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LETTER FROM the publishers

Dear Planner,

If you ever wonder where “the rubber meets the road” in the Midwest ... you’re going to find out in this issue! Planes, Trains and Automobiles. We found collections, museums, and stories galore... all waiting for your groups to get off the coach and take a walk down memory lane! Did you know that in the early days of the automobile, Minnesota was home to more than 70 car companies? How many times have you sent a coach right past Minden, Nebraska, not knowing you were missing Harold Warp’s Pioneer Village? The largest private collection of Americana anywhere. Be sure to read about the National Railroad Museum, in Green Bay, on page 48. This is a favorite for groups in the Green Bay Area.

We invite you to bookmark our website and pass along it along to your friends and peers in the travel trade, so they can read *Itineraries Midwest*, too. (www.itinerariesmidwest.com)

Who knows what we will dig up for the next issue (*The Wild, Wild Midwest*)? Each *Itineraries Midwest* sends out the message that the Midwest isn’t “flyover” land anymore. So bring your motorcoaches into our part of the country... your groups will thank you!

Best Regards,

Heather J. Lahren and Mark W. Peterson
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on the cover

U.S. Highway 30 was originally known as the Lincoln Highway, the nation’s first transcontinental highway. While the majority of the stretch is now paved, this original brick-pave portion still exists near Elkhorn.



Coming Fall/Winter 2010!

The Wild, Wild Midwest

will take you into the world of wagon trains and pitchfork fondues... even in the places you’d least expect! So until then, “Happy trails to you, until we meet again!”

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NEBRASKA Possibilities...Endless



A road trip to remember.

Some say the real joy of travel isn't the destination—it's the journey. Come test that theory for yourself in Nebraska, a state where fun and adventure are always just around the bend.

Ever-changing terrain

As you make your way across Nebraska, your surroundings constantly transform—wooded riverbanks, rich prairie, rolling sandhills, pine-studded buttes. The wonders of the landscape come to life while exploring Toadstool Geologic Park, canoeing the Niobrara National Scenic River, biking through Chadron State Park, hiking the trails at Wildcat Hills, and following the roads that wind through the sandhills.

Historically speaking

Nebraska truly is pioneer country. This is your chance to see firsthand the geological formations that guided waves of emigrants across the prairie—Courthouse and Jail Rocks, Chimney Rock, and Scotts Bluff National Monument. Also, genuine wagon ruts can still be seen along the Oregon, California, and Mormon Trails. In addition to natural landmarks, Nebraska boasts a large number of historically rich attractions. Some great examples include the Great Platte River Road Archway, Homestead National Monument of America, Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer, the Durham Museum, and Fort Robinson State Park.

Charm meets chic

The best of both worlds does exist. And nowhere is the juxtaposition of city and country so compelling as in Nebraska. To find a slower pace, tool around on the two-lane leading away from the hustle and bustle. You'll discover quaint attractions, genuine hospitality, and some of the best homemade pie your fork has ever met.

If you favor an urban-style outing, head to Omaha and Lincoln. In both cities, you can enjoy revamped historic districts, popular restaurants, and outstanding shopping. You'll also find world-class exhibits at Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo as well as a number of theatres and museums to feed the artistic soul.

Fruit of the vine

It's not surprising that a state with a knack for growing things is fast becoming a hot spot for wineries. Across the state, more than 200 vineyards take advantage of fertile soil and ideal growing conditions to produce some very tasty varieties. Spend a pleasant

afternoon touring a vineyard, tasting a variety of award-winning wines, and purchasing a bottle or two of your favorites.

One-of-a-kind wonders

For those on the lookout for more unique experiences, Nebraska is filled with rare opportunities. Take in the spring Sandhill Crane migration along the Platte River Valley. Enjoy an eight-story view of the world's largest railroad classification yard from the Golden Spike Tower. Pose in front of Carhenge, a quirky automotive homage to Stonehenge. Float along a river in a stock tank. And tour a significant collection of military aircraft at the Strategic Air & Space Museum.

So what are you waiting for?

Miles of possibilities stretch out before you in Nebraska. It's time to hit the road and delight in all you encounter along the way. This state is brimming with adventure and ready to meet all your group travel needs. To plan your next getaway, check out the Group Travel Planner at VisitNebraska.gov or contact Paula Bohaty, Group Travel Manager, at 800-228-4307 or paula.bohaty@nebraska.gov. ✈



Tom Brokaw has called it "America's Pompeii".
"The only thing we have ever seen like this is the Terra Cotta soldiers in China."

Designated as a National Natural Landmark, Ashfall Fossil Beds is one of the most striking and unusual sites you may ever see. Intact fossil skeletons are so well preserved, that grass seeds are preserved in the animal's mouths, delicate features as feathers and leaves have also been found in the site. Millions of years ago rhinos, three-toed horses, llama-like camels, and saber-toothed deer roamed North America. A supervolcanic eruption, hundreds of times larger than Mt. St. Helens blasted huge amounts of volcanic ash into the atmosphere. Dense clouds of the ash settled to the ground on the ancient plains. Animals slowly suffocated and became victims of the catastrophe. Some spent their last moments resting in a waterhole, where their remains are preserved to this day. Left as they were found, for public viewing, the fossil skeletons are protected by a 17,500 square foot "Rhino Barn".

Summer excavations reveal new finds.
 The park is open seasonally. Guided tours by reservation.
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This sample itinerary can be customized for anytime for the year!

MAINSTREET ACROSS NEBRASKA! The Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway



Experience the **Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway** – one of Nebraska’s most nostalgic and fascinating routes! This beautiful Byway graces this issues cover. Also, it is the only byway that spans the state from its eastern to western borders on US Highway 30. Plus this 400-mile byway is part of the original Lincoln Highway - America’s first transcontinental artery between San Francisco & New York. Now known as US Highway 30, this historic route lets you enjoy a leisurely tour.

dayONE

11:30 – 1:30 pm

Start your travels just north of the **Lincoln Highway Scenic & Historic Byway** in **Minden**, home to the world-famous **Harold Warp Pioneer Village**. Twenty-six buildings, including a sod house, one-room school, Pony Express station, and an 1884 church make up the village. It houses the oldest existing Buick plus 350 other antique cars, 20 historic aircraft, 100 vintage tractors, guns, motorcycles, snowmobiles, boats, buggies, trains, and trolleys. The historic crafts of spinning, weaving and broom-making are demonstrated year-round.

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Travel North to **Shelton**, located on US Hwy 30 (the byway). Stop at the **Shelton Historical Interpretive Center & Lincoln Highway Visitor Center**. It is located in an historic 1909 Meisner Building along 1 block of the original Lincoln Highway bricks. View history of the Lincoln Highway including original highway markers, postcards and vintage memorabilia.

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Continue your travels west along the byway to **Kearney**. View **The Great Platte River Road Archway Monument**, the only tourist attraction in the nation located over a federal interstate highway. The “Arch” commemorates westward expansion of America, including the west’s original American Indian habitants, the Mormon, Oregon and California Trails, the early pioneers, the modern railroad and more! Explore the history of transportation and communication along the famous Platte River Road through great interactive exhibits.

4 – 5:00 pm

Also in town is **The Nebraska Firefighters Museum and Education Center**. It recognizes the history and dedication of Nebraska’s many brave firefighters and EMTs. The museum features the history of Nebraska firefighting through images, artifacts and state-of-the-art exhibits.

5 – 7:00 pm

Stroll outdoors through the **Cliff Hillegass Sculpture Garden**. Then off to the **Thunderhead Brewery**, for some award-winning beer and delicious pizza baked in a stone oven. Tours of the brewery can be arranged.

7:00 pm

Check into a local hotel and the evening is on your own. As you explore Kearney look for **Cranes on Parade**, 6-foot fiberglass cranes works of art.

dayTWO

9 – 10:00 am

Wake up and smell the coffee! Enjoy breakfast at

your hotel before you board the motorcoach and travel west along the byway to **Lexington**.

10 – 11:00 am

Explore **The Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles**. The museum features an impressive collection of military equipment and machinery, such as jeeps, ambulances, helicopters, tanks and a rare snow tractor.

11 – 1:00 pm

Lexington also is home to **Mac’s Creek Vineyards and Winery**. Sample excellent Nebraska produced wines and tour the vineyards and production facilities. A perfect spot for a picnic lunch! Catering is available. Catering is available upon request.

1 – 2:15 pm

Load the motorcoach and travel west along the byway to **Gothenburg** to see one of the few **Pony Express** stations still intact in Nebraska, located in the city park. Original historic items are on display and you can send postcards to friends and family back home postmarked with the original Pony Express stamp!

2:15 – 4:00 pm

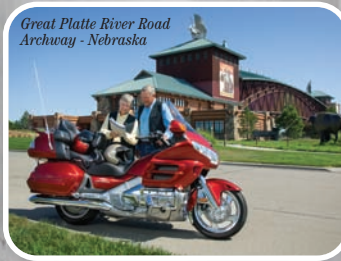
Continue your travels on the byway to North Platte. Enjoy a spectacular view of **Union Pacific Railroad’s Bailey Yard**, the world’s largest railroad classification yard, from atop the 8-story Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center. The 95-foot tall tower and visitor center feature an enclosed 360-degree view of the action below, historical and regional railroad memorabilia and a gift shop.

You can choose to continue your travels west along the Lincoln Highway Scenic & History Byway all the way to Wyoming or end your travels and head for home! ✈

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary please contact your tour operator or
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*Fargo Air Museum
- North Dakota*



*Great Platte River Road
Archway - Nebraska*



*Greyhound Bus
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ALL ABOARD!

AMERICA'S ON THE GO AND ON THE ROAD.

Ever since Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set off on the two-year journey that would take them from Pittsburg to the Pacific Ocean and back again, Americans have been fascinated by travel. The Corps of Discovery, as the Lewis and Clark Expedition came to be known, used dugout canoes and flat-bottomed boats to navigate the waterways and undeveloped frontier. Along the way they battled disease, critters, fatigue, hunger, cold, homesickness—and each other occasionally. Hey, give them a break. Travel wasn't so easy back in the 1800s.

Fortunately, today's explorers have options. If you want to take a dip in the ocean, you can do like the Corps of Discovery and paddle a boat. But you can also take a plane, train, automobile or—ahem!—a motorcoach. And if you're partial to motorcoaches, which we think you are, you might consider an itinerary that takes in America's abiding love affair with transportation and the vehicles that have made travel possible over the years.

BY BRITT AAMODT

A Very Brief History of Transportation

Let's face it, Americans were born to roam. In the time of the **Lewis and Clark Expedition**, 1804 to 1806, America consisted of the eastern seaboard and a few inland states. **The Louisiana Purchase** in 1803 expanded the nation west and generated an interest in exploring that has never ceased, and yet has altered with each new generation to suit the latest advances in transportation.

