#### **Art Rocks** – Luverne

Over 45 artists from the area will display their work, all from pottery, paintings, photography, stained glass, jewelry and more! Experience these talented artists at their best! *August 22, 888-283-4061*

#### **Beneath the Village Wreath** – Morton

Enjoy numerous area artist collections during this three-day weekend Celebration. Perfect right before the holidays! *November 20-23, 507-697-6912*

#### **Big Island Rendezvous & Festival** – Albert Lea

Award winning & largest early America & fur-trade "living history" reenactment. Over 1000 participants & 250 tents featuring ethnic food, continuous stage entertainment, colonial crafts and various activities. *October 3-4, 800-658-2526*

#### **Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!** – Willmar

Activities for all ages! Juried art show and sale, art demonstrations, ethnic dance groups, musical performance, poetry readings, art exhibits, storytellers and free gourmet coffee in the outdoor cafe. *September 19, 320-231-8560*

#### **Festival of the Arts** – Owatonna

Held in beautiful Central Park, featuring artists, food and numerous entertainers. *July 26-27, 507-451-0533*

#### **Kolacky Days – Czech Festival** – Montgomery

Celebrating Montgomery's Czechoslovakian heritage & culture by blending the Czech traditions of the past with today's festival favorites. *July 24-26, 507-364-5577*

#### **Love of the Land Rendezvous** – Pipestone

Large number of period vendors displaying and demonstrating black powder shooting, flint napping, hawk & knife throwing, roping, canoe making, weaving-spinning, & so much more! *July 24-26, 507-825-4560*

#### **South Central Minnesota October**

#### **Studio Art Tour** – Faribault, Owatonna & Northfield

See artists at work in their studios and purchase your favorite piece. A variety of original work will be demonstrated. *October 23-25, 507-334-4381*

#### **Studio Hop** – Willmar

A unique opportunity to visit artists in their studios in the Willmar/Spicer/New London area. This self-guided tour allows you to visit with the artists, see their creative workplaces, watch demonstrations, and purchase original artwork. *June 20-21, 320-231-8560*

#### **Summer Celebration of the Arts** – Red Wing

Featuring the work of over 85 artists, writers and musicians. Plus studio demonstrations, live outdoor music, readings, & tours of the historic Tower View estate. *July 11, 651-388-2009*

#### **Wilder Pageant** – Walnut Grove

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## GIRLFRENDS SUMMER GETAWAY

This sample itinerary is good all year round!

### day one

5:30 – 10:00 pm

Arrive in the Twin Cities and check into an area hotel. This evening take in the excitement of a **WNBA Lynx** basketball game (seasonal) at the Target Center in downtown Minneapolis. This women's professional team is in its 10th season. There are plenty of restaurants in the area to gather in before the game.



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10 – 1:00 pm

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1 – 9:00 pm

This afternoon head to **The Mall of America** where you can shop til' you drop at over 520 retail and specialty stores, see exciting underwater creatures at **Underwater Adventures Aquarium**. Enjoy dinner with over 50 eateries to choose from, and finish off the day with a movie in the VIP Lounge movie theater.

### day three

10 – 12:00 pm

Your day begins at the **Minneapolis Institute of Arts**. The Museum presents a wide range of exciting special

exhibits, bringing art from the greatest collections on earth to Minneapolis.

12 – 5:00 pm

Stop and smell the 'roses' with a visit to the **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** to see 1,000 acres of magnificent displays of flowers and plants. It's a gardener's delight! Stay for a unique "Flower Pot Lunch" before going to a local spa for an afternoon of pampering and relaxation.

5 – 9:00 pm

Treat yourselves to 'dinner and a show' at **Chanhassen Dinner Theatres** or the **Guthrie Theater**.

### day four

9:00 am

Anyone up for a little more shopping? Receive a VIP coupon book for **Albertville Premium Outlets**. Discover 100 designer apparel and brand name outlets in Albertville, offering great buys and savings every day.

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## Minnesota State Fair



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### Morning is the best time to...

- schedule a breakfast and welcome session for your group at the Blue Ribbon Picnic Area.
- learn about renewable energy and sustainability at the award-winning Eco Experience.
- experience the **Miracle of Birth Center** where lambs, calves and piglets are born.

### Mid-day is the best time to...

- catch one of more than 75 acts on seven free entertainment stages.
- check out nearly 70 rides from around the globe at **Mighty Midway** and **Kidway**.
- browse through the shops at **Heritage Square** or the **International Bazaar**.

### Afternoon is the best time to...

- grab a spot on the curb and enjoy watching various floats during the **Daily Mall Parade**.
- choose a snack from the menu of 350 foods, including more than 50 foods on-a-stick.
- stroll through Minnesota's largest juried art show in the **Fine Arts Center**.

### Evening is the best time to...

- go to extremes on **Adventure Park's** rides.
- see big-name entertainers at the newly-restored **1909 Grandstand**.
- watch the nightly fireworks spectacular.

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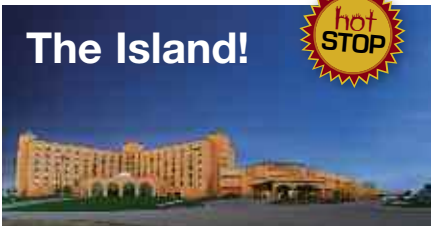
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### For the Group Tour Director

Together, TMA and its members provide exciting and beneficial services to tour groups and leisure travelers. Check out the website [www.tourmn.org](http://www.tourmn.org) for a list of members including Convention and Visitors Bureau's that will help you with itineraries and accommodations in addition you will find a list of Coach / Tour companies for your transportation or guided tour needs.

### As a Member

TMA strives to satisfy the needs of its members through support, promotion, networking, partnerships, and education. We also providing a voice for tourism to the legislature, encouraging vision and direction that will ensure the successful future of tourism in Minnesota. Go to the website for membership information.



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### DAY TWO Duluth, MN

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## Southern Minnesota Itinerary

### DAY ONE Austin, MN

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**Minneapolis / Saint Paul**

**DAY ONE**

Visit the American Swedish Institute – The museum showcases the Institute's collection of Swedish glass, decorative, fine arts and textiles.

Take the "Gangster Tour" at the Wabasha Street Caves. Be sure to see the Court Rooms where the gangsters trials were held at Land Mark Center. Stay at one of the local hotels.

**DAY TWO**

Start your day at the Science Museum. Witness some rare and fascinating exhibits, enjoy a screening in the Omni Theatre or try the "hands on" science experiments.

Next relax and enjoy a lazy river cruise on one of Paradise Charter Cruises beautiful boats. End your day with a rousing performance by the Actors Theater Co. in St. Paul or a special event at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

**West Metro**

**DAY ONE** Bloomington, Chanhassen, & Plymouth, MN

Enjoy shopping at Mall of America and visit the sharks at Underwater Adventures Aquarium.

In the evening enjoy a wonderful theater and dining experience at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres or dish up a Second Helping of Church Basement Ladies at Plymouth Playhouse. Stay at one of the area hotels. AmericInn offers a great stay and quiet nights rest.

**DAY TWO** Excelsior, Shakopee, & Prior Lake, MN

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**East Metro**

**DAY ONE** St. Croix, Taylors Falls, MN

Stop and enjoy a glass of wine (or a bottle) and a nibble of chocolate at St. Croix Vineyards on your way to Wild Mountain in Taylors Falls where you can enjoy a scenic boat cruise, water slides or skiing.

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## HOLIDAY DELIGHTS

This itinerary is best during the Holiday season.

### day one

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

Your adventure begins with a behind the scenes tour of **Bachman's**, one of the Twin Cities largest floral, gift and garden centers.

**5 – 10:00 pm**

Check-into your Roseville Accommodations and enjoy an early dinner before departing for downtown Minneapolis and the **Holidazzle Parade**. View 250 characters in holiday lights as they go down Nicollet Mall in this holiday tradition. Afterwards, head over to the **Ordway in Saint Paul** for a performance of **Disney's Beauty and the Beast**.

### day two

**9:30 – 11:00 am**

Enjoy breakfast and head out for the **Alexander Ramsey House**. Decorated for the holidays, it's one of the nation's best-preserved Victorian-era homes.

**11 – 1:00 pm**

Following your tour, view the **Marjorie McNeely Conservatory** for the annual holiday flower show and enjoy lunch at the Black Bear Crossings.

**1 – 2:30 pm**

Take a stunning self-guided tour of the **Cathedral of St. Paul**. This 1915 landmark is the mother church

of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.

**2:30 – 4:00 pm**

Step back in time and tour the beautiful **Landmark Center**; built in 1902, it originally served as the Federal Court House and Post office for the Upper Midwest.

**4 – 5:00 pm**

Head back to your hotel and freshen up for this evening's activities.

**5 – 9:30 pm**

Enjoy dinner in Roseville and then depart for North Heights Lutheran Church to witness the wonderful holiday performance of **The Christmas Window**, featuring a cast and choir of 400.

### day three

**9 – 10:00 am**

Enjoy breakfast and checkout. Before you depart, your group is treated to a complimentary **farewell rose** courtesy of **Roseville Visitors Association**.

**10 – 1:00 pm**

A holiday trip wouldn't be complete without shopping! Enjoy a sample of fine chocolates at **Custom Chocolates**, then visit the **Rosedale Center** with over 150 stores including Macy's, JCPenny's and Herberger's, plus the Plaza at Rosedale Center.

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This sample itinerary Spring through Summer.

### day one

9:30 – 11:30 am

A stop at **Canterbury Park** where you will meet **Jockey, Paul Nolan**, who has won over 1200 races.



Enjoy watching the thoroughbreds go through their morning workouts. Hear first hand what it takes to work with these beautiful horses and the thrill of riding a winner. This is the place to get close to horses!

11:30 – 1 pm

Lunch will be at the **Stonebrooke Golf Course** where you will enjoy the food as much as the magnificent view.

1 – 2:30 pm

A stop by the **Brewery House**, which has been restored to its 1871 original condition, now serves as a

residence for **Jeanne & Vernon Bjornberg**. The Bjornberg's nine children helped them with the restoration. The house has been furnished with pieces that reflect the era of the home. You will have a chance to see some unusual antiques and enjoy the great hospitality of this wonderful family.

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Your next stop will be the **Rahr Malting Company**. William Rahr founded the **Eagle Brewery** in 1847 and the company soon found that their ability to produce quality malt exceeded the needs of their tiny brewery. Today they are the largest single site malt producer in the world.

The **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community** and **Rahr Malting Company** formed the **Koda Energy** joint partnership in 2006 to build and operate an innovative combined heat and power plant. The facility will generate electricity and heat by burning agricultural byproducts and grown energy crops. Hear about this new venture.

4 – 6:00 pm

You're invited to stay in one of **Shakopee's group friendly hotels**. Check in and freshen up before heading out for the evening.

6:00 pm

Enjoy dinner at one of the great dining establishments in the area, with special entertainment provided by the **Czech Area Concertina Club**.

### day two

9:30 – 11:30 am

#### A MOO-VING EXPERIENCE

Head out into the country and visit the century old dairy farm of the **Zweber Family** tucked in the rolling hills of **Elko/New Market**. This fourth generation organic dairy farm raises hogs, chickens and steers for beef and emphasizes environmental sustainability practices. This tour will include a viewing of the milking facilities, historic barn, and pasture land.

11:30 – 2:30 pm

The next stop will be at the **Cedar Summit Farm** located on the bank of **Sand Creek**. This dairy farm has a registered **Holstein Herd** that was converted to a grazing system in the early 90's. In 2002, a processing plant was built where they process all the milk these organic certified cows produce and sell in the **Twin Cities** area. You can view the cream processing and tour the milking facility.

Enjoy a delicious lunch of **organic food** raised on the organic farms in the area.

2:30 – 5:00 pm

A short drive to the **Crofut Family Winery**, which is proud to be **Scott County's** first commercial vineyard and winery. The **Crofut Family** invites you to visit and learn more about the wine making process and the health benefits of wine. Enjoy a tour, wine tasting and a visit to the gift shop.

For more information or to customize an itinerary for your group, contact your tour operator or **Carol Anderson** at the **Shakopee Chamber & Visitors Bureau**, 800-574-2150.

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## OOH LA LA IN BLOOMINGTON!



Minneapolis Institute of Arts

This sample itinerary can be customized for anytime of the year.

### day one

10 – 6:00 pm

Start your day at **Mall of America®** to find top-of-the-line imports from France. Begin your hunt for all that is French at **Nordstrom** where you will find the largest collection of Louis Vuitton handbags and accessories around. This newly opened boutique features the latest styles along with classic favorites.

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Many high-end designer stores are housed inside Mall of America. Peruse through Burberry, Metropark, bebe, Arden B., Burberry and True Religion Jeans.

6 – 8:00 pm

After all of the excitement around the mall, enjoy a delicious French meal at a turn-of-the-century Parisian Brasserie, or Chez Colette, located in the **Sofitel Minneapolis** or **Chez Daniel** in the **Embassy Suites Bloomington**. Both are warm and inviting and exude authentic French charm, while tempting you with traditional brasserie fare. For your group accommodations, Bloomington offers a variety of group-friendly hotels.

### day two

10 – 2:00 pm

Grab a croissant at **Patrick's Bakery**, located in **Bachman's Floral**, and then be on your way to Minneapolis to take in *The Louvre and The Masterpiece Exhibition* at the **Minneapolis Institute of Arts**. Admission to the museum is FREE; see this extensive collection of works of art drawn from all eight of the Musée du Louvre's curatorial departments, spanning 4,000 years.

2 – 3:00 pm

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3 – 5:00 pm

Make your way down to **Nicollet Mall** in the heart of downtown Minneapolis to find those elusive Christian Louboutin shoes at **Neiman Marcus**. The shoes, by a French designer, are one of the most coveted designer shoe lines out on the market, and can only be found in Minnesota at Neiman Marcus. While at the Nicollet Mall, stop into **Macy's** and **Target**, both Minneapolis establishments.

5 – 8:00 pm

Experience **Sofitel Hotel's** other restaurant, **La Fougasse**, the award winning Mediterranean restaurant. Casual yet elegant with the presence of 2 fireplaces, the colorful decor and sharp design give an energetic look and feel to your dining experience.

### day three

10 – 12:00 pm

Saint Paul will be the last stop on the tour of Minnesota, as you visit the iconic **Cathedral of Saint Paul**. Take a peek into the six chapels, which are dedicated to the patron saints of the ethnic groups that settled the area.