In fact, the sheer breadth of the United States spurred many early advances in transport. In the mid-1800s, Easterners packed up and headed west in covered wagons, taking advantage of the **Homestead Act** that provided 150 acres to anyone brave (or foolhardy) enough to build a life far from the culture and amenities of the coastal cities. These folks figured out the hard way that wagons weren't the best conveyance for overland travel. Wheels broke or mired in the mud. Oxen tired. Mountains and marshland impeded progress. There had to be a better way.

Today, we take trains for granted. But when the final spike was driven in on May 10, 1869, joining the rails of the **First Transcontinental Railroad**, the United States finally became accessible to anyone with money for train fare. Now a passenger could hop on in Baltimore and arrive in San Francisco days or weeks later, where it used to take months of grueling effort.

Commerce played a role in the history of transportation. Trains hauled goods along the lines. So too did ships and boats, which used the rivers, Great Lakes and oceans to freight goods and passengers not only within the continental United States but

abroad. Still, train and boat travel were bound to fixed routes, which limited access to towns off lines and waterways. So, again inventors put on their thinking caps. This time they reached for the sky.

Every American schoolchild knows the story of **Kitty Hawk**, how **Wilbur and Orville Wright** took their Flyer for a 12-second, sustained flight on December 17, 1903. That marked the beginning of a race to conquer the air, and ultimately space with the lunar landing of 1969. Over the years, airplanes have gotten bigger, faster and more streamlined, and though we have yet to see a colony on Mars, we have an orbiting space station that continues to inspire the dream of space travel.

Modes of Get-Up-and-Go

Now that you know a smidge about transportation history, you're probably wondering how you can incorporate some of that national romance into your itinerary. A good place to start is at the beginning. You'll find echoes of the old pioneering spirit in **Nebraska**, where you can spend a full day on a wagon train and visit the **Great Platte River Road Archway** with its audiovisual-enhanced exhibits recreating the history of the **Oregon, Mormon and California Trails**. Other Midwest adventures spin your travelers back in time with chuck wagon dinners, campfires and cowboy music.

Cars. You can't talk American transportation without a nod to the automobile. The Midwest guns the engines with a slew of auto-loving museums. You can see everything from standards to collectibles: the **Ford Model-T**, **Indy pace cars**, **Kissel**, **Nash**, **Corvette** and one-of-a-kinds. Also, don't forget the smaller

members of the open road—the motorcycle. **Milwaukee** boasts a **Harley-Davidson Museum** that offers the goods on Hogs, the people who build them and the people who ride them. And if you love buses like we do, you'll want to check out the **Greyhound Bus Origin Center** in **Hibbing, MN**, the birthplace of the American bus industry.

You can find museums and attractions devoted to tractors—coupled with tractor demos, old time music and food—**Lionel** toy trains, hot air balloons, ships, subs, planes, trains and spacecraft. Your group can board a steam train like those that helped settle the west. They can also cable up a hillside. The **Western Canada Aviation Museum** houses helicopters, jets, bushplanes and commercial craft in an authentic hangar. The **Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center** has spacecraft from three early manned space flights. Other destinations provide an all-around approach, with a little of everything, including fire trucks, a horse-drawn hearse and a **Pioneer-Zephyr** bullet train.

Groups Get in Gear

It's easy to see why groups and transportation go well together. People who travel are people interested in going places and the things that help them get there. Plus, where there are vehicles there are opportunities for adventure.

You see helicopters on TV. But how many people have actually ridden in one? You can with **Black Hills Aerial Adventures**. There are also opportunities for your group to climb into the cockpit of a jet fighter, to test flight skills with an interactive flight combat simulator and to simulate 195 mile-per-hour

runs at a virtual reality NASCAR speedway. Hold onto your hats at **Chicago Indoor Racing**, where your group can experience European Kart Racing in a 105,000 square-foot interior space.

Nostalgia plays into the history of transportation. Every year, thousands of people journey to **Charles Lindberg's** childhood home in **Minnesota**. Other artifacts of pop culture that have made their way to the Midwest are the **Captain America** bike from the movie "Easy Rider" and the 1921 Oldsmobile truck used in the original "Beverly Hillbillies" TV series.

Many attractions are geared directly for groups. Hot air balloon excursions, dinner trains, narrated historic cruises, trolley rides and behind-the-scenes rail yard tours often require group participation, which puts the motorcoach tour operator in good company. You'll have tour packages to choose from and coordinators familiar with group traveler needs.

Best of all, you'll be able to offer your travelers an adventure they might not have if they went on their own. An example? How about an opportunity to go behind the scenes with the **Kansas Speedway Track Tour** and watch the pit crews at work? Other examples? A specially arranged tour of "Doc", a B-29 currently undergoing restoration, which when finished will be one of the only flyable B-29s in the world. A post-tour performance in a depot theater. A scenic railroad trip into parts of the **Ozark** foothills inaccessible by car. And there's more. So, climb aboard, set sail, and take flight with planes, trains and automobiles. ✈

TRAINING YOUR GROUP... FOR A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE

Just what is it about trains?

In a time when most of us have cars and can pretty much drive to wherever we want to go, there is no longer a need to use trains for personal transportation. And yet, most of us look at trains with longing, nostalgia, and even romance. I just love that scene from the movie *White Christmas* where they are on the train. Sleeping berths, dining cars, and all that singing, just makes me want to ride a train. Even those of us who can recall the experience of taking a train to visit grandma, or get to some other destination, will likely agree, the train is an experience that tugs at our heartstrings. **What IS it about trains?**

Mary Jane Oard, manager of the **Abilene and Smoky Valley Dinner Train** in Kansas says; *"There are not that many trains you can ride on anymore."* And she's right. As the opportunity to experience real train rides falls into obscurity, the number of people longing for that very special excitement increases daily. Stan Rauch knows that. He is the manager of **Historic Prairie Village** in eastern South Dakota where they have been giving school children train rides for 48 years! *"I can't say enough about the enjoyment factor of riding trains. Rail enthusiasts of all ages love the whole sensation... The way it rattles back and forth on the tracks, the bump and grind of it."* And it's not just school children flocking to Prairie Village. Thousands of adults come to enjoy the full size railroad, historic depot, working carousel and more. While real train rides are offered for as little as \$4 per person (group rate), dinner train options offered only during the annual **Steam Threshers Jamboree** are quickly sold out.

If dining while rattling over tracks appeals, you need not wait for Jamboree Days. Dinner Trains throughout the

Midwest still provide passengers a luxurious ride and elegant dining experience. The **Fremont Dinner Train** in Nebraska has been operating for 22 years. Bruce Eveland knew what he was doing when re-creating a 1940's Big Band era experience in Fremont. He learned early on that the 1940's music fits the train well, so he's giving the rail fans what they want. Groups are offered live entertainment with such themes as WWII USO show, **Murder Mystery**, **Wine Tasting**, or a **Melodrama** where the audience is encouraged to boo and hiss at the villain. So much fun! The train also has a lounge car where old train themed movies play! The period recreation *"works well with all ages."* Says Eveland. Catering to tour operators is a mainstay of the Fremont, as it is for many of the dinner trains.

Consider taking your group to the **Black Hills** and include a trip back in time aboard the authentic **1880 Train**. Located near Mt.

Rushmore National Monument, the locomotive offers a western experience unlike any other. Or learn the history of the **Ozark foothills** as you cross bridges and trestles, and pass through tunnels on the 40-mile excursion of the **Branson Scenic Railroad** in Missouri. One of the most popular rail rides in North America is the **Sault Ste. Marie-Agawa Canyon Tour Train** originating in the **Upper Peninsula**. This one-day wilderness trip treats you

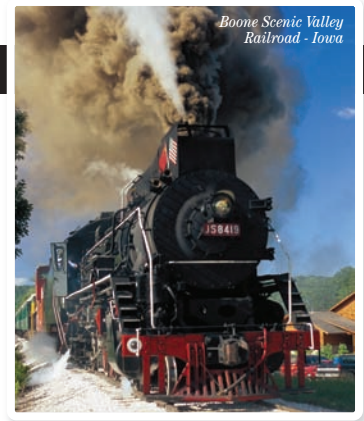


to towering trestles, pristine lakes and rivers and awesome granite rock formations as well as mixed forests of the **Canadian Shield**. Your group can opt for scenic walks on graveled trails, four waterfalls or an invigorating climb to a breathtaking lookout platform 250 feet above the tracks.

Often train destinations will work with groups to make your visit the best possible. *"We can pretty much build a train to fit their needs"*, says Fenner Stevenson of **The Boone and Scenic Valley RR & Museum**. Iowa's only dinner train *"will*

charter trains for groups of 25 or more and can go out at times other than the regularly scheduled routes" reports Stevenson. Operating since the fall of 1983, Stevenson is proud of the variety of offerings Boone has and large number of people it serves. And they do it well. It is not unusual for 400 people to be onboard when the train leaves the station, and yet it never feels crowded. Expressing what so many managers told me, Stevenson says, *"We want to make sure our groups are taken care of."*

These tips will make 'training' your group even better; Ask about time. Do they include boarding and clean out as part of the travel time? What does Wheelchair accessibility mean? Is there a gift shop? Taking home a train whistle or engineers hat might be just the perfect souvenir from your unforgettable experience. Are they willing to do something special for your motorcoach group? Flexibility in time of departure, length of ride, or menu offerings may be available. And of course, discounts abound for groups wanting to ride the rails. Groups love being trained. And as Oard points out, *"that's what it's all about."*



Mile after Magnificent Mile.