12 – 2:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious lunch at **Meritage**, located in the historic **Hamm Building** in downtown Saint Paul. The restaurant is modeled after a traditional French Brasserie, paying homage to a century's old tradition. Be sure to make a reservation before arriving to ensure you get the best tables in the house.

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## GOING GREEN EAGAN-STYLE

This sample itinerary is best spring through summer.

### 9 – 11:00 am

Put on your walking shoes and hop on the coach for your “green” adventure. You’ll start by touring the **Lebanon Hills Visitor Center**, which serves as a Minnesota model for sustainability. The Visitor Center showcases several ‘green’ building features such as a vegetative roof, rain garden and day lighting. They offer park information, interactive nature displays, courses and programs, and access to the all-beautiful 2,000-acre Lebanon Hills Regional Park. Take the opportunity to **make your own recycled paper!**

### 11 – 1:00 pm

Nothing says “green” like **Bachman Floral & Garden Center!** Bachman’s is the nation’s largest floral/garden retail company in the country. This **FREE** tour includes a behind-the-scenes look at the phone & internet center, which processes approximately 800 orders per day. It also includes the fresh floral design area, the greenhouse and the gift and home decor areas. Tour participants receive a **free rose and a discount coupon** for purchases made that day only. Enjoy

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## TITANIC: The Artifact Exhibition

At 14,000 square feet, *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* is one of the largest exhibitions the Science Museum has ever hosted. More than 20 million people have seen it worldwide.

*Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* will open at the Science Museum on **Friday, June 12, 2009**, offering visitors a rare chance to connect with this legendary story of human drama. Tickets are \$23 for adults and \$18 for kids and seniors. (Ticket price includes admission to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* and the Science Museum’s permanent exhibits galleries.) Group tickets are on sale now! As with past exhibits, admission to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* will be timed and dated; visitors will be asked to choose a specific date for their visit when they purchase their tickets, as well as a time to enter the exhibit.

Titanica, a giant screen film that takes viewers on a journey to the ocean floor to view the wreck of the Titanic in stunning detail, will run in the William L. McKnight-3M Omnitheater next summer as well. Titanica provides the perfect complement to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*.

For specific directions, parking information, hours, show times and ticket information, call (651) 221-9444 or visit [www.smm.org](http://www.smm.org).

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**1 – 3:00 pm**

The next truly Minnesota stop is the **Mississippi River Visitor Center** and **Mississippi River Gallery**. Located inside the **Science Museum of Minnesota**, the visitor center is staffed by rangers from the National Park Service who will share information about the 72-mile corridor called the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. See exhibits about river biology, culture, and history. Tour the Gallery where you can see an authentic towboat, watch live fish in the aquarium and much more.

**3 – 6:00 pm**

It's time to get on the Mississippi River, so come aboard a **Padelford Riverboat!** Spot bald eagles, egrets and falcons as you travel back in time from Saint Paul's bustling downtown harbor through the **Mississippi National Great River Park**. See sites along the way, including Pig's Eye's Cave, Fort Snelling, and Pike Island while you enjoy the timeless splendor of the Mississippi River.

**6:00 pm**

Return to your Eagan hotel for a break, and then it's out to dinner at one of Eagan's premiere dining spots – Jensen's Supper Club.

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### Day 1

**1:00 pm** – Start your Saint Paul adventure at the **Grand Hand Gallery** on popular Grand Avenue. This gallery offers contemporary fine American crafts in a variety of media: clay, metal, wood, fiber, glass and jewelry.

**3:00 pm** – Head over to Minneapolis' riverfront district to see the new **Guthrie Theater**. By presenting both classical literature and new work from diverse cultures, the Guthrie illuminates the common humanity connecting Minnesota to the people of the world. Make sure to book a back-stage tour for your group.

**4:00 pm** – Check your group into The **Depot Minneapolis/A Renaissance Hotel** just blocks from the Guthrie Theater. Enjoy a great stay in this renovated landmark while enjoying nearby attractions.

**6:00 pm** – 2009 brings wedding bells to the **Actors Theater of Minnesota!** Have a great time at **Tony 'n Tina's Wedding** where the audience becomes guests at a true Italian-American wedding. Make sure you stay for the hilarious wedding dinner and dance!

### Day 2

**9:00 am** – Check out of your hotel and start your day in the heart of downtown Saint Paul. The iconic **Landmark Center** is home to museums, galleries, and dining. Building tours highlight its colorful history of gangsters & justice. This is a must-see for your groups.

**11:30 am** – Saint Paul has many group-friendly restaurants. From authentic German food at **Glockenspiel Restaurant** to a delicious slice of Italy at **Trattoria da Vincl**, our restaurants have you covered when traveling to the Twin Cities.

**1:00 pm** – Grab your **Tommy Gun** and head to the **Wabasha Street Caves**. Enjoy the famous Saint Paul Gangster Tour from the comfort of your coach while visiting the sites of former gangster hideouts and shootouts.

**3:00 pm** – If shopping is on your mind, a stop at **Mall of America** is simply a must. However, make sure you take advantage of all the attractions it has to offer. **Underwater Adventures** has several group tour options for your group that will surely add a "splash" of excitement to your itinerary.

**5:00 pm** – Check into Saint Paul's only hotel on the bluffs of the Mississippi River. The **Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront Hotel** offers some of the best views in town and is centrally located to many of Saint Paul's downtown attractions.

**7:00 pm** – Treat your group to a sunset dinner on the shores of the St. Croix River at the **Historic Water Street Inn** in Stillwater. Take advantage of their outdoor seating if weather permits.

### Day 3

**8:00 am** – Rise and shine after a great night's sleep and head down to a delicious breakfast sure to jump start your day!

**10:00 am** – Didn't get enough of Stillwater? We don't blame you! Stillwater has much more to offer. Enjoy the rest of your day before heading back home strolling through their unique shops, galleries, wineries and fine restaurants.

**3:00 pm** – It's time to head home with all your wonderful Saint Paul memories!

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**O**n May 23, 2009, Memorial Day weekend, the Minnesota Historical Society will open a 6,000-square-foot, long-term exhibition at the Minnesota History Center, titled "Minnesota's Greatest Generation: The Depression, The War, The Boom." Featuring hands-on and multimedia experiences, the exhibition will follow this pivotal generation through their entire lives, allowing visitors the extraordinary opportunity to experience a vast sweep of American history from the 1920s to present day.

The exhibition is organized into several major thematic areas: Growing Up; Heading Off to War; The Home Front; The Battlefront; Moving Out and Making the Boom; The Whole World; and a concluding section honoring the legacy of this generation. Visitors to the exhibition will encounter iconic artifacts and experiences including:

- A re-created 1930s movie theater with clips

from films popular with kids during the era and stories about movie-going.

- Artifacts and stories from the New Deal's Civilian Conservation Corps.
- A homemade "car" from the 1938 St. Paul Soapbox Derby.
- A classic soda fountain from the 1940s with a vintage pinball machine and jukebox, where visitors will hear stories of carefree teenage lives interrupted by the events of December 7, 1941.
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7:00 pm. Memorial Day through Labor Day. While you are visiting, take a tour of the 1901 **Christie Home Museum**, a well-preserved Victorian home with complete furnishings of two generations of the Christie family. Take a tasting tour, a culinary delight, of the only licensed vinegary in Minnesota, the **Leatherwood Vinegary**.



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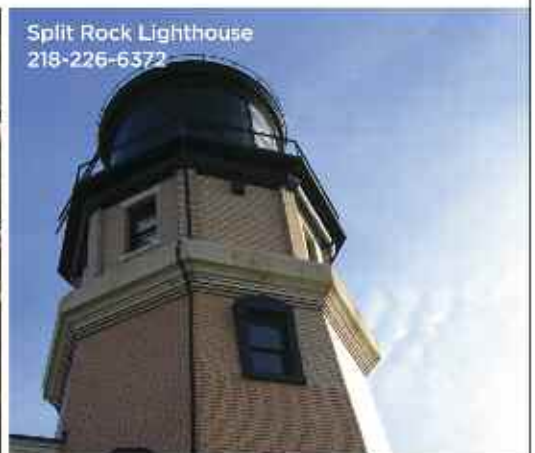
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performances, along with **The Long Prairie Chamber Orchestra** offering ever increasingly ambitious musical performances.


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## FIRST CITY OF ARTS STUDIO CRUISE

This sample itinerary works best October 16-19, 2009. See route on page 56. *Better suited to groups of 20-25, traveling via smaller-size coach. Studio Cruise Brochure and driving map available from Visit Bemidji.*

### day one

**8 – 10:30 am**

Depart the Minneapolis area via the **Great River Road National Scenic Byway** (US Hwy 10) through Brainerd to MN 371.

**10:30 – 12:00 pm**

Arrive at **Artists Mall** in Walker. Browse through their collection of art from over 100 Minnesota artists.

**12 – 1:00 pm**

Enjoy a lakeside lunch at the **502 Restaurant** at the beautiful **Chase on the Lake**. Sit on the patio and enjoy the spectacular views of Leech Lake.

**1 – 2:30 pm**

A must see spot on your way out of town is **Shingobee Studios**. See Mark Harlow's stunning museum quality prints and canvases, it's like looking out a window into the outdoors.

**2:30 – 5:30 pm**

Cruise to Bemidji, visiting other art studios along the way.

**5:30 – 6:00 pm**

Check into area hotel and freshen up.

**6 – 7:00 pm**

Enjoy refreshments and music while you meet the artists and admire their works at the **Artist Reception Browse Gallery**.

**7 – 8:30 pm**

For dinner head to the **Bemidji Town & Country Club**. A Native American Flute presentation is available to entertain your group.

### day two

**8 – 8:30 am**

Before the days activities, take a photo stop with **Paul Bunyan & Babe the Blue Ox**.

**8:30 – 9:45 am**

Stroll downtown for an **Art Walk** – outdoor sculptures and murals dot downtown Bemidji. As you walk along, do some shopping at Irvineboro shops: **Bemidji Woolen Mills Factory Outlet Store** – quality woolen outerwear made in Bemidji and other fine products, and **Snow Goose Gifts**.

**9:45 – 12:00 pm**

Resume 'cruising' to artist's studios, such as **Bad Cat Creations, Gallery North, and Bemidji Community Art Center**.

**12 – 1:30 pm**

Lunch is at **71 Bar and Steakhouse**.

**1:30 – 4:00 pm**

Time to do some art of your own! Paint your own pottery at **'Glazed and Amused' Ceramic Studio**.

**4 – 5:00 pm**

Check into area hotel and take some time to relax.

**5 – 7:00 pm**

Enjoy a meal at **Cattails Bar & Grill**. When the weather's divine, dine on their new outdoor patio.

**7 – 9:30 pm**

Enjoy an evening of entertainment/music/theater from the **Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Wild Rose Theater, Folk Music Performances, or the Bemidji Symphony Orchestra!**

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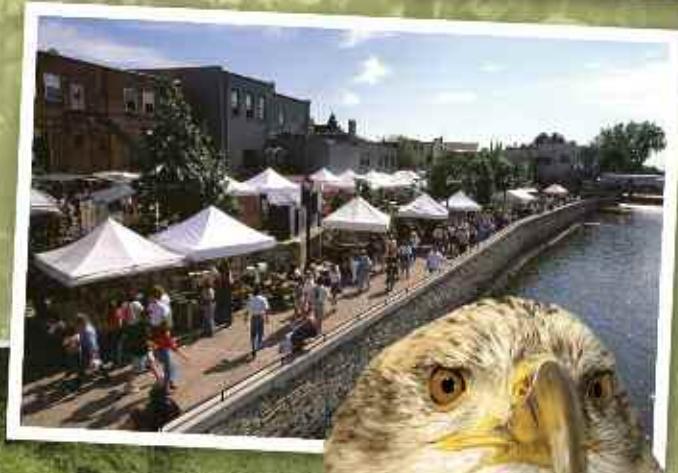
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### 10 – 12:00 pm

The **Albert Lea Art Center** is located in the “Heart of the City” on South Broadway Avenue. Hosting a different and unique exhibit each month such as student art exhibits, Festival of Arts, Christmas Tree Review, and the All Member Show. Don’t forget to visit the Art on Broadway gift shop for original art and art supplies.

### 12 – 2:00 pm

Spend a summer afternoon aboard the **Pelican Breeze II Cruise Boat** and cruise the picturesque Albert Lea Lake on this 60-foot pontoon riverboat. Enjoy wildlife and historic sites as your guide describe the area and

history behind this charming natural area. Arrange for lunch on board.

### 2 – 3:30 pm

Tour the **Freeborn County Historical Museum**, rated one of the finest history complexes in Minnesota. Home to both the “Minnesota Rock & Country Hall of Fame” and to Marion Ross, of the “Happy Days” TV show fame. The Village depicts the lives of early settlers. The site has 14 buildings that include a one-room school, general store, church, and jail.

### 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Take a break to enjoy the outdoors with afternoon cookies and coffee or lemonade at **New Denmark’s Park**. Enjoy the beauty of the fountains on Fountain Lake while taking in the sites of this peaceful and beautiful city park.

### 4:30 – 5:30 pm

Check into **Comfort Inn Albert Lea** and take a few minutes to relax after all that fresh air!


### 5:30 – 7:15 pm

Choose from a variety of Albert Lea’s group friendly dining options for your evening meal.

### 7:15 – 9:00 pm

Take in a show at the **Marion Ross Performing Arts Center**. Featuring many performances throughout the year, including concerts, tributes and comedy specials. Please call ahead for their upcoming schedule.




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## DISCOVER THE MAGIC OF BLUFF COUNTRY



This sample itinerary is best Spring thru Summer. See route on page 56.

### day one

**9:30 – 12:00 pm**

Arrive in Harmony, MN for a tour of the **Old Order Amish Community** with knowledgeable guides from **Amish Tours of Harmony**. A variety of handcrafted goods are available for purchase, including fresh baked bread and pies, hand-sewn quilts, knitted items, jams and jellies, and hand reed baskets.

**12 – 1:00 pm**

Enjoy a satisfying home cooked meal at one of the local restaurants.

**1 – 5:00 pm**

Delight in a day of browsing and shopping the unique stores in Harmony, including **Liv Blooma Scandinavian Store, Clover Art Gallery, Generations of Harmony Antique Mall, Meadow Lane Art Gallery, R&L Wood Goods, and Austin's Angora Goats & Mohair Gifts.**

**5 – 6:00 pm**

Check into the **Mabel House Hotel** in Mabel. Enjoy this charming hotel, complete with an old-fashioned front porch perfect for relaxing.

**6 – 9:00 pm**

Head downstairs for the **Mabel House Mystery Dinner Theatre**. This mystery dinner gives you a chance to put

your detective skills to work, all the while enjoying a delicious three-course meal.

### day two

**9 – 10:00 am**

Enjoy a complimentary continental breakfast and check out.

**10 – 10:30 am**

Enjoy the scenic drive along **Hwy 44 to Caledonia.**

**10:30 – 1:30 pm**

Drive the **Barn Quilt Tour** in Caledonia. Experience over 25 hand crafted and individually designed barn quilts displayed on area family farms. Make plans for a special box lunch to be enjoyed along the way.

**1:30 – 5:30 pm**

Wander over to **Spring Grove** and explore the **Bluff Country Artists Gallery, plus Ballard House Antiques,** and the spiritual **HIS Business.**

**5:30 pm**

Enjoy food with a local flair at an area restaurant.

**7:30 pm**

Be among the first to take in a movie at the **New Spring Grove Movie Theatre** (opening summer 2009).

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## A SUMMER FAIR TO REMEMBER

This sample itinerary is best during the Steele County Free Fair, August 18-23, 2009.

### day one

10 – 11:00 am

Arrive in Owatonna and check into one of their many group friendly hotels. You won't want to miss a minute of Minnesota's **largest county fair, The Steele County Fair**, so head right over.

11 – 8:00 pm

Have a grand day exploring a wide range of goods, from crystal to quilts, art to furniture, potato peelers to RV's. Over 100 food stands will tease your taste buds! All ages will enjoy events from pig races to puppet shows. Thrill seekers will prefer the midway rides, or one of the attractions in adventure alley. Music lovers can visit the FREE entertainment stages and tap their toes to a variety of music.

### day two

8 – 9:00 am

Enjoy a continental breakfast at your hotel before boarding the coach.

9 – 11:00 am

Leading the way with a variety of famous historical sites, Owatonna features the **Minnesota State School and Orphanage Museum**, the largest school of its

kind ever operated in Minnesota. Relive history through pictures, artifacts and personal stories.

11 – 12:00 pm

While visiting the West Hills complex, walk through the **Sculpture Garden** and/or enjoy the current exhibit at the **Owatonna Arts Center**.

12 – 1:00 pm

See the National Historic Landmark, commemorated on a US postage stamp in 1981, the **Sullivan Bank**. Highlights include stained glass windows, gold leaf arches, chandeliers weighing 2.25 tons each, and murals by Oskar Gross.

1 – 2:00 pm

Enjoy lunch at one of many group friendly restaurants.

2 – 3:00 pm

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## ARTS + THEATER EXPERIENCE IN AUSTIN!

This sample itinerary works best during Spring & Summer.

Austin boasts a **great** number of art and theatre opportunities for a city of approximately 24,000! Groups will find many of the amenities and offerings usually found in big cities – from the community art center, a local gallery, a college gallery, followed by the theatre seasons of Riverland College's Frank W. Bridges Theatre, plus the Historic Paramount Theatre shows.

### day one

5 – 7:00 pm

Check into the **Holiday Inn Austin**, a Quality of Excellence Award Winner. Followed by dinner at **Torge's Grille Restaurant**, located inside Holiday Inn.

7 – 9:30 pm

Cap off your first day with an evening performance at the **Historic Paramount Theatre** as noted above. Call ahead for the schedule.

### day two

8 – 9:00 am

Wake up and enjoy a continental breakfast before commencing your Art & Theater experience in Austin.

9 – 10:30 am

Plan to visit the **Austin Area Art Center** at the **Oak Park Mall**. The **AAAC** is celebrating 50 years of promoting the enjoyment of art in the community! See a gallery which features rotating exhibits of artwork by local artists including paintings, sculptures, cards, jewelry & fabrics.

10:30 – 11:30 am

Your next stop is a visit to the local studio of abstract artist **Eva Deli**. You'll be fascinated with the variety of subject material and artwork on sale there.

11:30 – 1:00 pm

Stop for a bite to eat at one of Austin's many group friendly restaurants. And after, be sure to include a visit to the Art Gallery at the **Riverland Community College**, where the artwork of college students is prominently displayed for viewing.

1 – 3:30 pm

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**Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce** Stillwater ... **651-439-4001**

**Richfield Visitors Association** . **612-866-5100**  
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www.saintpaulgroups.com  
A classic group tour destination. In addition to offering a variety of group-friendly activities, we also provide unparalleled service for tour operators and group leaders. Take advantage of our group services such as itinerary planning and meet and greet program that make booking Saint Paul a must!

**Shakopee CVB** ..... **952-445-1660**  
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**Twin Cities Tourism Attractions Association** ..... **952-858-8493**

PO Box 11858 – Saint Paul, MN 55111  
info@funminnesota.com / www.funminnesota.com  
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**northern**

**Long Prairie Tourism & Visitors Bureau** ..... **320-732-2514**

533 Lake St S – Long Prairie, MN 56347 / www.longprairie.org  
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**southern**

**Albert Lea Convention & Visitors Bureau** . **507-373-2316**  
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**800-423-6466**

320 Hoffman Dr – Owatonna, MN 55060  
www.owatonna.org  
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## Pipestone Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau

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www.pipestoneminnesota.com  
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## Redwood Falls Area Chamber and Tourism

200 South Mill Street, PO Box 21 **800-657-7070**  
chamber@redwoodfalls.org / www.redwoodfalls.org  
Along the Minnesota River, this area has much to offer its visitors. Alexandria Ramsey Park/Falls/Zoo - 217 wooded acres, 18 hole championship golf course, gaming, many historic attractions, great specialty shopping, convention & lodging facilities.

## entertainment & theater

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Actors Theater of Minnesota  
Saint Paul **651-291-5289**

## Chanhassen Dinner Theatres

501 W 78th St – Chanhassen, MN 55317 **800-355-6273**  
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## Plymouth Playhouse

2705 Annapolis Lane – Plymouth, MN 55119  
groupst@plymouthplayhouse.com  
www.plymouthplayhouse.com  
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Target Center Minneapolis **612-673-1637**

## festivals & events

metro

## Minnesota Renaissance Festival

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Shakopee, MN 55379 **800-996-8215**  
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## Minnesota State Fair

1265 Snelling Avenue N – Saint Paul, MN 55108  
www.mnstatefair.org  
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## restaurants

metro

Degidios Restaurant Saint Paul **651-291-7105**

Glockenspiel Restaurant Saint Paul **651-292-9421**

Trattoria da Vinci Saint Paul **651-222-4050**

## service

metro

Affinity Marketing Minneapolis **952-746-5208**

## shopping

metro

Grand Hand Gallery Saint Paul **651-312-1122**

## Mall of America

60 E Broadway – Bloomington, MN 55425 **800-879-3555**  
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## tour operators

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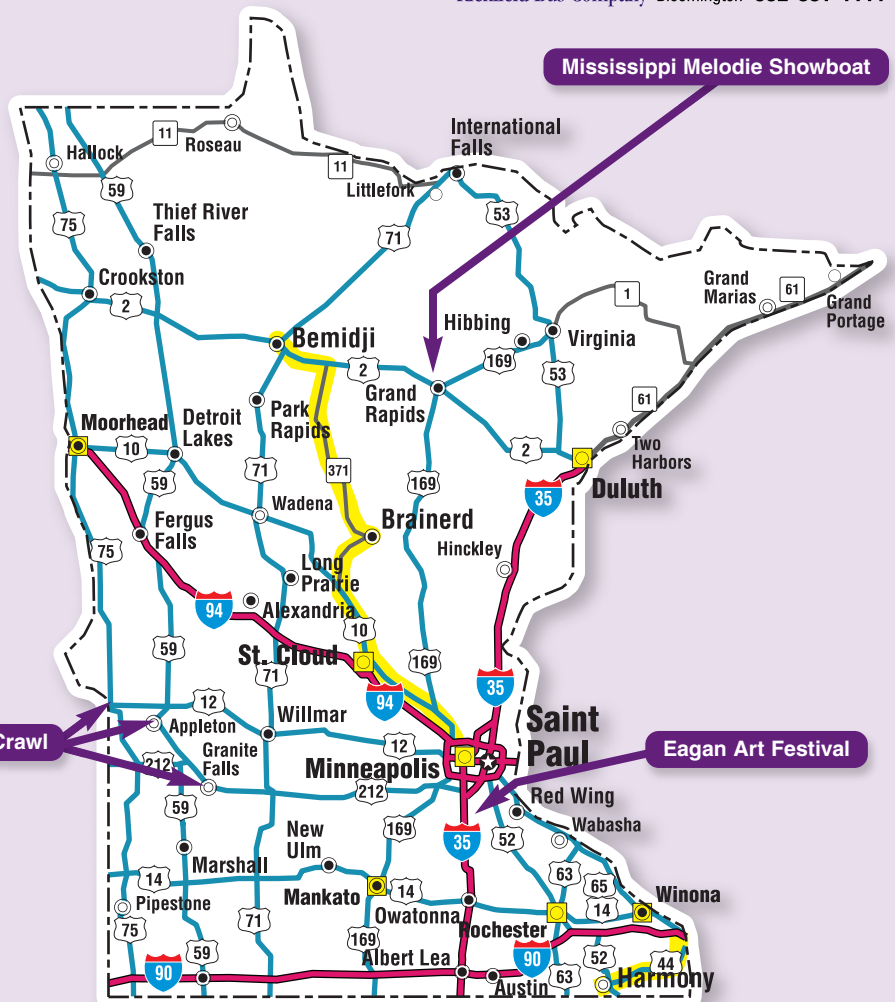
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## transportation

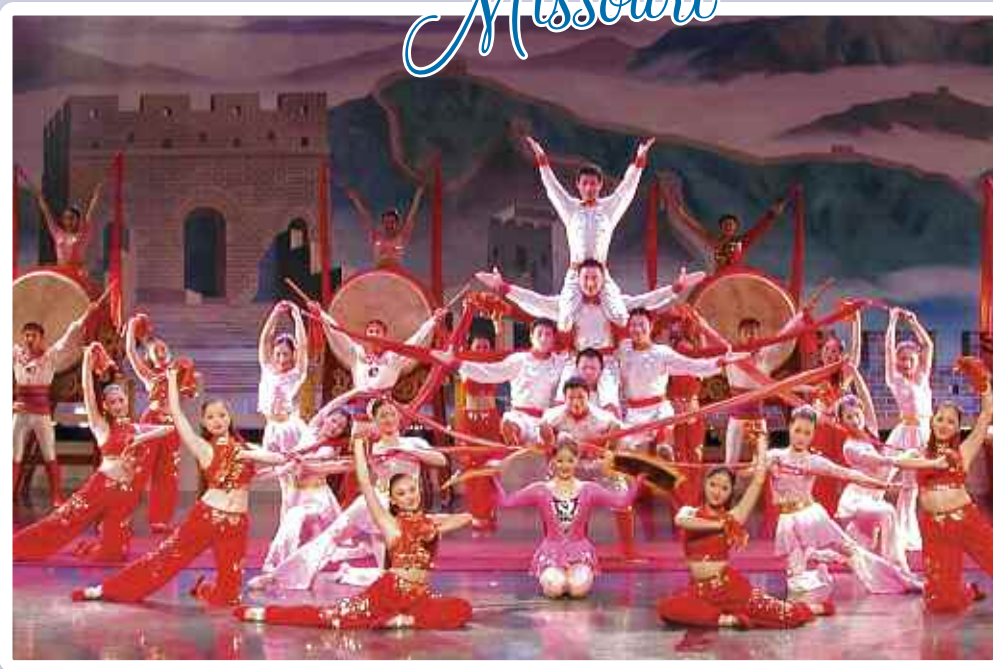
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Richfield Bus Company Bloomington **952-881-1111**



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With more than 100 different shows in 52 state-of-the-art theaters, it's easy to see why Branson is known as the live music show capital! Offering music from nearly every era and style, performed by rising young entertainers and legendary stars. You'll also find shows filled with magic, comedy, special effects, animals, acrobats, lumberjacks, trick-riders, water displays and pyrotechnics. Broadway-style productions, original musicals, dinner shows and themed productions provide even more diversity. Branson's live entertainment is suitable for all ages. Christmas is a special time at Branson, with most of the shows devoting much of each performance to holiday-themes.