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GALENA

As you enter one of the prettiest towns in America be on the lookout for the cherry red Cable Car Trolleys. Galena Trolley Tours offers historically and architecturally narrated tours. Enjoy beautiful views as well as wonderful photo opportunities. The vehicles are open-air replicas of the original Cable Car as well as an air-conditioned executive coach. After your tour, relax in the Depot Theater, with seating for 135 people in an attractive setting of an old-fashioned riverboat. "Visitors come from all over the world. When they leave with a smile and a warm feeling, we know they will come back again." **877-464-2536**. (See location on map below)

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Addison, Chicago Indoor Racing – Chicagoland's most exciting indoor European Kart Racing and entertainment facility with 105,000 square feet of space, featuring CyberSport, a multiplayer game that blends bumper cars, lacrosse and basketball into an alternative to racing for groups of 10 to 400. With swanky adjacent lounge space, it is the perfect place for your next event! 847-941-9400

Altamont, Ben Winter's Stem Engine Museum – Antique locomotives, steam-driven tractors and an enormous stationery steam engine. A model train layout in the loft is a new feature. Also ride through the orchards in one of Ben's miniature trains. 618-483-6665

Arcola, The Arcola Historic Train Depot and Information Center – Built in 1885 this once train depot is now a historic museum showcasing Illinois railroad memorabilia, Arcola relics, a Louis Klein collection of antique brooms, and Raggedy Ann & Andy dolls, whose birthplace is in Arcola. 217-268-4530

Effingham, My Garage Museum Collection – Mike Yager has spent his lifetime collecting one-of-a-kind cars and memorabilia to display in his company museum. The museum's various display cars include Indy pace cars, the last C-4, corvettes and more! 866-350-4543

Fairmont City, Gateway Classic Cars, Antiques and Treasures – This combination dealership and museum is one of the biggest in the country. Car enthusiasts will love looking at everything from Model T's to muscle cars, and then shopping at the attached mall filled with car related wares. 800-231-3616

Roscoe, Historic Auto Attractions – Travel through this unique display where entertainment meets history in a collection of artifacts representing American culture. Many themes, including Famous Cars & Stars, Kennedy Day in Dallas, Gangsterland, Movieland, TV Land & much more. 815-389-7917

Sugar Grove, Air Classics Museum of Aviation – Vintage military and training displays from times gone by. Guests can sit in the cockpit of an A-7 that was in the Gulf War, and a UH-1 Huey Helicopter. They also have aviation uniforms and vintage memorabilia. 630-466-0888

Union, Illinois Railway Museum – This award-winning museum commemorates our railways with electric cars, steam trains, and diesel trains. Motor and trolley buses operate throughout the grounds. This famous museum was used for filming the popular film "A League of Their Own". 800-BIG-RAIL



illinois cities

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calendar of events

august

- **150th Annual Jo Daviess County Fair**
August 1, Warren 888-442-5362
- **Kite Festival at the Chicago Botanical Garden**
August 7-8, Glencoe 847-853-5440
- **Illinois State Fair**
August 13-22, Springfield 217-782-6661
- **43rd Annual Willow Folk Festival**
August 14-15, Stockton 877-464-2536
- **Chicago Air and Water Show**
August 14-15, Chicago 877-244-2246
- **Tall Ships 2010** Aug 24-29, Chicago 312-567-8500

september

- **International Route 66 Mother Road Festival**
September 24-26, Springfield 800-545-7300
- **Quad Cities Hot Air Balloon Fest**
September 24-26, Moline 309-277-0937
- **40th Annual Warren Pumpkin Festival**
September 25-26, Warren 877-464-2536
- **Illinois Wine and Art Festival**
September 25-26, Whittington 800-661-9998

october

- **Long Grove's Annual Apple Festival**
October 1-3, Long Grove 847-634-0888
- **Galena Country Fair** Oct 9, Galena 877-464-2536
- **St. Charles Scarecrow Festival**
October 8-10, St. Charles 800-777-4373
- **Barn Burner BBQ**
October 15-16, Libertyville 847-362-4636
- **Ghost Train & Haunted Boxcar**
Oct 22-24 & 29-30, Monticello 217-762-9011

november

- **26th Nouveau Wine Festival**
November 19-20, Galena 877-464-2536
- **40th Annual Way of Lights at The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows**
Nov 19-Jan 2, 2011, Belleville 800-682-2879
- **Christkindlmarket**
Nov 24-Dec 24, Chicago 312-567-8571
- **Candlelight Tours**
Nov 26-Dec 31, Clinton 217-935-6066

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Galena Jo Daviess County Convention & Visitors Bureau

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The destination boasts a wide variety of lodging options to match any budget, along with plenty of low cost attractions and tours. Take a self-guided walking tour, stroll colorful gardens, visit historic sites, or tour a vineyard!

GALENA & JO

DAY ONE

Make your first leap in learning about Galena's historic past by visiting the Ulysses S. Grant Home State Historic Site. This Italianate home was presented to President Grant in 1865 and opened to the public in 1904. The furnishings within the home are original and the tours go in-depth about the impact Grant and his family had on Galena.

Cross the pedestrian bridge over the Galena River and be prepared to step back in time. The Old Blacksmith Shop is an authentic 1897 blacksmith shop with working forges that produce a multitude of Galena-forged items. Local on-site historians utilize replicated tools and equipment that model how the blacksmith shop would have been operated in its heyday.



After purchasing your own Galena horseshoe, stop at Cannova's Pizzeria for a wonderful lunch from Italy's old world. They have daily specials that suit all appetites. Cannova's is the perfect place to refuel for a day on the town.

Begin your afternoon by exploring the stately architecture on Bench Street and the Galena History Museum. At the museum, visitors can view exhibits on the Civil War, Presidents Grant and Lincoln, steam boating, the original "Peace in Union" painting, and the opportunity to explore an abandoned 1830s lead mine.

Continue your Galena experience by walking through Galena's Historic District on your way to Galena Cellars. The Lawlor family, with more than 30 years of winemaking experience, proudly offers tastings of 40 award-winning wines.



Groups love to sit on their outdoor patio, enjoy a private tasting, and shop through their expansive retail store.

Before your day comes to an end, purchase a few gifts from the boutique shops of Galena's Main Street as you make your way to a dinner hotspot, Fried Green Tomatoes. This restaurant takes pride in their upscale Italian cuisine. They have garnered honors for their award-winning wine list and ensure that no matter your group's size they will provide exceptional service.

Spend your first night in Jo Daviess County, just outside of Galena, at the Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa. Located on 6,800 acres, Eagle Ridge offers accommodations ranging from traditional hotel rooms to villas and private homes. While at Eagle Ridge, enjoy 63 holes of championship golf or their immaculate spa that can soothe your body, mind, and soul.

DAY TWO

Wake up at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa and watch a sunrise from the best vantage point possible, floating in a hot air balloon. Galena On The Fly, Inc. provides hot air balloon rides sunrise and sunset daily. Reservations are required and groups are very welcome. Drifting across the skies of Jo Daviess County, you will experience a trip of your lifetime.

Once you return to the ground, head off to Adventure Creek Alpaca Farm where you can learn about and walk alpacas. See their TV star, Quincy, too! Make sure to call ahead and let them know you are stopping by so you can watch a demonstration on how fleece is made.

At Chestnut Mountain Resort, jump aboard Mississippi Explorer's 1.5 hour cruise. You will experience the splendor of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge. When the cruise ends, you will be transported to the top of Chestnut Mountain Resort for lunch at the Sunset Grille. Sitting high atop a wooded palisade overlooking the Mississippi River, you'll enjoy a wide variety of American cuisine.



Continue on to Apple River Fort State Historic Site in historic Elizabeth, IL, the site of an important battle during the 1832 Black Hawk War. At the reconstructed fort, visitors can learn about life in Jo Daviess County during the early 1800s.

With the trip coming to the end seat yourself for a performance of "Mark Twain and the Laughing River" as Jim Post takes you back to the heyday of the Mississippi River. Through song and music, Mark Twain's childhood comes back to life right in front of your eyes.

Complete your second day by unwinding at Chestnut Mountain Resort watching the sunset along the Mississippi River. Relax by walking along one of their many trails or enjoy an evening of live music.



No matter what your group's interests, Galena and Jo Daviess County provides bountiful options to make your next tour a success.

For further assistance in planning your next tour, contact Celestino Ruffini, director of sales and marketing, at 888 4-Galena or sales@galena.org.

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SIOUX CITY, URBANDALE, WATERLOO

calendar of events

august

- **Hooverfest**
August 7, West Branch 319-643-5327
- **50th Annual Knoxville Nationals**
August 11-14, Knoxville 641-842-5431
- **Iowa State Fair**
August 12-22, Des Moines 800-545-3247
- **26th Annual Show & Shine Car Show**
August 14, Manning 712-655-3541
- **Bentonsport Country Music Jam**
August 21, Bentonsport 319-592-3579
- **WoodFest**
August 27-29, Amana 800-579-2294

september

- **Apple Grass Bluegrass Festival**
Sept 4-5, Council Bluffs 800-228-6878 x109
- **Dubuque Dragon Boat**
September 11-12, Dubuque 563-556-7518
- **Fields of Flight Hot Air Balloon Festival**
Sept 11-13, Council Bluffs 800-228-6878 x109
- **Hot Air Balloon Days**
September 17-19, Creston 641-782-7021
- **Railroad Days**
September 18, Marquette 800-896-0910
- **Fly Iowa 2010 – Celebrating 100 Years of Iowa-Powered Flight**
September 18-19, Burlington 319-752-3430
- **Riversance Festival of Fine Art**
September 18-19, Davenport 309-786-2430
- **Honey Fest**
September 19, Cedar Rapids 319-362-0664
- **20th Annual German Fest**
September 24-25, Guttenburg 877-252-2323

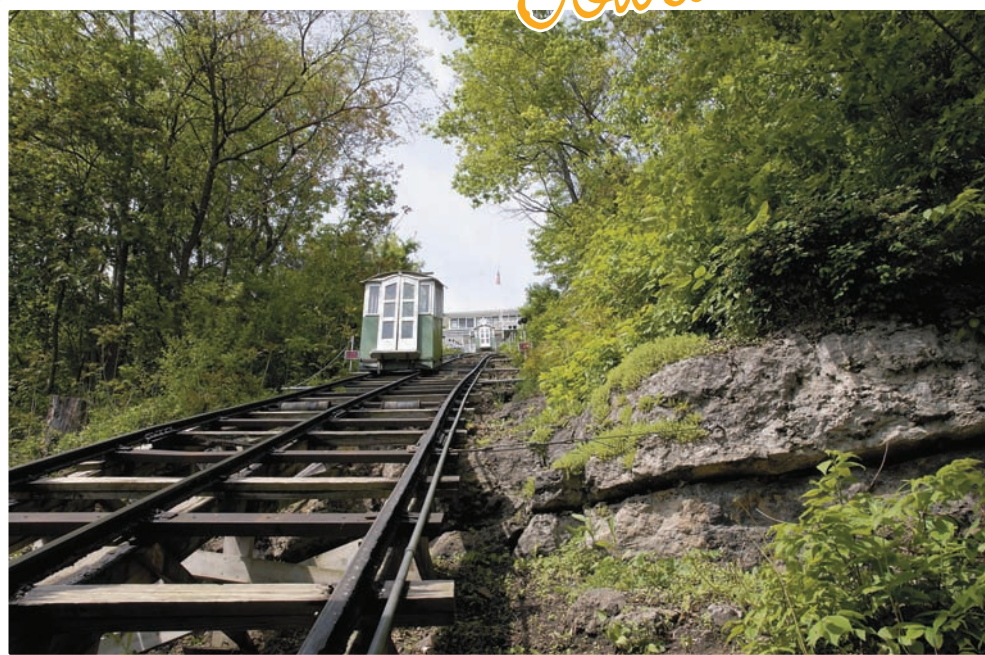
october

- **Tri-States Chili Cookoff**
October 2, Dubuque 563-557-8159
- **World Food Festival**
October 8-10, Des Moines 800-451-2625
- **Madison County Covered Bridge Festival**
October 9-10, Madison 800-268-6119
- **"Blithe Spirit"**
October 21-November 14, Amana 800-352-6262

november

- **8th Annual Rivers & Bluffs Birding Festival**
November 13-15, Lansing 800-824-1424
- **Quad City Arts Festival of Trees**
November 19-28, Davenport 309-793-1213
- **Weihnachtsfest**
November 26, Manning 712-655-3131
- **Santa Express Trains at the Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad**
November 27 & 30, Boone 515-432-3342