The quality of entertainment in Branson, the sheer variety of choices, and the up-close-and-personal-feel, make it easy to see why Branson has earned the distinction as one of the top 20 vacation destinations in the country. (See location on map, page 58)

## other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in missouri

### 32nd Annual Heritage Festival & Craft Show – Columbia

Listen, learn and see history as it comes alive! Artisans & tradesmen dressed in 19th century attire, handmade craft area, and entertainment on 3 stages including music, dance & storytelling plus so much more! *Sept 19-20, 573-874-7460*

### 17th Annual Historic Shaw Art Fair – St. Louis

See 135 artists from around the country displaying a large variety of media and styles. Located on the tree-lined parkway of beautiful Flora Place at Tower Grove Avenue. *October 3-4, 800-916-8938*

### 16th Annual Saint Louis Art Fair – Clayton

This nationally-ranked, juried art show features artist demonstrations, performing arts, music on 3 stages, the Art Studio, a Poetry Garden, Culinary Arts and gourmet food from over 20 of St. Louis' top restaurants. *September 11-13, 314-726-3033*

### Art & Air – Webster Groves

Discover the fine art Fair that is known as the "Artist's Art Fair". Stroll the lush, beautiful grounds of Eden Theological Seminary, while live music tickles your ears, and the scent of mouth-watering fare carries you along the rows of unique fine art! *June 5-7, 314-968-6500*

### Art in the Park – Columbia

Approximately 40 percent of the work displayed each year is from new artists, keeping this show's selection both eclectic and fresh. *June 6-7, 800-652-0987*

### Faust Fall Fine Arts and Folk Festival – Chesterfield

This event provides you with a larger shopping experience of both historic and current artists. You can see everything from blacksmithing and pit-fired pottery demonstrations, to oil and acrylic painting, plus live music. *Sept 19-20, 636-532-7298*

### Folk Arts Festival – Jefferson City

Memorial Park will come alive with a unique gathering of talented folk artists, musicians and craftspeople. See live demonstrations of basket weaving, chair caning, loom weaving, soap making & woodcarving. *May 16, 573-526-5296*

### Heart of American Shakespeare Festival – Kansas City

This free outdoor festival presents professional productions of William Shakespeare's "The Merry Wives of Windsor" on a stage in Southmoreland Park each evening except Mondays. *June 16-July 5, 816-531-7728*

### Laura's Memories – Mansfield

Experience the past with Laura Ingalls Wilder (through the Ozark Mountain Players). The pageantry of pioneer life in this unforgettable production is performed in a comfortable amphitheater. *August 7-September 19, 417-924-3525*

### Trails West Festival – St. Joseph

Trails West is one of the largest events in Northwest Missouri; rated in the top three by the Missouri Arts Council. The festivities include fine art, folk art, dramatic stage performances, reenactments, musical entertainment and great food for the whole group. *August 21-23, 816-233-0231*



## missouri cities

BRANSON, CAPE GIRARDEAU, COLUMBIA, EAGLEVILLE, FARMINGTON, HANNIBAL, HERMANN, KANSAS CITY, JEFFERSON CITY, MANSFIELD, ROCK PORT, SPRINGFIELD, ST. LOUIS, ST. JOSEPH, WEST PLAINS

## calendar of events

### april

- **2009 Art Fair at Queeny Park**  
Apr 4-5, St. Louis 314-889-0433
- **Art Crawl**  
Apr 10, Excelsior Springs 816-630-6161
- **Great Plains Renaissance Festival**  
Apr 18-19, Wichita 316-253-3392
- **Fine Arts River Festival Art Show**  
Apr 24-26, Kansas City 816-630-6161
- **World War II Weekend**  
Apr 25-26, St. Louis 214-544-6224

### may

- **Art Crawl**  
May 8, Excelsior Springs 816-630-6161
- **Folk Arts Festival**  
May 16, Jefferson City 573-526-5296
- **Memorial Day Weekend Celebration (Air Show)**  
May 21-25, Columbia 576-443-2651
- **37th Annual Gypsy Caravan**  
May 26, St. Louis 214-286-4452

### june

- **Festa Italiana**  
Jun 5-7, Kansas City 816-587-8180
- **Strawberry Festival**  
Jun 6-7, Kimmswick 636-464-6464
- **Art Crawl**  
Jun 12, Kansas City 816-630-6161
- **Wine & Food Festival**  
Jun 20-27, Columbia 573-442-1430

### july

- **KC RiverFest**  
Jul 3-4, Kansas City 816-960-3400
- **3rd Annual Missouri Wine & Food Festival**  
Jul 4, Excelsior Springs 816-630-5500
- **Independence Day at Fort Osage**  
Jul 4, Sibley 816-503-4860
- **22nd Annual Antique & Craft Fair**  
Jul 11, Independence 816-461-3491
- **Boone County Fair**  
Jul 20-26, Columbia 573-474-9435

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)



Acrobats of China - Branson



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**PICTURE THIS:**  
Museums & Galleries in Columbia, Missouri

Columbia's many galleries and museums have plenty to see, for browsing or buying. To receive a free Gallery Guide, contact the Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, 877-596-4670, www.visitcolumbiamo.com.

- BLUESTEM MISSOURI CRAFTS**  
13 S. Ninth Street, (573) 442-0211; www.bluestemcrafts.com
- COLUMBIA ART LEAGUE (CAL)**  
207 S. Ninth Street, (573) 443-8838; www.cal.missouri.org
- MUSEUM OF ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY**  
Pickard Hall (corner of Ninth Street and University Avenue), (573) 882-3591; http://maa.missouri.edu
- ORCHIDS AND ART**  
10 W. Nifong Boulevard, Suite B, (573) 875-5989; www.kellycoallier.com
- POPPY**  
920-922 E. Broadway, (573) 442-3223; www.poppyparts.com
- PS:GALLERY**  
812 E. Broadway, (573) 442-4831; www.perlow-stevensgallery.com

## BEST OF COLUMBIA

This sample itinerary can be customized year round!

### 8:30 – 9:00 am

Start the day with a morning stroll through the **Shelter Gardens** which features a replica one-room school house, garden for the blind, rose garden, fern grotto, streams and pools.

### 9 – 9:30 am

Arrive at **MKT Spur** and **M.L. King Jr. Memorial Gardens**. Make a quick stop to point out the King Memorial Gardens, which includes an amphitheater and sculptures featuring the writings of Dr. King. (*The Midwest's largest, public tribute to Dr. King.*)

### 9:30 – 11:00 am

Tour the **Boone County Historical Museum** see the lives and events that shaped the settlement of Boone County. Then go next door to the **Maplewood**, a 19th Century rural farmstead, featuring a gracious 2 story home and original outbuildings.

### 11 – 11:30 am

At **Bluestem Missouri Crafts**, view displayed artwork including functional and decorative items in mediums of clay, glass, wood, metal, and fibers.

### 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Lunch is at one of downtown Columbia's restaurants.

### 1 – 2:00 pm

Visit **Historic Francis Quadrangle** on the MU



Campus, site of the historic MU Columns, and (believe it or not) Thomas Jefferson's original tombstone! Visit the **Museum of Art and Archaeology** - featuring major works of art, plus ancient art and artifacts and the **Museum of Anthropology** - focusing on the native peoples of the country and those in Missouri.

### 2 – 6:00 pm

For the rest of the afternoon, visit Columbia's galleries, such as the **Columbia Art League**; **Orchids and Art** - art surrounded by flowering orchids; **POPPY** - American craft, fine art, folk art and jewelry; **PS:Gallery** - from Pop Art paintings to handcrafted jewelry, soothing landscapes to expressive abstracts.

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group, contact your tour operator or Columbia CVB, 877-596-4670.

## directory & map

### convention & visitors bureaus and chambers

#### Branson/Lakes Area

**Chamber of Commerce/CVB** ..... 800-296-0463

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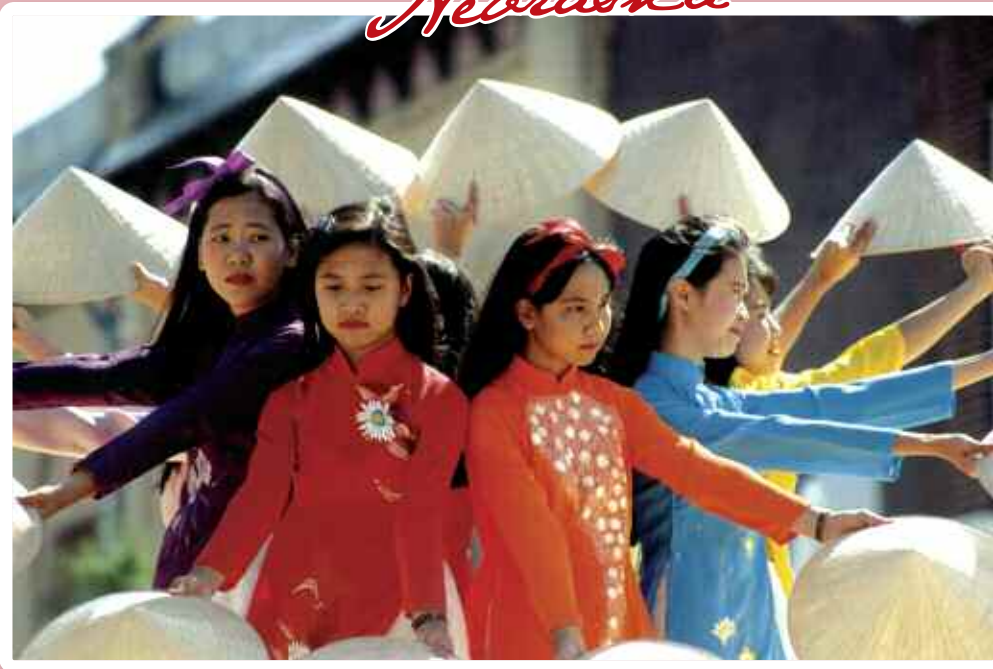
Our distinctive blend of small town and big city offers an exciting destination for your entire group. Attractions and events include the University of Missouri, numerous galleries and museum, a variety of performing arts venues, and festivals throughout the year.

#### Missouri Division of Tourism

Jefferson City ..... 800-519-2100



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*Nebraska*



**CENTRAL NEBRASKA ETHNIC FESTIVAL - GRAND ISLAND**

Nebraska's largest Ethnic Festival! Experience the sights, sounds, and tastes of the world all in one location, as Grand Island celebrates their ethnic diversity with the Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival! This remarkable festival has something for everyone and is free to all! Scottish bagpipes, Irish Dancers, Leiderkranz German Singers – plus many more performances bring the stage alive with back-to-back exciting entertainment throughout the weekend. Shop the world by visiting the craft booths during the street bazaar, and explore your roots at the Education Pavilion and see what makes up the kaleidoscope of ethnic diversity in Central Nebraska. **June 26-28, 2009. 800-658-3178** (See location on map, page 61)

**other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in nebraska**

**1898 Independence Day Celebration** – Grand Island  
 This annual celebration is held at the Stuhr Museum. Highlights include a traditional German-language church service, a quilt show featuring over 100 miniature quilts, horse rides, a pie eating contest, “mammoth” parade, and much more! *July 4, 800-658-3178*

**Arts Festival – A Celebration of the Arts** – Gering  
 Showcasing more than 60 regional artists of all mediums, exhibiting in outdoor studios & galleries. Featuring entertainment, sidewalk chalk art, & food vendors. *June 13, 308-346-6886*

**Art in Bloom Festival** – Omaha  
 Unique botanically influenced art show, with more than 60 high-quality, local and regional artists all portraying a botanical theme. Plus demonstrations, live music, dance, and tours. *August 8 & 9, 866-937-6624*

**Art in the Park** – Kearney  
 Held at Harmon Park, this annual tradition is regarded among the best regional art shows! See a wide variety of artistic styles & media, you're sure to find something you'll like! *July 12, 308-237-3178*

**Ash Hollow Pageant** – Lewellen  
 Held at the Ash Hollow State Historical Park. This pageant features stories and scripts based on excerpts from actual diaries and historical documents, depicting the lives of those who traveled along the Oregon Trail during the 1800's. *June 12-13, 308-778-5548*

**Cottonwood Festival** – Hastings  
 Held in Hastings' beautiful Brickyard Park, the event attracts approximately 15,000 visitors. Fine art, crafts, art demonstrations,

food, and nationally recognized entertainment on three stages exemplify this incredibly active weekend event. *June 19-21, 402-461-8412*

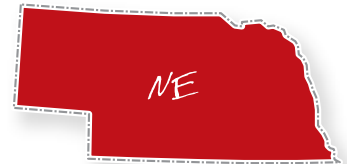
**FAMFest Arts & Music Festival** – Aurora  
 This festival showcases the talents of artists and musicians from around the United States. People come from all over to hear the music, wander through the artists' tent, participate in hands-on activities, and for the first time this year - experience real live theater! *September 5, 402-694-3214*

**“Light of the World” Pageant** – Minden  
 Since 1946 this outdoor pageant has been performed annually by over 115 volunteers of all ages. The performance culminates in the lighting of over 10,000 Christmas lights and the finale is the illumination of over 12,000 lights. *November 28, December 6 & 13, 308-832-0588*

**Summer Arts Festival** – Omaha  
 Enjoy music from around the world and shop for fine art and unique handmade creations. Featuring 135 of the nation's finest! *June 26-28, 866-937-6624*

**Threads Across Nebraska** – Grand Island  
 An annual quilt show with quilt displays, vendors in the merchant mall, and demonstrations throughout both days. *October 2-3, 800-658-3178*

**Wilber Czech Festival** – Wilber  
 Local people appear in homemade costumes, Czech music is playing everywhere, plenty of authentic food, and locally made sausages. A unique highlight is the Pageant of the Czech People, a staged production of narrated vignettes portraying the national history & legends. *July 31-Aug 2, 402-821-2320*



**nebraska cities**

CHADRON, COLUMBUS,  
 GRAND ISLAND, HASTINGS,  
 KEARNEY, KIMBALL,  
 LINCOLN, MCCOOK,  
 NEBRASKA CITY, NORFOLK,  
 NORTH PLATTE, OMAHA,  
 SCOTTSBLUFF, VALENTINE

**calendar of events**

**april**

- **New Harmonies**  
 Apr 1-Jun 6, Cambridge 308-697-4385
- **Spring Festival, An Arts & Crafts Affair**  
 Apr 17-19, Omaha 402-331-2889
- **The Great Nebraska Mushroom Festival**  
 Apr 25-26, Peru 402-872-7275

**may**

- **NE Wine & Jazz Festival**  
 May 1-2, Kearney 308-237-3114
- **Nebraska Renaissance Fair**  
 May 2-3, Bellevue 641-357-5177
- **Air Your Art in Louisville**  
 May 16-17, Louisville 402-234-2867
- **Living History Weekend at Fort Kearney State Historical Park**  
 May 23-25, Kearney 308-865-5305
- **Elkhorn Valley Arts Unlimited Art Fest**  
 May 23-25, Wisner 402-529-3338

**june**

- **Cattlemen's Ball**  
 Jun 5, Grand Island 308-380-4169
- **NEBRASKAland Days**  
 Jun 11-21, North Platte 308-532-7939
- **Heritage Days Festival**  
 Jun 13-14, North Platte 308-534-5640
- **Homestead Days**  
 Jun 17-21, Beatrice 402-2223-2338
- **Nebraska Shakespeare on the Green**  
 Jun 18-Jul 5, Omaha 402-556-4396
- **47th Annual Czech Festival**  
 Jun 19-21, Clarkson 402-892-3210
- **Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival**  
 Jun 26-28, Grand Island 308-365-5444

**july**

- **4th of July Stampede Weekend at Fort Kearney State** Jul 3-5, Kearney 308-865-5305
- **1890's Independence Day Celebration**  
 Jul 4, Grand Island 308-385-5316
- **John C. Fremont Days**  
 Jul 10-12, Fremont 402-727-9428
- **Nebraska Sandhills National Day of the Cowboy** Jul 17-19, Ainsworth 402-387-2740
- **Sommerfest** Jul 25, Grand Island 308-382-9337

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

*Central Nebraska Ethnic Festival*



## GRAND OLD TOWN

This sample itinerary is best April–September!

### day one

**10 – 11:30 am**

If stained glass is your thing, a must see is **Maudie's Stained Glass**, the largest supply of stained glass between Chicago & Denver. View commissioned & original glass artworks, with several programs and demonstrations available for groups.

**11:30 – 1:00 pm**

Reminisce as you walk through history at **Heartland Antique Mall**. In addition to 10,000 sq. ft. of antiques, there are programs, which include how to tell the real from the fake and secrets of shabby chic decorating.

**1 – 2:00 pm**

Stop for lunch at one of the local restaurants.

**2 – 3:30 pm**

Experience art, meet the artists, discover their inspiration and witness the creative process, programs, classes and demonstrations, all at the **Prairie Winds Art Center!**

**3:30 – 5:30 pm**

Continue to enjoy the arts for the afternoon at **Warehouse Fine Art & Bartenbach's Gallery**. At **Heart of the Country** – you'll find unique home décor and a handcrafted gift shop with craft supplies and 'make and take' classes; and/or **The Tattered Book** – a treasures trove of used books.

**5:30 – 6:00 pm**

Check into a local hotel and take some time to rest those feet!

**6 – 7:00 pm**

Enjoy dinner at a Grand Island's dining establishment.

**7 – 9:00 pm**

Head to a 1930's art-deco theater, the **Grand Theater**, and enjoy the ambience of a by-gone era for special movie screenings, concerts, and social events. Tours of the theatre are also available.

### day two

**8 – 2:00 pm**

Have breakfast at your hotel before embarking on your living history experience at the **Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer**. This 200-acre facility is more than just a "museum." Praised as "one of the top '10' places to relive America's past", offering a hands-on experience, with step on guides available. Also on the grounds is **Railroad Town**, and it comes alive May–Sept with historically authentic celebrations and costumed townspeople who interpret and demonstrate 1890's prairie life. Enjoy a tasty boxed lunch.

**2 - 3:00 pm**

**Mid-Nebraska Speedway** is a 3/8-mile dirt track where only the best come to race. Tour this popular destination, see racecars up close & meet the drivers!

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group, contact your tour operator or Grand Island CVB, 800-658-3178.

## KEARNEY, NEBRASKA

This sample itinerary can be customized year round!

**9 – 10:30 am**

Begin the day with breakfast at a restaurant of your choice, before heading to the **Iain Nicholson Audubon Center & Lillian Annette Rowe Sanctuary** to view the Sandhill Cranes roosting on the Platte River.

**10:30 – 11:30 am**

The Cranes in the fields can be seen as you move on to **Fort Kearny Historical Park**, the first Fort built to protect travelers of military and civil government.

**11:30 – 1:00 pm**

From the Fort, travel to **The Great Platte River Road Archway**, spanning Interstate-80 where visitors may tour on their own learning the rich history of the Oregon, Mormon and California trails.

**1 – 2:00 pm**

Come & Get It! BBQ lunch at **The Chuckwagon Restaurant** at the Archway.

**2 – 3:30 pm**

In the afternoon visit **Cabela's, World's Foremost Outfitter** and **Morris Press Cookbooks**, one of the nation's largest publishers of cookbooks & fundraising cookbooks., your group can choose either one, as these two are neighbors!

**3:30 – 5:00 pm**

Stop at the **Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA)**, home to the official visual art collection of the State of Nebraska.

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**5 – 6:30 pm**

Passing by the **University of Nebraska** at Kearney, the **Frank House** and **Yanney Heritage Park** takes you to the **Trails & Rails Museum**. This museum of



transportation history has many out-buildings and a Pacific Steam Engine on display.

**6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Enjoy dinner at one of Kearney's fine restaurants.

**7:30 pm**

You've come full circle today. Take pleasure in the sunset viewing of the Sandhill Cranes at **Fort Kearny State Recreation Area**, from their restored railroad bridge, as the Cranes return to the Platte River for the night.

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#### attractions

**Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo** ..... **402-738-6916**

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#### convention & visitors bureaus and chambers

**Grand Island / Hall County CVB** ..... **308-382-4400**  
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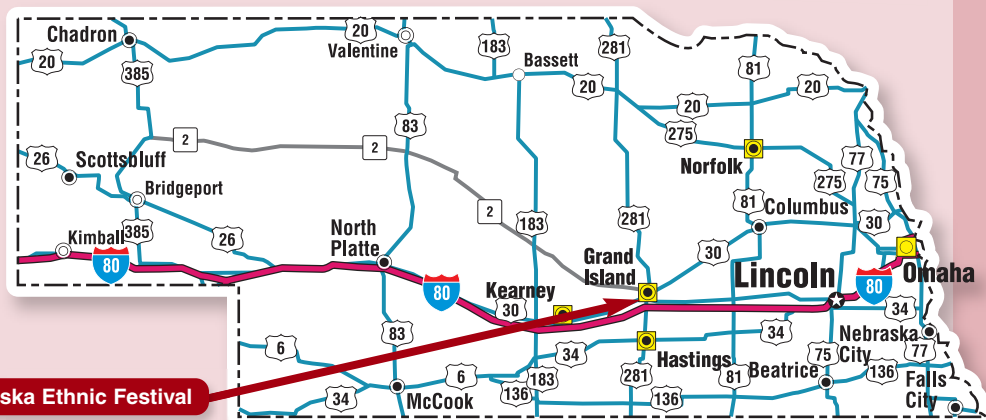
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## calendar of events

### april

- **Arts Dakota**  
Apr 14-May 16, Mayville 888-411-3221
- **Spring Craft Show**  
Apr 18-19, Jamestown 701-251-2237

### may

- **Brush Bunch Art Show**  
May 2-3, Walthalla 701-549-3707
- **Spring Gala** May 2, Fargo 701-232-3821
- **Skydance Sakakawea**  
May 23-25, Garrison 800-799-4242

### june

- **Grand Cities Art Fest**  
Jun 13-14, Grand Forks 701-738-8354
- **Fort Union Rendezvous**  
Jun 18-21, Williston 701-572-9083
- **Highway 21 Treasure Hunt**  
Jun 19-20, Elgin 701-584-2172
- **Fort Lincoln Festival**  
Jun 20-21, Mandan 701-663-4758
- **Peace Festival**  
Jun 26-28, Dunseth 888-432-6733
- **Fort Stevenson Frontier Military Days**  
Jun 27-28, Garrison 701-337-5576

### july

- **Independence Day Celebration**  
Jul 4, Medora 800-633-6721
- **Trollwood 2009 Mainstage Musical**  
Jul 16-18, 22-26, 29-Aug2, Moorhead MN 701-241-4799
- **2009 North Dakota Ukranian Festival**  
Jul 17-19, Dickinson 701-483-1486
- **Creature Creations**  
Jul 18, Fargo 701-277-9240
- **Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival**  
Jul 26-28, Fargo 218-299-5451
- **North Dakota State Fair**  
Jul 24-Aug 1, Minot 701-857-7620
- **Fiber Arts Festival** Jul 25-26, West Fargo

**Rush Hour Concert Series** Third Wednesday every month, Fargo 701-232-3821

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Wild West Shootouts - Jamestown



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## WILD WEST SHOOTOUTS - JAMESTOWN

The old west comes to life this summer in the Frontier Village of Jamestown, ND (See advertisement, page 6). Wild West Players gather at 3:00pm every other Saturday for a shootout of pure cowboy fun. Costumed volunteers combine adlibbing with exciting themes to entertain the crowds. New surprises this year add even more color and fun for your group. And it's FREE! A not to be missed stop in North Dakota, you can plan to spend several hours. Coaches park free in the RV parking and then tour the Buffalo Museum. Stroll through the Prairie Winds Gift shop. White Cloud, the only female albino buffalo in North America roams the pastureland at the museum. Wander on over to the Frontier Village in time for a saloon fight, a bank robbery or maybe a stage holdup. After the show your group can shop in this old west town, ride a genuine stagecoach or enjoy something from the concessions, new for 2009. Other entertainment available on alternate days, so call in advance for a customized experience for your group. **May 25-September 19, 2009. 701-320-2725** (See location on map, page 63)

## other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in north dakota

### Art & Wine Walk – Grand Forks

Sample an assortment of fine wines while viewing great works of talented regional artists. *Every third Saturday of the month, May-October, 701-746-0444*

### THE BIG ONE Art & Craft Fair – Fargo, Mandan & Minot

Consisting of four shows in North Dakota with over 350 different exhibitors showcasing their hand made items to thousands of consumers. *April 3-4 – Minot, Oct 16-17 – Fargo, Nov 6-7 – Minot, Nov 20-21 – Mandan, 701-837-6059*

### Capital A'Fair – Bismarck

One of the areas largest summer art fairs. It features over 130 artisans from across the country, music, great food, and performing arts groups. *August 1-2, 701-223-5986*

### Dickerson Village Festival – Garrison

The event turns a community of 1,500 into a quaint Victorian town from the era of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Old-fashioned English meals, decorated house tours, an English Market, street carolers, a lighted Main Street parade and a full musical production each evening, are highlights of this festival. *Nov 27-29, Dec 4-5, 11-12, 800-799-4242*

### Fargo's Downtown Street Fair – Fargo

Blocks of outdoor booths of hand-made arts and crafts, awesome food and great entertainment all in downtown Fargo! *July 16-18, 701-241-1570*

### Grand Cities Art Fest – Grand Forks

Featuring more than 150 high-end artisans and quality

crafters, with tantalizing food concessions, music, live entertainment, and more. Watch the artists spin, weave, carve, throw pottery, make quilts and blow glass, all on the banks of the scenic Red River. *June 13-14, 701-738-8354*

### Medora Musical – Medora

A two-hour professionally produced musical variety show performed in the outdoor Burning Hills Amphitheatre. This high-steppen', up-beat western musical offers a variety show that is proudly patriotic and dedicated to Theodore Roosevelt, and his time in North Dakota. *June 3-Sept 6, 800-633-6721*

### Norsk Hostfest – Minot

The largest Scandinavian Festival in North America. This festival includes foods prepared by Scandinavian chefs, Nordic craftspeople demonstrating their talents and selling their wares, plus top-name entertainment performing twice daily. *September 29-October 3, 701-852-2368*

### Scandinavian Hjemkomst Festival – Fargo

Take part in a feast of Nordic foods and sing and dance along with some of the most talented musicians in the world. Shop for unique Scandinavian arts and treasures in the Nordic Marketplace. *June 26-28, 218-299-5452*

### Studio Crawl – Fargo

Tour the working studios of more than 40 artists – painters, potters, print makers, mosaic artist, glassblower, sculptors and more – all demonstrating their work. *Oct 3-4, 701-298-3936*

## THE WILD WEST + BUFFALO

This sample itinerary works best May 30 – September 12, 2009.

### 11 – 11:30 am

See Jamestown's "claim to fame", "**The World's Largest Buffalo**" (pictured on right), a cement sculpture that stands 26' tall, 46' long and weighs 60 tons!! Located at the **Frontier Village** near the intersection of Highway 281 and Interstate 94 (exit 258). As you come into town, you can see a live bison herd on one or both sides of I-94! The North Dakota Buffalo Foundation maintains this live bison herd.

### 11:30 – 1:30 pm

Afterwards, learn about the history of the bison in the plains at the **National Buffalo Museum**, also located at the Frontier Village. Displaying Plains Indian artifacts; a wide variety of artwork; 19th century firearms used by bison hunters; remains of prehistoric bison; a children's room featuring wildlife of North Dakota; and a video presentation on the history of bison.

### 1:30 – 2:00 pm

Continue touring the Frontier Village complex! See a post office, a trading post which houses a souvenir shop, a saloon, fire department, barber shop, jail, sheriffs office, the Louis L'Amour writers shack, and much more. Stagecoach and pony rides are available, plus many other activities during the summer months!

### 2 – 3:00 pm

Head back to the National Buffalo Museum for a visit to



their gift shop. It contains an amazing assortment of truly distinctive and tasteful items with a bison theme.

### 3 – 4:00 pm

Find yourselves in the middle of a shoot-out, if U.S. Marshal Woodrow F. Call and his posse run across Cole Younger or Johnny Ringo on the streets of the Frontier Village. Call in advance to have fun with this wild west shootout - performed for your group by the Wild West Players, while visiting the Frontier Village.

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group please contact your tour operator or the Buffalo Museum 800-807-1511 and Wild West Player's (see ad page 9), 701-320-2725.

### National Buffalo Museum and Prairie Winds Gift Shop




The **National Buffalo Museum** is a non-profit educational organization devoted to the cultural & natural history of bison & the prairies.

**Open Year Round**

**Summer Hours:** Memorial Day thru Labor Day  
8am - 8pm daily  
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**Prairie Winds Gift Shop - No Entry Fee**

Located off I-94 at exit 258  
Jamestown, North Dakota  
For more information,  
call 800-807-1511 or visit  
[www.nationalbuffalomuseum.com](http://www.nationalbuffalomuseum.com)

## directory & map

### accommodations

**AmericInn Lodge & Suites & Event Center of Moorhead** ..... **218-287-7100**  
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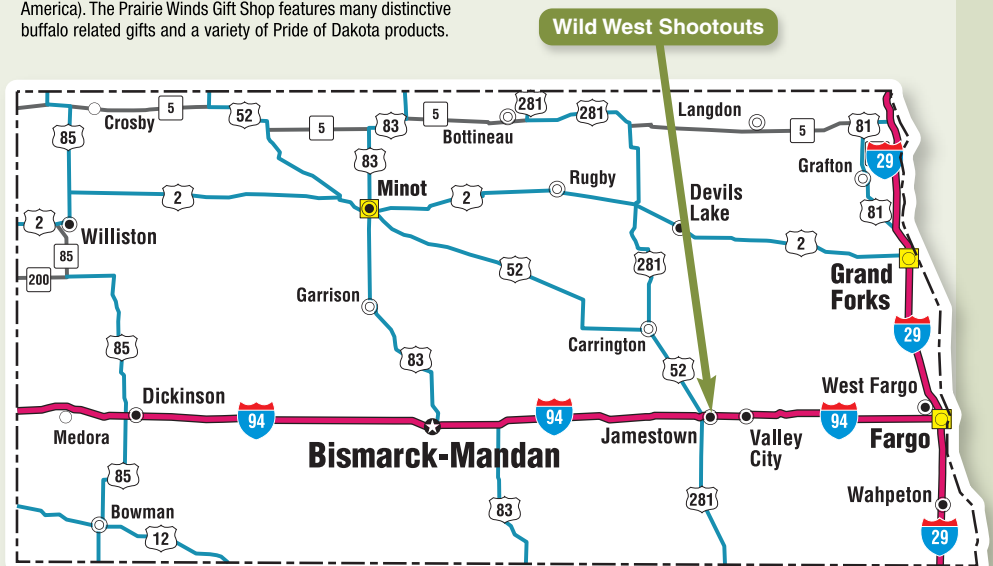
**Frontier Village Association & National Buffalo Museum** ..... **701-320-2725**  
PO Box 324 – Jamestown, ND 58401  
Call for information on Tours and Wild West Shootouts at the Frontier Village. Stop and visit our Old West Town. We are also available for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Family Reunions and Weddings. Enjoy the Stagecoach rides; meet the Cowboys and the Ladies.