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Anamosa, National Motorcycle Museum – See more than 200 rare and vintage motorcycles dating back to 1903, along with thousands of photos and motorcycle memorabilia. Home of the original Captain America bike from the 1969 movie "Easy Rider." Visit the Museum's gift shop for a souvenir to take home. 319-462-3925

Boone, Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad & Museum – Turkeys, deer, bald eagles...you never know what you may encounter on your ride through the picturesque Des Moines River Valley. Travel from Boone to the old mining town of Fraser (and return) in 1920's era coach cars. Experience what it was like to ride the rails in a caboose. Or, get an unparalleled view of the river valley from our popular open-air car. 800-626-0319

Colfax, Trainland USA – An operating toy train museum with displays of Lionel trains and accessories. This exhibit represents three eras of time; frontier, steam, and diesel. The display area is the size of two average ranch style homes. The center section is the frontier and steam era, while the outside is diesel, which runs from coast to coast. All scenery is hand painted and the entire layout is glass enclosed. 515-674-3813

Council Bluffs, Velocity Indoor Karting – At Joe's Karting, they strive to offer their customers a venue that is both affordable and fun. They are the first truly professional indoor karting venue in Council Bluffs, Iowa and the Omaha metro

area. The staff has a rich corporate background and is very familiar with the needs and expectations of companies and corporate events. They also specialize in smaller private parties and groups. The Hot Laps Sessions are perfect for groups who want to come in and experience the competition, thrills, adrenaline, and excitement or racing in a convenient, accessible, and affordable package. 712-256-5278

Greenfield, Iowa Aviation Museum – They celebrate Iowa's remarkable aviation heritage. The museum has eleven civil aircraft on display, including some rare examples of early flying machines from the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Home to two military aircraft, an A-7 Corsair jet and a Huey Cobra helicopter, both used in the Vietnam War, and donated to the museum by the Iowa National Guard. They stand as a tribute to Iowa men and women who have served in the military. 641-343-7184

Walcott, Iowa 80 Trucking Museum – Iowa 80 Truckstop founder, Bill Moon, started the Iowa 80 Trucking Museum collection. He had a passion for trucks and was always looking for a new truck or trucking artifacts to add to his collection. There are now over 100 antique trucks in the collection with 30 of these on display in the museum at any given time. Plus see the new exhibit on vintage electric trucks to educate the public on the history and origins of electric vehicles. 563-468-5500



RAILROADS OVER AND UNDER

This sample itinerary is best anytime of the year!



Todd House



Hitchcock House



Dodge House

day one

9 – 10:30 am

Start the day with a tour of the **Western Historic Trails Center** and watch “Building the Transcontinental Railroad” in the theater.

10:30 – 12:00 pm

See a house on the **Underground Railroad**, the **Todd House**. Built in 1853 by the Rev. John Todd, this house had a cellar filled with boxes of clothing, ammunition, muskets, sabers, and rifles.

12 – 1:00 pm

Stop for lunch at **PJ’s at the Depot**, a restaurant located in a historic **Rock Island Depot**.

1 – 2:15 pm

See this cabin of the Underground Railroad, and travel down the underground cave to better understand what the remarkable flight from slavery entailed at the **Mayhew Cabin**.

2:15 – 4:30 pm

Travel to **Hitchcock House**, built in 1856 by Rev. George Hitchcock. The secret room in the basement was used to hide runaway slaves on the Underground Railroad.

4:30 – 7:00 pm

Freshen up for dinner at **Tish’s**, with a private room for groups. This is a locally owned favorite.

day two

9 – 10:00 am

View this restored 1899 **Rock Island Depot**, and its many railroad artifacts as well as their outdoor railcar display at **RailsWest Museum**.

10 – 11:00 am

Union Pacific Railroad Museum is housed in the former 1930 Carnegie Library, holding one of the oldest corporate railroad collections in the nation.

11 – 1:00 pm

Enjoy a guided tour of the **Dodge House**; the Victorian home of General Grenville Dodge. He was dubbed the “greatest railroad builder of all time”. Enjoy lunch in the third floor ballroom.

1 – 2:00 pm

Take a look at “two of the greatest locomotives ever to power the Union Pacific Railroad,” **Union Pacific Big Boy #4023** and **Union Pacific Centennial #6900** at **Kenefick Park**. Kenefick Park is next to **Omaha’s Lauritzen Gardens**. Take some “time to

smell the flowers’ while you’re there.

2 – 4:00 pm

Your last stop is at the **Durham Museum**, where beautiful architecture blends with memories of a time gone by, housed in Omaha’s Union Station.

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group please contact your tour operator or Chrissy Caniglia at Council Bluffs CVB, 800-228-6878 ext 109 or email ccaniglia@councilbluffsowa.com.

A Long “Track” Record...



Built in 1856, Hitchcock House in Lewis, IA was part of the Underground Railroad housing runaway slaves.



Historic General Dodge House was built in Council Bluffs in 1869 by the greatest railroad builder of all time.



The Union Pacific Railroad Museum is housed in the former 1903 Carnegie Library.

RailsWest Railroad Museum is in the restored 1899 Rock Island Depot with historic artifacts and railcars.

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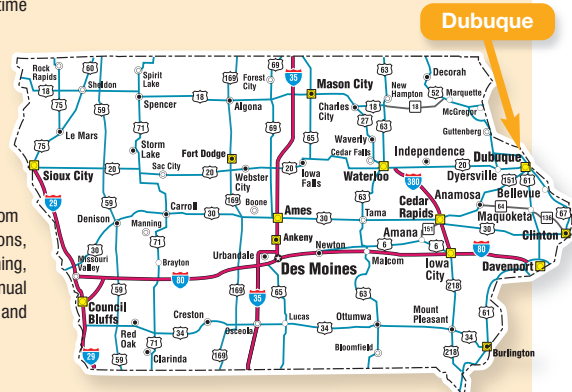
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Climb the 1941 control tower for a birds-eye view of the surrounding area. Or, with prior arrangement, investigate the wide-ranging archive of more than 200,000 photographs, documents, books and aviation-related memorabilia.

Arrangements can also be made through Go Wichita to tour Hawker Beechcraft – which requires headsets and safety glasses, provided by Go Wichita. Or "Doc" - The B-29 Restoration Project - Originally built at The Boeing Company during World War II, "Doc" was part of a squadron known as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. Volunteers are restoring this superfortress to flying condition. When complete it will be one of only a handful of flyable B-29s. **800-288-9424, Ext 102.** (See location on map below)

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Baldwin City, The Midland Railway – Operates excursion trains on a line originally constructed in 1867. Train rides feature an over-20-mile round trip from Baldwin City via "Norwood, Kansas" to Ottawa Junction, Kansas, traveling through scenic Eastern Kansas farmland and woods via vintage railway equipment. Join us for a train ride -- bring the whole bus! They are in easy reach of Kansas City, Overland Park, Olathe and Lawrence, KS. 913-721-1211

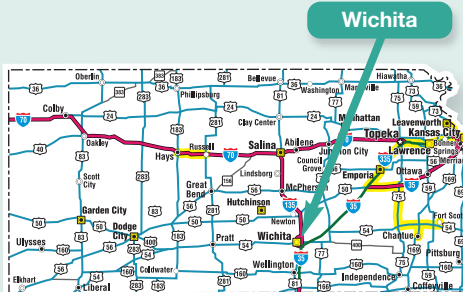
El Dorado, Flint Hills Overland Wagon Train – Before there were planes, trains and automobiles, there were 'wagon trains'. Take this participatory covered wagon trip. Enjoy trails on the Tallgrass Prairie. Enjoy the music and cowboy poetry after a long day's ride and learn the history of the cowboy. Eat a chuckwagon-style dinner and sing around the campfire. Weekend Trips. 308- 586-1850

Hutchinson, Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center – A wonderful place for groups interested in unique experiences. Explore Justice Planetarium, the IMAX Dome Theater, and the Hall of Space Museum. This museum is one of only three museums in the world to display flown spacecraft from all three early-manned American space programs – Mercury (Liberty Bell 7), Gemini (Gemini 10) and Apollo (Apollo 13). 800-397-0330

Kansas City, Kansas City Speedway – Want to take your group on a really racy adventure? Bring your group to Kansas Speedway, the premiere racing facility in the Midwest. Your group can have the opportunity to go behind the scenes

with a Kansas Speedway Track Tour. Check out the garage area where pit crews are hard at work during race weekend trying to earn a view from Victory Lane. Check out the view from the Presidential Suite, stand where the spotters stand - on the roof, and finish where the winners finish - in Gatorade Victory Lane, plus much more! Schedule your tour and witness everything there is to see at Kansas Speedway. 866-460-RACE