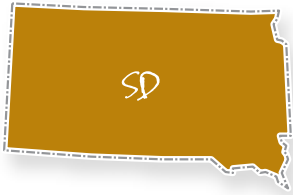
### North Dakota Buffalo Foundation d.b.a. National Buffalo Museum ..... 701-252-8648

500 17th St SE – Jamestown, ND 58401  
director@buffalomuseum.com / www.buffalomuseum.com  
A non-profit educational organization featuring displays of Native American artifacts and artwork and home to a live buffalo herd (includes the only living albino buffalo in North America). The Prairie Winds Gift Shop features many distinctive buffalo related gifts and a variety of Pride of Dakota products.

### convention & visitors bureaus and chambers

North Dakota Tourism Division  
Bismarck **800-435-5663**





## south dakota cities

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## calendar of events

### april

- **Schmeckfest**  
Apr 3-4, Freeman 605-925-4237
- **BANFF Mountain Culture Film Festival**  
Apr 26-27, Rapid City 605-394-4101

### may

- **Artpalooza 2009**  
May 1, Aberdeen 800-645-3851
- **Sculpture Walk**  
May 1-Jun 1, Sioux Falls 605-339-8359
- **Argus Leader Ribfest**  
May 28-31, Sioux Falls 605-367-7288

### june

- **Rapid City Summer Nights on 7th**  
Jun 1-Aug 31, Rapid City 605-343-1823
- **Prairie Village Railroad Days**  
Jun 6-7, Madison 605-256-3644
- **Annual South Dakota State Polka Fest**  
Jun 12-14, Sioux Falls 605-376-8220
- **Uptown Festival of Arts and Crafts**  
Jun 13, Watertown 605-882-8900
- **Prairie Hills Art Show** Jun 19-20,  
Wessington Springs 605-539-1963
- **Old Settlers' Weekend**  
Jun 19-21, Highmore 605-852-2927
- **Oahe Days Arts Festival**  
Jun 19-21, Pierre 800-962-2034
- **Jesse James Days**  
Jun 26-28, Garretson 605-594-3411
- **Art Falls** Jun 27-28, Sioux Falls 605-361-6104

### july

- **Great Aberdeen Pig Out**  
Jul 10-11, Aberdeen 605-226-3441
- **Danish Festival Days**  
Jul 17-19, Viborg 605-326-5344
- **Jazzfest** Jul 17-18, Sioux Falls 605-335-6101
- **Hills Alive Music Festival**  
Jul 18-19, Rapid City 605-342-6822
- **87th Annual Days of '76**  
Jul 21-25, Deadwood 888-838-BULL
- **Sioux River 28th Annual Folk Festival**  
Jul 31-Aug 2, Canton 605-987-2263

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

Fort Sisseton Historical Festival



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### FORT SISSETON HISTORICAL FESTIVAL - LAKE CITY/WATERTOWN

Approximately 100 frontier Army reenactors, representing cavalry, infantry and artillery, demonstrate their skills of military life, cannon and gatling gun shooting, horse and saber drills and parade ground drills. The fun side of life on the frontier is also presented with old-time fiddlers, a melodrama, a draft horse pull, a ranch rodeo, Dakota Dan's Medicine Show, cowboyography, a working chuckwagon and a military costume ball. Reenactors in a rendezvous camp show what daily life was like during the fur trade era, and professional historians tell stories of the late 1800s. The festival includes continuous performances, musical entertainment and food booths. Held at Fort Sisseton State Park. Highly recommended by Shebby Lee Tours. **June 5-7, 2009. 605-448-5474** (See location on map, page 67)

### other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in south dakota

#### Arts in the Park - Aberdeen

Outdoor arts and crafts show featuring 120 booths plus food vendors and entertainment, held at Melgaard Park. *June 20-21, 605-226-1557*

#### Brookings Summer Arts Festival - Brookings

Large arts festival featuring fine arts, designer crafts, antiques, entertainment, ethnic food, and historic crafts. *July 11-12, 605-692-2787*

#### Czech Days - Tabor

This annual ethnic festival celebrates Czechoslovakian heritage. Enjoy the colorful costumes, delicious Czech food, parade, Beseda dancers, craft fair, free entertainment and more. *June 18-20, 605-463-2476*

#### Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant - De Smet

"The Long Winter" is a heartwarming story of Laura Ingalls and her family's joys and struggles as they settle the Dakota prairie. The setting sun and Dakota Prairie provide a wonderful backdrop for the pageant. *July 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, 800-776-3594*

#### Mobridge Area Art Show - Mobridge

A two-day judged art show featuring some of the areas best amateur artists and photographers, plus a variety of demonstrations and exhibits. *April 18-19, 605-845-2387*

#### Oahe Days Arts Festival - Pierre

Bask in the beauty of Pierre's riverfront while enjoying the work of regional artisans, live music & food, along with activities and performances each day. *June 19-21, 800-962-2034*

#### Redlin Art Center

#### Annual Summer Celebration - Watertown

This unique event features great musical acts, children's

characters, and a festival atmosphere while showcasing the original art of Terry Redlin, one of South Dakota's most famous artists. *August 8-9, 605-882-3877*

#### Sioux Falls Festival of Cultures - Sioux Falls

Travel the world without leaving SD! The 13th annual Festival of Cultures celebrates the heritages past & present. Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of the world. *June 20, 605-367-7400*

#### Spearfish Arts Center Festival in the Park - Spearfish

One of the largest outdoor summer art festivals in the upper Midwest. Featuring over 150 craft and art booths emphasizing handmade items, plus 25 food booths. A juried process ensures quality fine arts and originality. *July 18-19, 605-642-7973*

#### Watertown Arts Festival - Watertown

Annual two-day art show and sale. Painting, sculpture, photography, and fabric (both decorative and utilitarian). Features artists from six states and provides an atmosphere conducive for meeting artists. *September 12-13, 605-886-7397*

#### West Boulevard Summer Festival - Rapid City

An outdoor arts and crafts festival with horse-drawn wagon tours of the historic West Boulevard neighborhood. With food vendors, free entertainment and a historic photo booth. *June 20-21, 605-348-9439*

#### Yankton Riverboat Days and Summer Arts Festival - Yankton

Three-day event packed with arts, activities, and fun. There is something for everyone including hot air balloons, antiques, flea market, musical performances, arts, and much more! *August 21-23, 605-665-1657*

## EXPLORE Southeast South Dakota



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**W**ith over 175 lakes and three major rivers, Southeast South Dakota is a sportsman's paradise and popular family destination.

Begin your travels at historic Garretson, SD where natural quartzite cliffs line the Split Rock Creek at Palisades State Park. Follow the trail over the gorge where outlaw Jessie James jumped his horse while outrunning the posse.

Take in some shopping in downtown Sioux Falls and follow Phillips Avenue to beautiful Falls Park. Make a side trip to a regional winery for a sip of South Dakota hospitality.

Take a step back in time at Madison's Prairie Village for a ride on a dinner train or threshing bee.

See the World's Only Corn Palace at Mitchell just an hour west of Sioux Falls and dig into a Prehistoric Indian Village archeological excavation. Old West and Native American culture and art are found in shops and museums throughout the city.

Travel south to the Missouri National Recreational River and city of Yankton, first territorial capital of the Dakota Territory. Enjoy a breathtaking sunset over the 30-mile long reservoir above Gavin's Point Dam. Make your own adventure on miles of winding trails throughout Lewis & Clark Recreation Area or stroll the trails through Yankton among historic homes and downtown shops.

Explore the regions quaint rural towns, ethnic festivals and cultural events each with its own South Dakota flavor. 888-353-7382, [www.southeastouthdakota.com](http://www.southeastouthdakota.com)

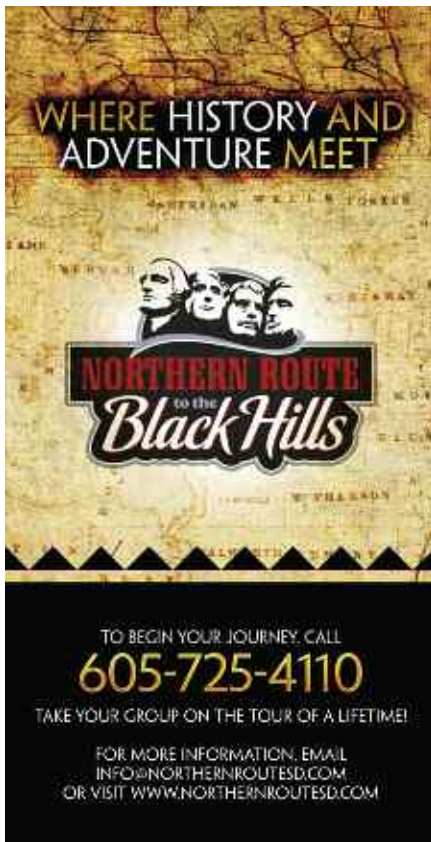
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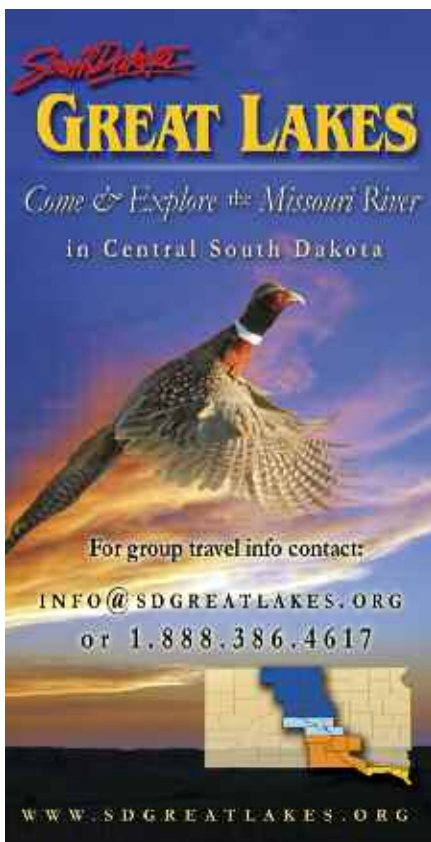


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## DISCOVER THE JOURNEY

This sample itinerary is most enjoyable during the summer months. FAMs are available for you to experience the Northern Route before you bring your groups. See route on page 67.

### day one

#### NORTHEASTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

**10 – 11:30 am**

Tour **Fort Sisseton** and South Dakota's early history as you take an interpretive trail walk and view period structures near **Lake City**. Or learn all about vinegar and see the extensive collection of 200 different vinegars at the **International Vinegar Museum in Roslyn**.

**12 – 1:30 pm**

Feast on homemade delights at **Webster's Dakota Diner in Webster**.

**2:30 – 4:00 pm**

Visit the **Granary Rural Cultural Center** near **Groton** and see colorful art from area masters.

**4:30 – 5:30 pm**

Discover the region's Native history and artifacts at **Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Aberdeen** and enjoy coffee and cookies with the friendly Northern Route staff!

**5:30 pm**

Enjoy an elegant atmosphere while dining at the **Ward Bar and Grill** in the historic **Alonzo Ward Hotel** in downtown **Aberdeen**. Later, check in to the **Ramada Inn and Suites** or **Super 8 East** for some rest and relaxation.

### day two

#### NORTH CENTRAL SOUTH DAKOTA

**8 – 9:00 am**

Step into the past as you explore the intriguing range of exhibits at **Aberdeen's Dacotah Prairie Museum**.

**11 – 12:00 pm**

Embark on an adventure back in time as you tour **Mobridge's Klein Museum**. Take in prairie and Native American artifacts, examine Sitting Bull exhibits, and explore an intricately restored historic home.

**12 – 1:00 pm**

Fill up at **Mobridge's Pizza Ranch** buffet.

**1 – 4:30 pm**

A wise guide will lead you through **Standing Rock Reservation**, starting with Sitting Bull's monument site before venturing up the river to **Cannonball ND**. Watch buffalo, learn about Native American history, and experience the true open prairie.

**7:00 pm**

Now back in South Dakota, relax for dinner at the **Cloverleaf Bar and Grill** in **Selby, SD**, and rest at the **Selby Motel** for the night.

### day three

#### WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA

*(entering Mountain Time Zone)*

**7 – 10:00 am**

Grab an early, hearty breakfast and depart on the journey to **Mud Butte**.

**10 – 11:30 am**

Uncover prehistoric reptile bones during an excursion at the **Dinosaurs and More Excavation Quarry** near **Mud Butte**.

**1 – 4:30 pm**

Have lunch at the community of **Bridger**, a project community dedicated to reviving the traditional Native American way of life. Fill your afternoon by exploring the land, riding horses, hearing elders tell ancestral stories, watching the beautiful art form of Native dancing, and enjoying the cultural arts and crafts.

**7:30 pm**

Deadwood is the place to be for nightlife! Dine at the **Deadwood Social Club** atop the historic Saloon #10 and see thrilling reenactments of Wild Bill Hickok's famous 1876 shootout. Walk downtown and discover numerous casinos, entertainment, and fun. When exhausted, turn in at the **First Gold Hotel**, complete with smoke-free gaming.

### day four

#### THE BLACK HILLS

**9:30 – 11:00 am**

Travel to **Crazy Horse** to see the world's largest mountain carving in the works, **Crazy Horse Memorial**. Tour the grounds, museum, and gift shop while learning about this great Lakota leader.

**11:30 – 2:00 pm**

Observe the Shrine of Democracy, **Mount Rushmore**, near **Keystone**, and dine at the on-site restaurant while enjoying a majestic view of the presidents.

**2:30 – 5:00 pm**

Take a journey through **Custer State Park** to watch



buffalo and other wildlife up close, look at breathtaking views, and fill your camera with unforgettable images of natural beauty.