Topeka, Topeka Combat Air Museum – Military aviation museum with 30 historic aircraft exhibits and related artifacts. It is one of a handful of major aviation museums in the United States located on an active airfield. Visitors to this museum are regularly treated to flying activities of Air Force fighter aircraft and Army helicopter operations. Venture through two hangars full of historic military aircraft and exhibits, dating from WWI to the present. 785-862-3303



kansas cities

ABILENE, BONNER SPRINGS, CHANUTE, COUNCIL GROVE, DODGE CITY, EMPORIA, FORT SCOTT, HAYS, HUTCHINSON, INDEPENDENCE, JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS CITY, LAWRENCE, LEAVENWORTH, LIBERAL, LINDSBORG, MANHATTAN, MCPHERSON, NEWTON, PITTSBURG, RUSSELL, SALINA, TOPEKA, WASHINGTON, WICHITA

calendar of events

july

- **Dodge City Days**
July 30-August 8, Dodge City 620-227-3119

august

- **High Noon Gunfight**
August 7, Dodge City 620-227-8188
- **Herzogfest** Aug 13-14, Victoria 785-735-2352
- **Civil War on the Western Frontier**
August 14-22, Lawrence 785-865-4499
- **Hot Air Balloon Classic**
August 27-29, Garden City 800-879-9803

september

- **Kansas Renaissance**
Sept 4-Oct 17, Bonner Springs 800-373-0357
- **Great Plains Huff & Puff Balloon Rally**
September 10-12, Topeka 785-554-2003
- **Kansas State Fair**
September 10-19, Hutchinson 800-362-3247
- **Fiesta** Sept 14-16, Garden City 620-276-3264
- **Midwest Deutsche Oktoberfest**
September 18-19, Hays 785-625-5394
- **7th Annual Bald Eagle Rendezvous**
September 23-25, Leocompton 785-887-6520
- **McPherson Scottish Festival**
September 25-26, McPherson 800-324-8022

october

- **OZtoberfest** Oct 3-4, Wamego 866-458-8686
- **Maple Leaf Festival Baldwin**
October 16-17, 785-594-7564
- **13th Annual Blues Masters at the Crossroads**
October 22-23, Salina 800-716-3553
- **Newwollah Festival**
October 22-30, Independence 800-882-3606

november

- **Cattlemen's Day** Nov 6, Eureka 620-583-5838
- **TARC Winter Wonderland**
Nov 20-Dec 31, Topeka 785-232-0597
- **Winter Wonderland – Ignite Augusta**
Nov 25-Dec 31, Augusta 316-775-6339
- **Irving Berlin's White Christmas**
Nov 26-Dec 19, Topeka 785-357-5211
- **60th Annual Christmas City of the High Plains**
Nov 27-Jan 1, WaKeeney 877-962-7248

december

- **Lawrence Old Fashioned Christmas Parade**
December 5, Lawrence

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calendar of events

august

- **The Dead Sea Scrolls** Now through Oct 24, Science Museum of MN 651-221-9444
- **Freeborn County Fair**
August 3-8, Albert Lea 507-373-6965
- **Minnesota Fringe Festival**
August 5-15, Minneapolis 612-872-1212
- **"All Shook Up"** August 6-January 29, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres 952-934-1547
- **Mower County Fair**
August 10-15, Austin 507-433-1868
- **"Wicked"** August 11-September 19, Orpheum Theatre 612-373-5682
- **Rendezvous Days**
August 13-15, Grand Portage 218-475-2401
- **Steele County Free Fair**
August 17-22, Owatonna 800-423-6466
- **Minnesota Renaissance Festival**
Aug 21-Oct 3/Wknds, Shakopee 800-966-8215
- **Minnesota State Fair**
August 26-September 6, Saint Paul 651-632-2689
- **Big Island Barbeque**
August 27-28, Albert Lea 800-345-8414

september

- **King of Trails Market Day**
September 11, Lake Benton 507-368-9577
- **Mankato 38th Annual Powwow**
September 17-19, Mankato 952-496-6120
- **Faribault Area Balloon Rally**
September 18, Faribault 507-334-4381
- **King Turkey Days**
September 18, Worthington 800-279-2919
- **CulturFest** Sept 25, Owatonna 800-423-6466

october

- **Big Island Rendezvous and Festival**
October 2-3, Albert Lea 800-658-2526
- **Johnny Appleseed Days Festival**
October 2-3, Lake City 651-345-4123
- **Stillwater Harvest Fest & Pumpkin Weigh Off**
October 9, Stillwater 651-351-0422
- **Upper Midwest Glass and Pottery Show**
October 23-24, Bloomington 651-770-1567

november

- **"Away in the Basement – A Church Basement Ladies Christmas"** November 4-January 16, Plymouth Playhouse 763-383-1073
- **Saint Martin's Day Celebration**
November 7, Saint Paul 651-292-3225
- **Beneath the Village Wreath**
November 19, Morton 507-697-6912
- **Glow Parade** Nov 19, Fairmont 800-657-3280
- **Hornell Historic Home 23rd Annual Christmas Open House** Nov 19-22, Austin 507-433-4243
- **Holidazzle Parade**
Nov 26-Dec 19, Minneapolis 612-376-7669

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East Grand Forks, Northern Lights Railroad Museum – The museum was conceived in 1977 by John Cummings. John started out by collecting Lionel and HO scale model trains and he looked to meet with others to trade, swap, and run trains. View a telegraph office, historical memorabilia, motorcar and other equipment. 218-773-1726

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9 – 10:00 am

Start your morning at the **Minnesota Air National Guard Museum** (located at the **Mpls/St. Paul Int'l Airport**). The museum boasts the largest collection of military aircraft in the five state region. The Museum Airpark displays about 20 different aircraft including fighters, transports, trainers and helicopters. The indoor exhibit includes a chronology of the history of the MN Air National Guard, several aircraft training simulators, and an ejection seat from an F-4 along with numerous aircraft engines.

10 – 11:30 am

Next stop is a visit to the **Bud Lutz Backyard Railroad** located in **Eagan**. The Lutz Railroad Garden started with a flat backyard and the vision of Bud and Ayako. In 1978 the original waterfall, river, bridge and pond were built and the journey began. Since that time, many flowerbeds have been added with flowers blooming spring through summer, starting with the Magnolias and Peonies. Several water features, such as the Deer Chaser from Thailand and the Bubble fountain, add to the sounds of the garden. The Bubble fountain propels the waterwheel, which then animates the whimsical man cutting wood and woman washing clothes. In

2000, the building of the railroad began. A G-scale train goes through the town, with a granite retaining wall serving as the town's base and a second waterfall trickles nearby. Hand made railroad ties, trestles and bridges add to the charm.

11:30 – 2:00 pm

Now you'll head east to the **St. Croix Vineyards & Winery**. Located just west of **Stillwater, Minnesota**, this winery offers complimentary wine tasting (11 offerings) in a restored century old barn. Feel free to stroll through their picturesque vineyard. During apple harvest, **Aamodt's Apple Orchard** is located right next door. Don't forget to pick up some famous Minnesota Honeycrisp apples!

2 – 4:00 pm

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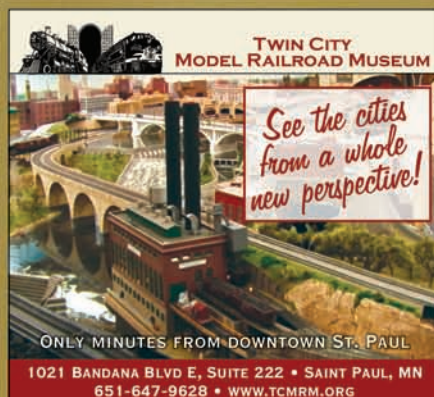
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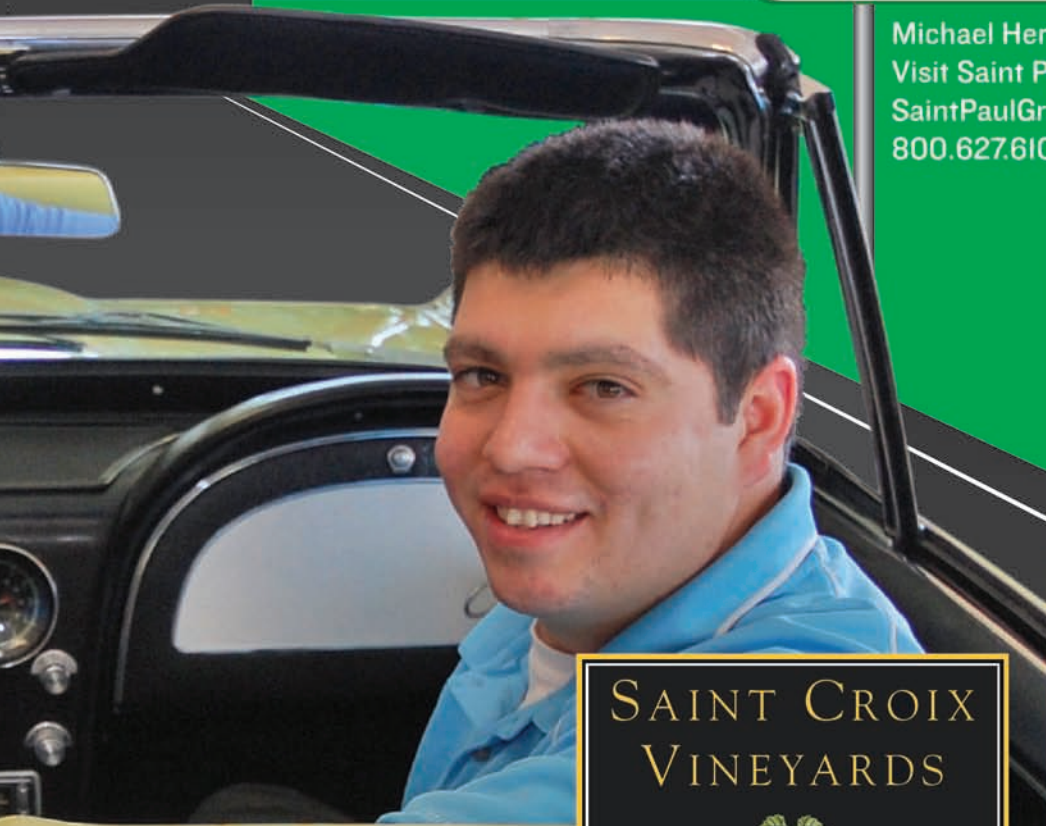
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A LITTLE FUN WITH HISTORY, ARTS, SITES AND THEATRE

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10 – 12:00 pm

Partake in the **Down in History Tours** famous tour, The Saint Paul Gangster Tour. Guides toting Tommy Guns will take your group to famous gangster crime sites, hide-a-ways, speakeasies and gathering spots, many of which have changed little since the 1930s.

Stops include Ma Barker's home, Dillinger's apartment, nightclubs and locations of infamous robberies, shoot-outs and murders.

12 – 1:00 pm

Walk to **Grumpy Steve's Coffee** for a special lunch, which features a sandwich, chips, and a coffee or soda for one low price. Featuring tea, Italian sodas, smoothies and old-fashioned soda pops.

1 – 2:30 pm

Partake in the **Ordway Center for the Performing Arts Building Tour**. The Ordway joins the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, The Minnesota Opera, and the Schubert Club in a unique Arts Partnership and provides a home to its Arts Partners. Learn more about Ordway Center with a building tour. View the levels of the building, including the Main Hall, McKnight Theatre, and both stages. Perfect to do after a matinee or an evening performance.

2:30 – 5:30 pm

Travel back in time on a **Magical History Tour™**! Ride a Segway as you enjoy the history of the Minneapolis Riverfront area from 10,000 BC to present, without breaking a sweat. Let the Segway do the work as you cover several miles accompanied by a professional guide. Allow your guide to assist you in experiencing various eras of the Mississippi River

while stopping frequently at historical sites.