**6 – 7:30 pm**

Eat at **Rapid City's** comfortable **Colonial House Inn** or try the upscale **Delmonico Grill** for world-class food. Retire for the night at **Super 8** or the **Quality Inn**.

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## SOUTH DAKOTA'S Native American Scenic Byway

**S**outh Dakota's cultural roots unfold as you travel into the heart of the Great Sioux Nation along this byway in Central South Dakota. This breathtaking trail follows the Missouri River through the lands of Yankton, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Sioux Tribes. Offering views of abundant wildlife, river bluffs, and prairie, you'll follow the Missouri River path for a taste of regional history. It flows past historical sites, first-rate museums and small towns with Old West roots, which feature powwows, rodeos and more.

Your itinerary begins in the Wagner/Pickstown area where you will visit the site of old Fort Randall and the grave of Struck by the Ree, a Yankton chief. On to Chamberlain and the Akta Lakota Museum, to see authentic Native American artifact displays beside contemporary works of art by Northern Plains people.

Move onto the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and immerse yourself in the vast sweeping prairies of the Great Plains of South Dakota, in the land of the Buffalo. Follow along the Missouri River

bluffs towards the Buffalo Interpretive Center (outside of Fort Pierre) — where you will learn the importance of the buffalo to the Native people. A few miles away is Pierre; the State Capital of South Dakota. Visit the Cultural Heritage Center, the State museum that is rich in Native American history and culture.



Heading north to the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, experience the rich history and culture of this vast reservation. The Sitting Bull Monument comes into view seven miles southwest of Mobridge on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. A bit north of Mobridge you can tour the Fort Manual Historic Site overlooking the Missouri River.

For itineraries made to order, contact the Great Lakes of South Dakota Tourism Association — [info@sdgreatlakes.org](mailto:info@sdgreatlakes.org).

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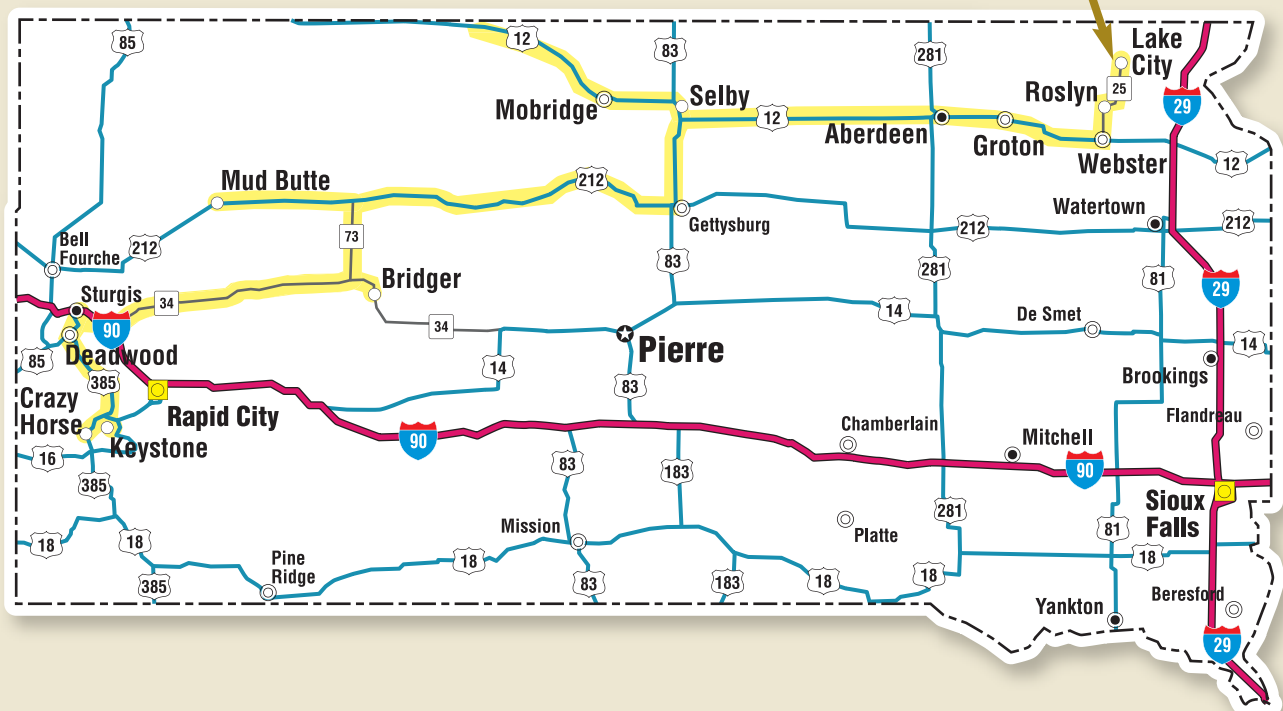
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#### Fort Sisseton Historical Festival





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## calendar of events

### april

- **Art in Bloom**  
Apr 2-5, Milwaukee 414-273-8288
- **"Lend Me A Tenor"** Apr 17-Jun 21,  
Fanny Hill Dinner Theatre 800-292-8026
- **Spring Festival**  
Apr 25-26, Wausau 715-675-1171
- **Apple Holler It's a Bloomin' Festival**  
Apr 27-May 9, Sturtevant 800-238-3629

### may

- **Storybook Weekend Events**  
May 2, Wausau 715-842-0988
- **Earth Arts Studio Tour**  
May 2-3, St. Croix Falls 800-222-7655
- **Spring's Wings Bird and Art Festival**  
May 9, Green Bay 920-391-3671
- **Syttende Mai – Norwegian Folk Festival**  
May 15-17, Westby 608-634-4011
- **Blues in the Park** May 20, Eau Claire
- **Spring Fine Arts Festival**  
May 21, Superior 715-395-6066

### june

- **25th Annual Garden Fair**  
Jun 6-7, Green Bay 888-867-3342
- **Stratford Heritage Days**  
Jun 11-14, Stratford 715-687-4466
- **Bayfest** Jun 12-14, Green Bay 888-867-3342
- **Open Air of the Arts Festival**,  
June 13, Eau Claire 715-839-4914
- **Stanley Steamer Rodeo Days**  
Jun 19-21, Stanley 715-644-2303
- **Connecting Cultures:**  
**Explore the Lake Superior Fur Trade**  
Jun 24-26, Madeline Island 715-747-2415
- **Woodies On The Water Wooden Boat Festival**  
Jun 25-26, Superior 800-942-5313
- **"I Do, I Do"** Jun 26-Aug 30,  
Fanny Hill Dinner Theatre 800-292-8026
- **Wisconsin Renaissance Faire**  
Jun 28, Chippewa Falls 715-839-0419

### july

- **Northern Wisconsin State Fair**  
Jul 8, Chippewa Falls 715-723-2861
- **Art Fair** Jul 11, Arbor Vitae 715-893-1204
- **Chalk Fest** Jul 11-12, Wausau 715-843-0748
- **21st Annual Garden Walk**  
Jul 11-12, Green Bay 888-867-3342
- **Bayfield Festival of Arts**  
Jul 25-26, Bayfield 800-447-4094

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## ARTSTREET – GREEN BAY

Take a walk on Artstreet and celebrate the arts in the streets of downtown Green Bay. The event will showcase 200 visual artists from throughout the country, exhibiting original works. Performing arts will be highlighted on two stages featuring a blend of jazz, blues, classical, international dance and theatrical performances. There will be edible arts offering lots of gourmet treats and ethnic specialties. Information booths and special exhibits by community organizations will be represented on Cultural Street. Grab a paintbrush and be part of a life-size coloring book in the Baylake Bank Monster Mural! Groups will also encounter artist demonstrators, strolling performers, Sanimax Recycle Street, Arts For All, and much more!! **August 28-30, 2009. 920-405-1176** (See location on map, page 71)

## other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in wisconsin

### American Folklore Theatre – Ephraim

Your group will enjoy a night of comedy and musical theater under the stars, on this outdoor stage at Peninsula State Park. The actors are equipped with guitars and voices telling stories of legend and lore. *June 17-October 24, 920-854-6117*

### African World Festival – Milwaukee

An annual celebration of African heritage and culture through displays of artwork, traditional clothing, cuisine and entertainment – music, dance, storytelling and more on three stages on the festival grounds. *July 31-August 2, 414-372-4567*

### American Players Theatre – Spring Green

This theatre resides outdoors, in a setting of astonishing natural beauty atop an emerald hill and features plays from William Shakespeare and others. Prior to each show, enjoy a picnic on the grounds, which includes 110 acres of woods and meadows. *June-October, 608-588-7401*

### 47th Annual Festival of Arts – Bayfield

Over 100 artists from 9 states will gather for one of Wisconsin's largest art shows! Held annually in Memorial Park on the shores of Lake Superior. Visitors will have the opportunity to view the artists at work in their studios. *July 25-26, 715-779-3335*

### 44th Annual Spring Art Show – Chippewa Falls

Original artwork from over 100 local and regional artists on display, including painting, sculpture, photography, stained glass, mosaics, ceramics and other creative art forms. Most of the artwork will be for sale. *April 27-May 7, 866-723-0340*

### Art Fair on the Green – La Crosse

Professional artists from around the country displaying a

variety of media, a High school student art display, art fair history display, and raffle of art works. *July 25-26, 608-788-7439*

### Art Fair on the Square – Madison

Located around Madison's beautiful Capitol Concourse, this popular summer tradition regularly attracts more than 200,000 enthusiastic fairgoers and is rated among the top fine art fairs in the country. *July 11-12, 608-257-0158*

### Art Studio Tour – Green Bay

This FREE self-guided tour is designed for you to plan your own route. Beautiful scenery and magnificent fall colors enhance the ride between studios. *October 9-11, 920-435-2787*

### Lake Superior Big Top Chautauqua - Washburn

A "must see" for any group! A 70+ night - summer season of concerts, plays, lectures and Chautauqua Original Musicals, in a 900-seat, state-of-the-art tent/theater. Yes, a tent! It is one of the only all canvas tents still raised in the nation! *Mid-June thru early-September, 888-244-8368*

### Spring Arts & Craft Show – Minocqua

A unique arts & craft show with more than 120 interesting exhibitors, fun live music, great food. Held at Torpy Park. *June 6-7, 800-44-NORTH*

### Wausau's Artrageous Weekend – Wausau

Enjoy three shows in one: Art in the Park, Festival of Arts and the opening weekend of "Birds in Art" at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum. Artist demonstrations, musical performances, and foods, tempt all five senses. Free shuttle buses make getting to these events a breeze. *September 12-13, 715-845-7010*



## MEANDERING AROUND WISCONSIN



*The Madeline Island Museum*  
This sample itinerary is best in summer. See route on map, page 71.

### day one CHIPPEWA FALLS & FANNY HILL DINNER THEATRE

Tours in **Chippewa Falls** are always in good taste. Quench your thirst with tours and beverage sampling at area wineries or a local brewery. Visit a lumber baron's home, area theaters, park & zoo, and other great attractions. If this has worked up your appetite, include a visit to an area cheese shop, orchard, or restaurant. This is just a sampling of what Chippewa Falls offers!

Overlooking the Chippewa River, the **Fanny Hill**

**Dinner Theatre** is known for its fantastic seasonal decorations, great food and the best in comedies and musicals. Fanny Hill offers your group a variety of dining and entertainment options; matinees and evening performances along with luncheon and dinner stops, plus an award winning Sunday brunch!

### day two WAUSAU & LODGE AT CEDAR CREEK

The **Wausau Area** has long been a haven for innovative thinkers - entrepreneurs, thespians and pioneers. Explore the nation's largest ginseng enterprise, become a Wisconsin cheesemaker and make your own cheese, flock to the acclaimed 'Birds In Art' Exhibit and explore backstage at a grand theater.

The **Lodge at Cedar Creek** proudly proclaims the heritage of the area, from its log exterior to the mill wheel in the lobby, and most definitely in the cozy suites. You'll see the past in the historic photos at the Saw Mill Grill. Enjoy our Northwoods hospitality at a special Welcome Reception.

### day three MINOCQUA

The area's natural beauty inspires people to sing, dance and create. Take in a show, or visit galleries and gift shops that feature the works of local artists (demonstrations and classes can be arranged).

Reflect on the rugged life of early **Minocqua** at a lumberjack show and celebrate the traditions of Native American culture.

### day four MADELINE ISLAND

Travelers enjoy spectacular views of **Lake Superior** and the **Apostle Islands** as they voyage to **Madeline**. But, the ferry ride is just the beginning of your journey. Your personally guided tour will lead you through the island's history and legends at **The Madeline Island Museum**, including a weaving demonstration, lunch and shopping.

### day five SUPERIOR

Encounter ships from around the world through narrated harbor tours of this international port. Walk on ancient lava beds that date back over one billion years. Stroll the beaches of the world's largest freshwater sandbar. Experience the rich history and creative culture in shops, galleries and museums, including the world's largest accordion museum.

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## GREATER GREEN BAY...IT'S JUST BETTER BY THE BAY!



This sample itinerary can be customized for anytime of the year.

### day one

**11:30 - 12:30 pm**

Welcome to **Greater Green Bay!** Have lunch at a great local waterfront restaurant.

**12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Enjoy **Hazelwood Historic House Museum**, home of Wisconsin business and political leader Morgan L. Martin. The Greek Revival home sits in the heart of the historic Astor neighborhood overlooking the Fox River. Neighborhood walking tours are available, as well as the very popular "If Tombstones Could Talk" cemetery tours.

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Take the **City Tour** of Wisconsin's oldest city, or the special **Legends of Lombardi Avenue** tour, complete with Green Bay Packers history, sights and trivia.

**3 - 5:00 pm**

Tour the historic **Lambeau Field**, one of the nations most hallowed stadiums. Visit the **Hall of Fame**, get a scoop of ice cream from **Frozen In Time** or a cold, frosty mug of **Curly's Pub Special Ale!**

**5 - 6:00 pm**

Check into your group-friendly hotel.

**6 - 10:00 pm**

Dine at **Titletown Brewing Company**, in Green

Bay's historic railroad station. Listen for the whistle to blow, signaling a train passing by! Then take in a live show at the restored 1930s **Meyer Theatre**, one of the few Fox Theaters still thriving in America.

### day two

**8 - 11:00 am**

Start the day with an **Oneida Nation Reservation Tour**. Learn about their culture and heritage from your step-on guide. See Tribal Headquarters, the organic farm, historic "Salt Pork Avenue" and the **Oneida Nation Museum**.