5:30 – 8:00 pm

Take a narrated cruise on the Mississippi River through downtown Minneapolis, locking through the Upper St. Anthony Falls on **Paradise Cruises & Minneapolis Queen**. Enjoy the beautiful Minneapolis skyline and views of the new 35W bridge while enjoying a pizza buffet and happy hour drink specials.

8:00 – 10:00 pm

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10 – 11:00 am

Step aboard the **Stillwater Trolley** for a fully narrated



tour of Minnesota's oldest town. Learn about the History & Folklore of Stillwater's Founders. Most of the tour is up in the hills where all the old mansions were built by the lumber barons between 1850 and 1915. Your old-time Trolley ride will also let you see the **Historic Stillwater Lift Bridge**, and beautiful views of the St. Croix River Valley.

11 – 12:00 pm

Continue your look 'back in time' with a visit to the **Stillwater Antiques Mall**. They offer 60 plus unique



dealers offering a "finer" selection of antiques and artworks, furniture, lighting, glass and china, pens and inkwells, clocks, watches, books, toys and sports collectibles, coins, prints and artwork. If you are searching for that hard to find item – you may have just found the spot!

12 – 1:30 pm

Enjoy lunch on the patio of the **Dock Café** – a truly unique, one-of-a-kind dining experience. Set along the shore of the St. Croix, your views look upriver to the historic Stillwater Lift Bridge and downriver to **Lake St. Croix**. The menu selections are divine and their special sourdough bread alone - is reason to come back again and again.

1:30 – 3:30 pm

After your dockside meal, your group will take a unique

ride on a Gondola in the St. Croix, with **Gondola Romantica**. The Gondola can hold 6 people, so you may have to enjoy your 'cruise' in shifts, depending on the size of your group.

3:30 pm

Spend the remainder of your time in Stillwater exploring its extensive array of boutique's and specialty shops. There is something for every taste in Minnesota's first city!

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- stroll through Minnesota's largest juried art show in the Fine Arts Center.

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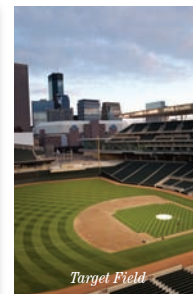
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10 – 1:00 pm

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1 – 2:30 pm

Step back in time at **Freeborn County Historical Museum**. Visit their stagecoaches, hotel, carriages, autos, railroads, railway station and more in their Pioneer Village. Also home to both the "Minnesota Rock & Country Hall of Fame" and to Marion Ross,

of the "Happy Days" TV show fame.

2:30 – 3:30 pm

Visit the large indoor showroom at **Bergdale Harley-Davidson!** Vintage Harley-Davidson's on display, new and pre-owned Harley-Davidson motorcycles and a full line of Harley-Davidson genuine parts and accessories.

3:30 – 4:30 pm

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4:30 – 5:30 pm

Before you head out, swing into the **Pizza Ranch** for a pizza and chicken buffet. Mmm Mmm Good!

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day one

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

3 - 4:00 pm

Arrive and check into one of the group friendly hotels in Owatonna then take the Shuttle Bus to the **Steele Country Free Fair (SCFF) - Minnesota's largest FREE County Fair!**

4 - 5:00 pm

Take in the sights and sounds of the animals on exhibit on **Leisure Lane of the SCFF**. Catch the **Pig Races and a camel ride** on your way down to Market Street for some supper!

5 - 6:00 pm

"Boy do those cheese curds, mini donuts, corn dogs, and gyros smell good!" Sample foods from around the world on Market Street at the SCFF. With over

100 food and drink stands you're bound to find something to satisfy just about any appetite!

6 - 7:30 pm

Let your stomach settle before going down the Midway for the 96¢ ride special on over 30 carnival rides! Head into the **Four Seasons Centre** to see what's on display and for sale from over 300 vendors from 25 states and Canada -offering a wide range of goods, from crystals to quilts, art to furniture, potato peelers to RV's!

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Check out the **Colgate Country Showdown on the KRFO Stage** - Owatonna's own Country version of **American Idol!!!** Or head over to Fair Square for an outdoor concert tribute to Johnny Cash! Don't forget all the entertainment on the grounds is **FREE!!!**

8:30 - 12:00 am

Head to the Beer Gardens for the band **Hairball**, the world's ultimate "80's Rock" impersonation act, recreating the good-time party atmosphere of the decadent decade with unmatched authenticity - the most exciting re-creation of this great era in rock history!

day two

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

8 - 9:00 am

Enjoy continental breakfast at your hotel before boarding the coach for a tour of Owatonna and another day of fun at the **Steele County Free Fair!**

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 from 1886-1945. Relive history through pictures, artifacts and personal stories by the orphans who were raised at the Orphanage.

11 - 12:00 pm

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

12 - 1:00 pm

Enjoy lunch at the **Aurora Lutheran Church Food Stand at the SCFF** - sit down to a home cooked meal with homemade pies like the church ladies used to make! (and still do at SCFF)

1 - 2:00 pm

Wander through the SCFF on your own to see the **Exotic Petting Zoo, Lumberjack Show, Niagara Cave Mining Company, Puppet Shows, Yo-Yo Man, Galaxy Girl, Livestock Hall of Fame, Draft Horse Show, and much more!**

2 - 3:30 pm

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Enjoy the **National Scenic Byway; Minnesota Highway 16**. The **Root River** and **State Bike Trails** wind adjacent along the National Scenic Byway.

day one

Arrive in **Preston**, the "**Trout Fishing Capital**" of Minnesota. Located in the "Driftless Area" of the state, Preston is home to hardwood forests, abundant wildlife, and many springs, brooks, and streams. The **Fillmore County Fair** is held annually at the fairgrounds located in Preston.

10 – 1:00 pm

Visit the **National Trout Learning Center**. Then shop unique stores in Preston including **OMAOLA Antiques & Collectables**, **Popcorn Alley Antiques**, **Preston Floral Treasures & More**, **Uncommon Charm**, **Pine Tree Apple Orchard**, and the **Preston Apple and Berry Farm**.

1 – 2:00 pm

Grab some lunch at the **Branding Iron**, **Chic's Pizza**, or **The Sweet Stop Sandwich Shop**.

2 – 5:00 pm

Take a scenic bike ride along the **Harmony-Preston Valley State Bike Trail**. Or visit **Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park**. Step back in time with costumed guides at **Historic Forestville Pioneer Village**. Take



a naturalist led tour of the longest cave in Minnesota.

5 – 6:00 pm

Check into the **Country Trails Inn & Suites** or the **Jailhouse Historic Inn Bed & Breakfast**, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

6:00 pm

Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

day two

After breakfast, ride along the **National Scenic Byway Minnesota Highway 16** to the historic town of **Lanesboro**, known as the "**Rhubarb Capital**" and "**Bed & Breakfast Capital**" of Minnesota. Stop and enjoy the view at **Inspiration Point Scenic Overlook** along the way.

10 – 12:30 pm

Tour the **Old Order Amish Community** with

knowledgeable guides from **Bluffscape Amish Tours**. A variety of handcrafted goods are available for purchase including fresh baked bread and pies, hand-sewn quilts, knotted items, jams and jellies, hand reed baskets, and furniture.

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Enjoy lunch at one of the many local restaurants in downtown Lanesboro, such as **Pedal Pushers Café**.

1:30 – 5:00pm

Shop the many unique stores in Lanesboro. Or bike ride along the **Root River State Bike Trail** that runs along the Root River. Or canoe, kayak, or tube the cool waters of the Root River.

5 – 6:00 pm

Check into one of several Bed & Breakfasts including the **Berwood Hill Inn**, **Coffee Street Inn**, and **Historic Scanlan House**.

6 – 9:00 pm

Select one of Lanesboro's restaurants for a delicious dinner followed by a live production at the **Commonweal Theatre** by professional local actors.

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WILLMAR LAKES AREA

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day one

12 – 1:30 pm

Roll into **Willmar** and enjoy lunch at a quaint cafe or fine dining; there's something for everyone's taste.

1:30 – 4:00 pm

Step back in time at the **Mikkelson Classic Boat Museum**—the world's premier collection of Falls Flyer Boats; the Jaguar of boats. Housed in a private museum operated by Paul Mikkelson. Classic outboard motors, toy boats and motors, antique decoys and electric trains are also featured.

4 – 5:00 pm

Check into the **Country Inn & Suites** - a full service hotel. Featuring high-speed Internet, an indoor heated pool, hot tub, and a fitness center to help guests feel right at home.

5 – 7:00 pm

Enjoy dinner at the **Green Mill Restaurant and Bar**. Try their award winning pizza or perhaps classic American cuisine, it's all on their menu. Now it's time

to head out to the show at The Barn Theatre!

7 – 10:00 pm

The show changes throughout the year, but no matter what the production, you're in for a treat. **The Barn Theatre** is a community theatre group with a pool of talented and committed volunteers that rival most professional companies. Sit back and enjoy.

day two

8 – 9:00 am

A steaming cup of coffee, a warm muffin, and a friendly atmosphere is what you will find at **Jazz n' Java**. They have some of the best coffee around!

9 – 12:00 pm

You're off to the "Ranch", **J & L Bison Ranch** that is. Talk about a step back in time -you'll have the opportunity to view the herd in their natural habitat. As educational as it is astonishing, there's much to know and learn about this sacred animal. We'll save the details for the tour.

12 – 2:00 pm

Lunch is at **Melvin's on the Lake** in picturesque Spicer. With beautiful views and lunch next to the



The Barn Theater

beach or on their 55-passenger houseboat, nothing will beat the taste or the view.

2 – 5:00 pm

Take a ride to **Glacial Ridge Winery** where you'll tour the vineyard, learn the grape growing process, wine making, and finally tasting the finished product. Before you go, search the gift shop for a bottle of wine or a specialty gift to take along home.

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GREAT RIVER ROAD FALL COLOR DRIVE

This sample itinerary is best during the fall.

The **Great River Road** is a scenic byway that stretches from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. From the bluffs of the river valley area, some of the most spectacular views of the **Mississippi River** can be viewed along the Great River Road to **Red Wing**. From mid October to early November, is the perfect time to see the fall colors at their peak.

9 – 10:00 am

The journey to Red Wing begins in **Alma, Wisconsin**. This historic village on the Great River Road (Wisconsin Hwy 35) is the resting place for hundreds of **Tundra Swans** arriving in mid October. The snow-white swans are traveling from the Arctic Circle area enroute to their final destination, the East Coast near Chesapeake Bay. The Tundra Swans are not the only waterfowl that call **Rieck's Lake** home; Canadian Geese, mallards and egrets are also in the spotlight.

10 – 11:30 am

Follow Hwy 35 to Hwy 25 and cross the Mississippi River into Minnesota. It's worth the extra time to backtrack a bit to **Kellogg, Minnesota**, home of **LARK Toys**. Groups can tour the antique toy museum, take a ride on the hand-carved wooden carousel and stroll through the many rooms of handcrafted toys.

11:30 – 12:30 pm

During the drive to Red Wing, stop along the **Great River Road** at **Pepin Height's Orchard** in **Lake City**. Arrive in **Red Wing** for lunch at any one of Red Wing's fine restaurants, including the historic **St. James Hotel**.

12:30 – 3:30 pm

After lunch, stroll downtown to admire the beautiful hanging flower baskets. Over 350 baskets adorn Red Wing from spring to mid October. Downtown specialty shops highlight the area's Scandinavian heritage and rustic spirit of adventure with the **Uffda Shop** and the **St. James** shops to name a few! Visit the new **Red Wing Shoe Store & Museum** and see the world's largest boot – a size 638-1/2 D! Shop for some Red Wings of your own and take a look around the museum before you go.

3:30 – 4:30 pm

Red Wing is just full of surprises - watch pottery being made at the **Red Wing Stoneware Company**. Admire local potters creating beautiful stoneware in the tradition of Red Wing's famous Union Stoneware Company. The handcrafted stoneware as well as hats, clothes, candles, soup mixes and bread and pancake mixes are available for purchase.

4:30 – 6:00 pm

If more birding is on your agenda, a **Red Wing City Tour** is the ticket to more eagle watching. By late November **Colvill Park** is the winter resting place for hundreds of Bald Eagles. The eagles nest and fish in the open waterways of the Mississippi River from November to early March.

6:00 pm

Enjoy a delicious dinner at one of Red Wing's unique dining spots. Then enjoy a good night's rest at one of their comfortable lodging facilities.

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ARCHITECTURE + FALL COLORS

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11 – 11:30 am

Let's start downtown with **Hastings Shoe Store**. Built in 1868, it was the site of the original courthouse and county offices.

11:30 – 12:00 pm

There is a lot of history in the building that **Bendixen's Jewelry** calls home. It was built in the mid 1880's. There are several distinctive architectural details, especially at the second level exterior.

12 – 1:00 pm

A great place for a trendy lunch these days is the **Brick House Coffee House**, built in 1858, the same year that Minnesota became a state. It is one of the oldest homes in **Austin**, with a 1930's addition that was carefully built to duplicate the original style.

1 – 1:30 pm

St. Augustine's Catholic Church's parish was established in 1857. The cornerstone of the present Gothic design building was laid in 1894. Beautiful stained glass windows are one of its most distinctive features.

1:30 – 1:45 pm

The **First United Methodist Church** started in 1856, and also is celebrating its 150th birthday right along with the city of Austin!



1:45 – 2:15 pm

The **Arthur Winfield Wright House** is now a private residence. Records show it was built before 1874 and is the earliest, most intact example of Italianate styling in Mower County. The detailing is unusual with narrow gables, paired corbels, and heavily corniced window and door moldings.

2:15 – 2:45 pm

The **Hormel Historic Home** was built in 1871, and bought in 1901 by George and Lillian Hormel. The stately 18-room home had extensive remodeling in the Classical Revival style and houses many original family heirlooms and photographs. The brand new banquet hall and conference center created seating for an additional 200. (Contact the Austin CVB for information about their newly added "Cooking Tips and Trends". Classes that have been added – in partnership with the Hormel Home.)

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"CITY OF LAKES"

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

day one

4 – 4:45 pm

Arrive in **Fairmont** and check into a local hotel. Fairmont is perfect for a relaxing stopover on the way to your final destination.

4:45 – 7:15 pm

Board the bus for the "City of Lakes Tour". Experience the beauty of Fairmont's five tree-bordered fresh water lakes.

7:15 – 8:45 pm

Dine at one of Fairmont's fine restaurants.

8:45 pm

Return to hotel for a good night sleep, with pleasant thoughts of a great day!

day two

6:45 – 7:30 am

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

7:30 – 9:30 am

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9:30 – 10:30 am

Before you go, tour **Heritage Acres**, an Agricultural Interpretive Center located on the west shore of **Lake Sisseton**. Experience the heritage of past Midwest farms.

10:30 am

Head for home with a snack and enjoy your ride to your original destination.

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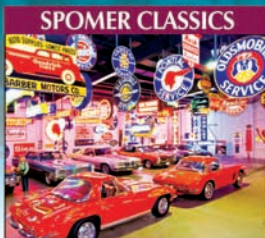


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BACK TO NATURE

This sample itinerary is best spring through fall.

10:45 – 11:30 pm

Arrive in **Lake City**, the birthplace of waterskiing. Visit the Chamber of Commerce to say hello and get a close-up view of the local **Lake Pepin** fish in their large aquarium. Their small town hospitality makes your group feel right at home.

11:30 – 1:00 pm

Soak up the views of Lake Pepin and enjoy some bird watching as you stroll along the **Riverwalk** or by **Marina** point, with its nearly 360 degree vistas! An option for lunch is the **Chickadee Cottage Café**; as cute as it is delicious!

1 – 2:30 pm

Ready to get out on the water? Enjoy a ride on the **Pearl of the Lake**, a modern day replica of the grand riverboats that traveled on the **Mississippi River** in the 1800's. The name of this riverboat depicts the significance of Lake Pepin; with its history of the fresh water pearl button industry that once thrived in this area.

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Stretch your legs as you stroll the downtown



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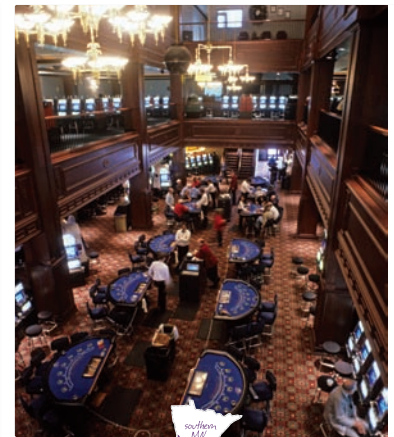
4 – 5:00 pm

A bit south of downtown is **Pepin Heights Orchard**, where you can buy apples, gifts, and try tasty samples of your favorite apple varieties. As well as hot apple pie and fresh, hand-dipped caramel apples. A perfect treat for the ride home!

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MISTLETOE MADNESS + CASH!



This sample itinerary is best December 2-3, 2010.

day one

4 – 5:00 pm (Thursday)

Check into **Jackpot Junction Casino Hotel** in **Morton**, MN, before you join in the **Mistletoe Madness**. Contact Group Sales before you arrive to receive an all-inclusive package with attractive customer incentives, NEW lower Sioux Lodge Rates and more.

5 – 7:00 pm

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7 – Midnight

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day two

9 – 10:00 am (Friday)

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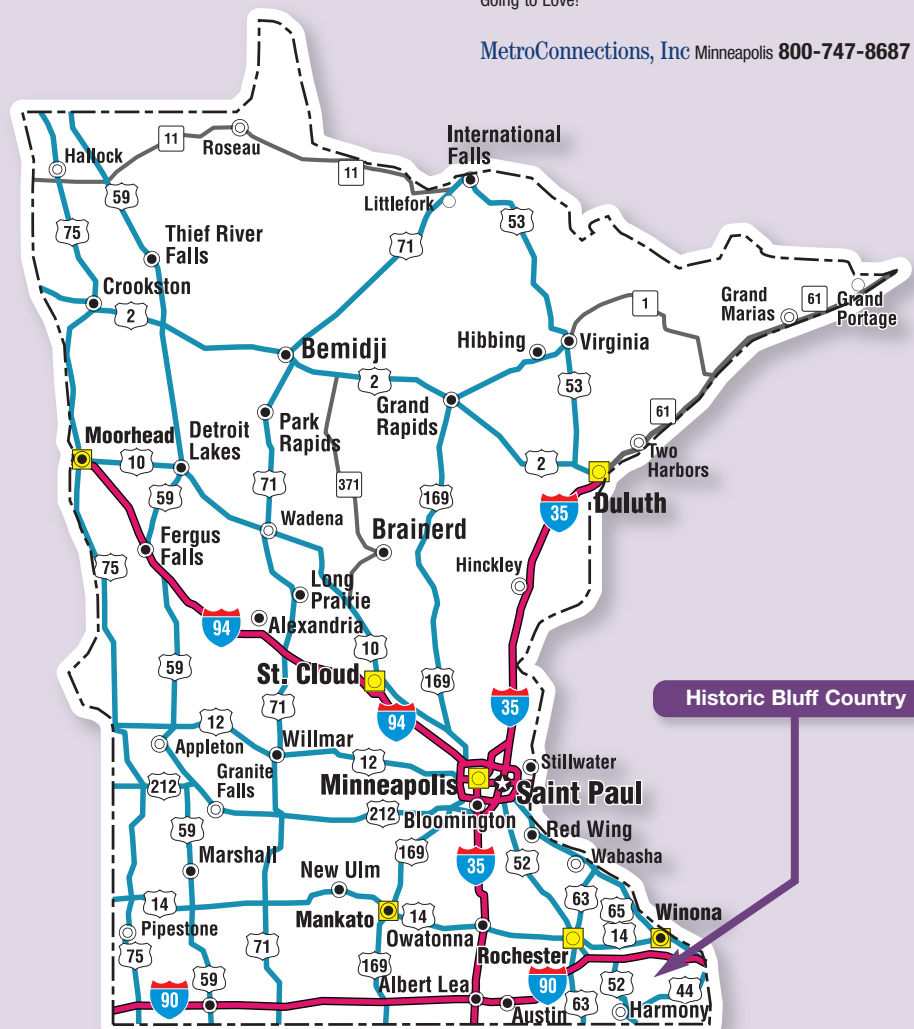
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calendar of events

july

- **American Military Air Power: A History**
July 3- Nov 21, St. Louis 214-544-6224

august

- **Laura's Memories** Aug 6-7 & 13-14; Sept 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, Mansfield 417-924-3525
- **Missouri State Fair**
August 12-22, Sedalia 660-827-8150
- **Festival of the Little Hills**
August 20-22, St. Charles 800-366-2427
- **Trails West Festival**
August 20-22, St. Joseph 800-785-0360
- **Lake of the Ozarks Shootout - 2010**
August 24-29, Sunrise Beach 573-374-5852
- **Festival of Nations**
August 28-29, St. Louis 314-773-9090

september

- **Japanese Festival**
September 4-6, St. Louis 314-577-9400
- **Grand Festival of Chez Canses**
September 10-12, Sibley 816-503-4860
- **National Harvest Festival at Silver Dollar City**
Sept 11-Oct 30, Branson 800-831-4386
- **2010 Wings Over Whiteman Air Show & Open House** Sept 18-19, Whiteman 660-687-1444

october

- **22nd Annual Weston Applefest**
October 1-3, Weston 816-640-2909
- **The Taste of St. Louis**
October 1-3, St. Louis 314-534-2100
- **Versailles Apple Festival**
October 2, Versailles 573-378-4401
- **Pony Express Pumpkinfest**
October 8-10, St. Joseph 800-785-0360
- **44th Annual Maple Leaf Festival**
October 9-16, Carthage 417-358-2373