**11 - 1:00 pm**

Explore America's railroad heritage at the **National Railroad Museum**. A guided tour will unveil the Union Pacific Big Boy, the world's largest steam locomotive. See the Pullman Porter exhibit, featuring a restored 1920s sleeper car. Then ride the train and follow up with a special "**Hobo Lunch**" at the museum.

**1 - 3:00 pm**

Stroll along the charming streets of historic downtown De Pere. Visit trendy shops such as **Trends N' Things**, or taste hand-dipped chocolates and specialty coffees at **Seroogy's Chocolates & Gifts**.

**3 - 5:00 pm**

Visit the **Green Bay Botanical Gardens**, 47 acres of lush flowers, architectural structures and natural

woodlands. Or the **Northeastern Wisconsin Zoo**, a 24-acre park including the giraffe encounter, albino alligator exhibit and one of the best moose exhibits in the country.

**5 - 7:30 pm**

Freshen up at your hotel, and then relax on a beautiful sunset dinner cruise on the Fox River aboard the luxury yacht, **Foxy Lady II**. One of the few rivers in North America that flows north!

### day three

**8:30 - 10:00 am**

After breakfast, walk the paths of early settlers at **Heritage Hill State Historical Park**. Explore the church, the farm and 23 other historic buildings representing the 1600s to 1900s. Design an 1872 calendar where costumed guides will assist you.

**10 - 12:00 pm**

The **Neville Public Museum** has one of the states largest history, art and science collections. See the Ice Age mastodon and step inside a Native American wigwam. Stroll along **Broadway Street**, an award-winning avenue of shops and eateries, including **Beerntsen's Candies**.

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### ontario

ATIKOKAN, DRYDEN, FLANDERS, FORT FRANCES, KENORA, LONGLAC, SAULT STE. MARIE, SIOUX LOOKOUT THUNDER BAY, VERMILION BAY

## calendar of events

### april

- **Lakehead Festival of Music and the Arts**  
Mar 27-Apr 8, Thunder Bay 800-667-8386
- **2009 CBC Winnipeg Comedy Festival**  
Apr 15-19, Winnipeg 204-284-9477
- **Winnipeg's Ultimate Women's Show**  
Apr 25-26, Winnipeg 204-885-3330

### may

- **Manitoba Rocks! - Celebrating Provincial Mining Week**  
May 21-23, Winnipeg 800-223-5215
- **Celebrate the Arts**  
May 22, Steinbach 204-346-1077

### june

- **Manitoba Summer Fair**  
Jun 3-7, Brandon 877-729-0001
- **Echoes Drum Festival of Sault** June 18-20  
Ste. Marie, Sault Ste Marie 705-256-1882
- **Groove-Fm Jazz Winnipeg Festival**  
Jun 26-Jul 5, Winnipeg 204-989-4656

### july

- **Canada Day**  
Jul 1, Thunder Bay 800-667-8386
- **Thunder Bay Blues Festival**  
Jul 3-5, Thunder Bay 800-667-8386
- **Manitoba Holiday Festival of the Arts**  
Jul 3-12, Neepawa 204-476-2927
- **Thunder Bay Dragon Boat Race Festival**  
Jul 17-18, Thunder Bay 800-667-8386
- **Arts at the Dock**  
July 19, Sault Ste. Marie 705-246-2242
- **World Lily Capital**  
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(See location on map, page 74)

## other 2009 outdoor pageants & art crawls in central canada

### Anishnawbe Keeshigun Aboriginal Festival – Thunder Bay

Experience the wonder of Aboriginal culture during Fort William's Annual Native Festival. Traditional dancing, singing and drumming takes center stage. Plus, witness the canoe arrival with Native hunters, and get involved in outdoor games & crafts. Find something for all ages! *May 15-16, 800-667-8386*

### Folklore Festival – Thunder Bay

Come travel the world! See nations, showcasing the diverse heritage of Thunder Bay. Some highlights are high-flying Ukrainian dancers, Irish ballads, food from more than 20 countries, and much more! *May 2-3, 800-667-8386*

### Folklorama – Winnipeg

Explore the world in this two-week extravaganza jam-packed with ethnic richness and traditions in culture, food and art from around the world. With over 40 pavilions, this multicultural event is held throughout the city. *August 2-16, 800-665-0234*

### The Great Rendezvous – Thunder Bay

Join re-enactors from the U.S. and Canada for colorful heritage celebrations. Held at Fort William Historical Park. *July 9-13, 800-667-8386*

### Icelandic Festival of Manitoba

#### "Íslendingadagurinn" – Gimli

The second oldest, continuous ethnic festival in North America. Includes Amma's kitchen, folk festival, fine art show, sandcastle building contest, New Iceland historic and cultural exhibits, music, and more! *July 31-August 3, 204-642-7417*

### Rainbow Stage – Winnipeg

Featuring an outdoor stage in Kildonan Park. See Disney's

Beauty & The Beast, with lush, vibrant costumes, elaborate choreography and music, make it a must see for audiences both young and young-at-heart. *August 4-28, 204-989-5261*

### Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan – Saskatoon

Celebrating 25 years of outdoor summer theatre excellence! This award-winning festival has earned international acclaim for its innovative interpretations of Shakespearean plays in contemporary & traditional styles. *July 1-Aug 16, 306-653-2300*

### Steinbach Pioneer Days – Steinbach

This four-day event is packed with pioneer activities, including butter churning, threshing, log cutting, milling and quilting. *July 31-August 3, 204-326-9877*

### Ukrainian Festival – Dauphin

In this spectacular celebration of Ukraine's independence, experience the flavor of old traditions and culture through song, dance, costume, arts and mouth-watering Ukrainian cuisine. *July 31-August 2, 877-474-2683*

### Winnipeg Fringe Theatre Festival – Winnipeg

North America's second largest Fringe festival features more than 100 theatre groups over 12 full days. Outdoor stage features street performers, buskers and bands from noon to midnight. *July 15-26, 204-934-0302*

### Winnipeg Folk Festival – Winnipeg

An outdoor music festival featuring about 250 artists performing on seven stages throughout this three-day weekend. Festival-goers have a rare opportunity to see performers in a very up-close and personal setting, allowing a glimpse into the musical creative process. *July 9-12, 204-231-0096*

## WELCOME TO THUNDER BAY, CANADA!

This itinerary is best from late spring to early autumn.

### day one

10 – 11:30 am

Watch the entire cheese-making process at **Thunder Oak Cheese Farm**, the only farm in Ontario that produces Gouda cheese.

11:30 – 1:30 pm

Continue your group's morning with a walk through the past at **Founders' Museum & Pioneer Village**, a



re-created early 1900's heritage village with artifacts on display throughout the site. Ask about their catered lunch.

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Visit **Kakabeka Falls**, a spectacular waterfall plunging 131 feet over sheer cliffs. This "Niagara of the North" offers excellent views along the boardwalk and from observation areas on both sides of the Kaministiquia River. Programs for tour groups are available from June to early October.

2:30 – 4:30 pm

Drop your bags at one of the many group-friendly hotels, then spend the rest of the day reliving the fur trade era with a guided tour at **Fort William Historical Park**. At this living history attraction and world's largest fur trade post, you'll explore its Native Camp, Great Hall, and Fur Stores. You'll meet costumed characters from the early 1800s, including voyageurs, artisans and the Ojibwa, and learn about Canada's past.



4:30 – 6:30 pm

Enjoy a Voyageur's Feast hosted by the Fort's historic characters. Clap your hands to the period music and kick up your heels during a voyageur "paddle" dance.

### day two

9 – 1:00 pm

After breakfast, take in the spectacular views from two of Canada's longest suspension footbridges at **Eagle Canyon Adventures** (one spans 600 feet, the other 300 feet!) Later, stop by **Amethyst Mine Panorama**, an open-surface mine where your group

can collect samples of amethyst, Ontario's official gem.

1 – 5:00 pm

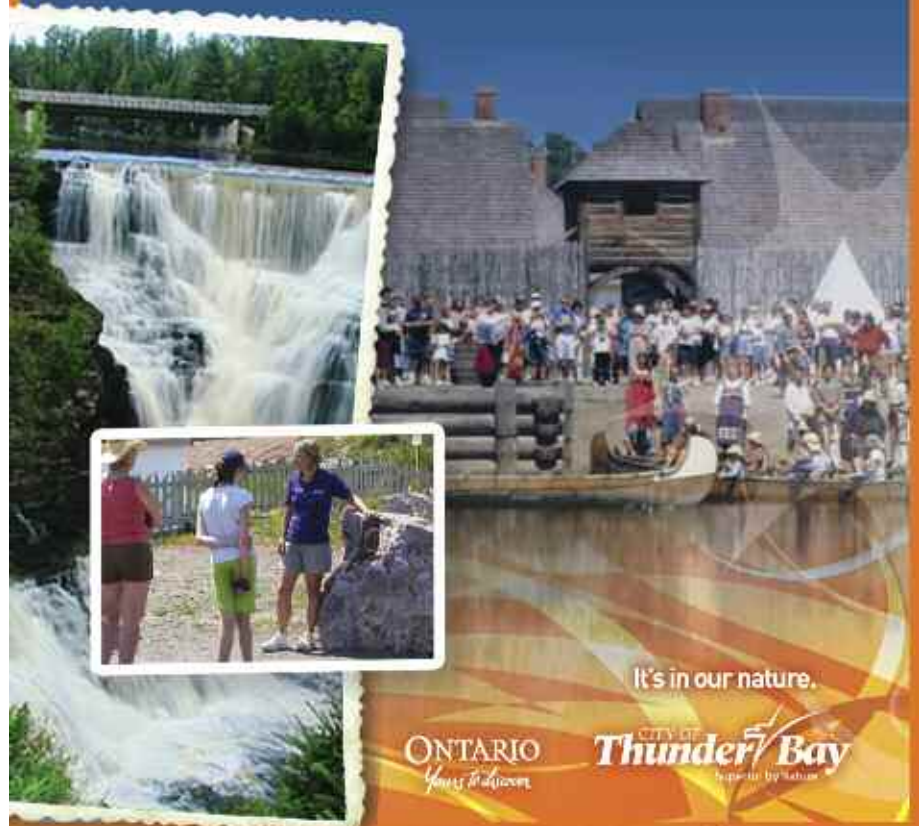
Lunch at one of Thunder Bay's fantastic restaurants and then take part in a Woodland Art workshop at the **Thunder Bay Art Gallery**. Your group can take home their own personally-created woodland art!

5 – 8:00 pm

Enjoy another local culinary treasure for dinner. Afterwards, your group can try their luck at a game of chance at the **OLG Casino Thunder Bay**, which offers motorcoach and group packages.

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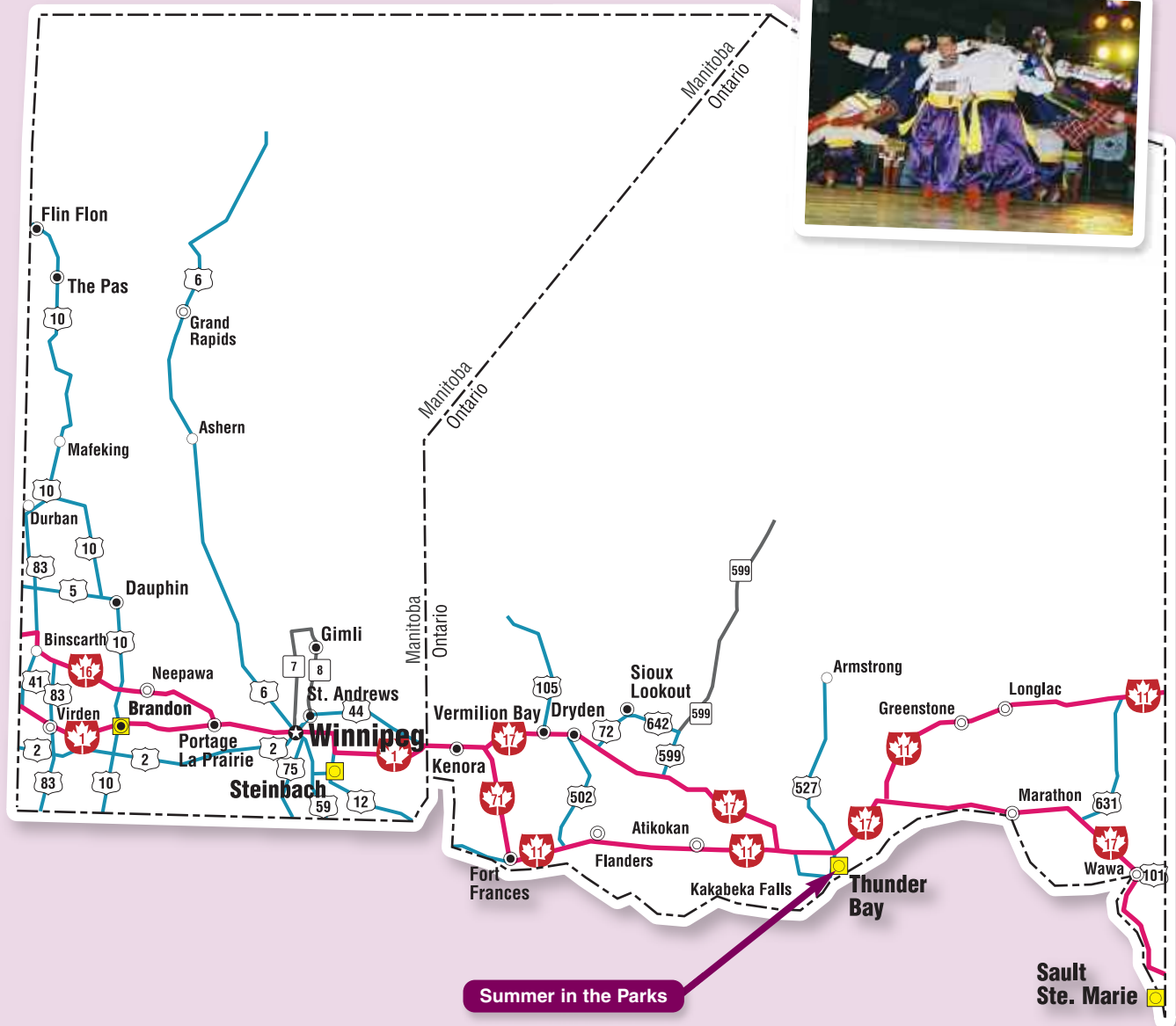
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