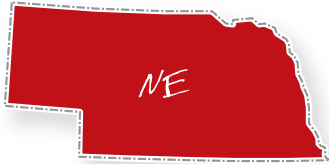
november

- **Ozark Mountain Christmas**
Nov 1-Dec 31, Branson 800-BRANSON
- **SugarPlum Festival 2010**
November 12-13, St. Joseph 800-785-0360
- **Lake Holiday Drive Thru Light Park**
Nov 20-Jan 1, Osage Beach 573-348-1599
- **Christmas In The Park**
Nov 25-Dec 31, Kansas City 816-503-4800

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Jefferson City **800-519-2100**



nebraska cities

CHADRON, COLUMBUS, FREMONT, GRAND ISLAND, GRETNA, HASTINGS, KEARNEY, KIMBALL, LINCOLN, MCCOOK, MINDEN, NEBRASKA CITY, NORFOLK, NORTH PLATTE, OMAHA, ROYAL, SCOTTSBLUFF, SIDNEY, VALENTINE, YORK

calendar of events

august

- **Sarpy County Fair**
August 4-8, Springfield 800-GOSARPY
- **Wilber Czech Festival**
August 6-8, Wilber 888-4WILBER
- **Lemon Days**
August 7, Nebraska City 800-514-9113
- **Kool-Aid Days**
August 13-15, Hastings 800-967-2189
- **Antique Airplane Fly-in**
August 27-29, Pioneer Village 800-445-4447
- **Nebraska State Fair**
August 27-Sept 6, Grand Island 308-382-9210
- **Defenders of Freedom Air Show**
August 28-29, Sarpy County 800-GOSARPY

september

- **6th Annual Affiliated Food Midwest Music Festival** September 5, Norfolk 402-379-3833
- **2nd Annual Scotts Bluff Valley "Fiber Arts Fair"** September 17-18, Scotts Bluff 800-788-9475
- **Rail Fest**
September 17-19, North Platte 800-955-4528
- **Barn Festival**
Sept 17-19 & 24-26, Hastings 800-967-2189
- **42nd Annual AppleJack Festival**
Sept 18-19, Nebraska City 800-514-9113
- **River City Roundup**
September 23-26, Omaha 866-937-6624
- **Harvest Festival**
September 25, Grand Island 800-658-3178
- **St. James Marketplace Heritage Fest**
September 26, St. James 402-357-3330

october

- **5th Annual Indoor Car Show**
October 3, Kearney 800-652-9435
- **5th Annual October Czechfest**
October 3, York 402-724-2556
- **4th Annual Ashland Fall Festival**
October 23, Ashland 402-521-0098
- **Wausa Smorgasbord**
October 23, Wausa 402-586-2334

november

- **Christmas at Union Station Tree Lighting Ceremony** November 26, Omaha 402-444-5071
- **Holiday Poinsettia Show**
November 26-January 9, Omaha 866-937-6624
- **World Fest**
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Alliance, Carhenge – Six local families constructed this unique replica of the world-famous Stonehenge of old cars in 1987. Voted the 2nd "Wackiest Attraction". Open year-round - gift shop open summer only. 800-738-0648

Ashland, Strategic Air and Space Museum – The objective of the museum is to preserve and display historic aircraft, missile, and space vehicles and provide educational resources. The museum is regarded as having one of the top collections of strategic aircraft. 402.944.3100

Bayard, Oregon Trail Wagon Train – This is a history trek! Spend a full day out on the Nebraska prairies with a wagon train. You will experience life as it was on the Oregon Trail in the 1850's, treks in June, July and August. Ask about special treks for your group. Trail rides available upon request. 308-586-1850

Fairmont, Fairmont State Airfield – Previous site of a U.S. bomber training facility during WWII, the airfield is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Four of the 5 large hangers originally built to last from 5-7 years are still standing along with the original water tower. 402-268-2031

Grand Island, Stuhr Museum of the Prairie Pioneer – From May 1-Labor Day, experience Stuhr's 1890s Railroad Town, a living history community featuring costumed historical interpreters. Stuhr Building and Gus Fonner Memorial Rotunda open year-round. 308-385-5316

Kearney, Great Platte River Road Archway – Ride with the Pony Express, hear the rumble of the Iron Horse and watch a drive-in movie as you trace the history of transportation and

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Lexington, Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles – The museum has about 100 vehicles including helicopters, tanks, halftracks, ambulances, and a jeep from every branch of the service plus displays of weapons, uniforms, engines, equipment, and more. 308-324-6329

Minden, Harold Warp Pioneer Village – The largest private collection of Americana anywhere. The Pioneer Village complex holds over 50,000 irreplaceable items of historical value, restored to operating order, arranged in groups and also in the chronological order of their development. You can ride a priceless steam carousel; see 17 historic flying machines and marvel at 100 antique tractors. See the world's oldest Buick, a 1902 Cadillac and a 1903 Ford, both designed by Henry Ford, plus 350 other antique cars, all displayed in their order of development. 800-445-4447

North Platte, Bailey Railroad Yard and Golden Spike Tower & Visitors Center – This observation tower provides a bird's-eye view of North Platte's UPRR Bailey Yard, the world's largest railroad classification yard. More than 150 trains pass through the yard daily. It's a one-of-a-kind experience for railroad lovers of all ages! 308-532-9920

North Platte, Cody Park Railroad Museum – See one of the largest steam locomotives ever built, the Union Pacific Challenger 3977. The Railroad Museum also exhibits the 1969 UP #6922 Worlds Largest Diesel Locomotive and railroad memorabilia housed in several railroad cars and a fully restored rail depot. CVB 800-955-4528



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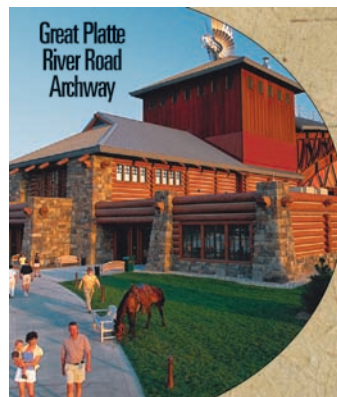


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- ~Yorkshire Playhouse

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- Ashfall Fossil Beds State Historic Park
Royal **402-893-2000**
- Harold Warp Pioneer Village
Minden **800-445-4447**

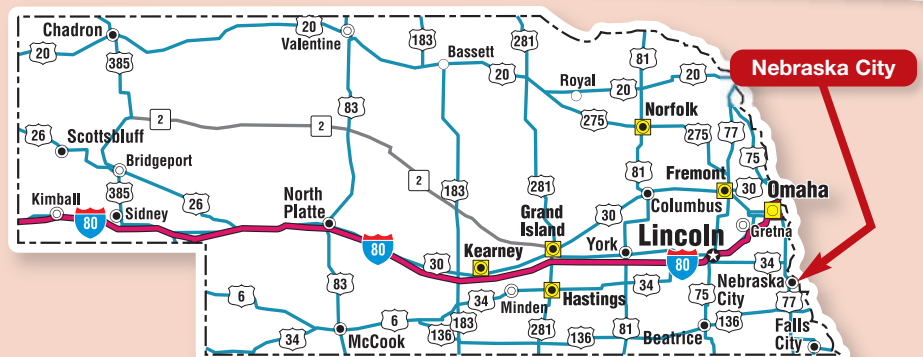
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- Cheyenne County Visitors Center
Sidney **866-545-4030**
- Fremont & Dodge County Convention & Visitors Bureau
Fremont **402-753-6414**
- Grand Island / Hall County CVB
Grand Island **308-382-4400**
- Kearney Visitors Bureau
Kearney ... **800-652-9435**
- Nebraska City Tourism & Commerce
Nebraska City **402-873-6654**
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Norfolk **402-371-4862**
- North Platte / Lincoln County CVB
North Platte **800-955-4528**
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Omaha **866-937-6624**

- Sarpy County Tourism
Gretna **402-332-5999**
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Scotts Bluff **800-788-9475**
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Hastings ... **800-967-2189**
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calendar of events

august

- **Medora Musical**
Aug 1-31, Sept 1-5, Medora 800-633-6721
- **Village Fair** August 8, Rugby 701-776-6414
- **Dog Days of Summer at Red River Zoo**
August 14-15, Fargo 701-799-4878
- **Heritage Days**
August 14-15, East Grand Forks 701-740-2066
- **Railroad Days at Railroad Museum**
August 22, Mandan 701-663-9322
- **Blue on the Red**
August 28, Grand Forks 701-772-8404

september

- **National Muffler's Cruisin' Broadway**
September 2, Fargo 701-364-9867
- **Fort Union Living History Weekend**
September 4-6, Williston 701-572-9083
- **Big Iron Farm Show**
September 14-16, West Fargo 800-456-6408
- **Stock Car Stampede**
September 24-25, Jamestown 701-251-2897
- **Norsk Høstfest** September 28-October 2,
Minot 701-852-2368

october

- **Uffda Day** October 3, Rutland 800-435-5663
- **The Big One Art and Craft Fair**
October 16-17, Fargo 701-837-6059
- **Fort Buford Cemetery Walk**
October 23, Williston 701-572-9034

november

- **Pride of Dakota Holiday Showcase**
November 6-7, Grand Forks 701-792-1200
- **Excel Energy Holiday Lights Parade 2010**
November 23, Fargo 701-241-1570
- **Dicken's Village Festival** November 26-28,
December 10-11, Garrison 800-799-4242
- **Christmas in Prairie Outpost Park**
Nov 26-Jan 1, Dickinson 800-279-7391

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attractions

- Heritage Hjemkomst Interpretive Ctr.**
Moorhead..... **218-299-5511**
- Maple River Winery & Distillery**
Casselton..... **701-347-5900**
- Red River Zoo** Fargo..... **701-277-9240**

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- Fargo-Moorhead CVB**
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Grand Forks, Grand Forks Air Force Base – Home to the 319th Air Refueling Wing. Restored aircraft are on display at front gate including a renovated B-52, KC-135, Minute Man 3, F-101 and a B-25. They require at least 10 to 40 people, and at least 3 weeks advance notice for tours. 701-747-5023

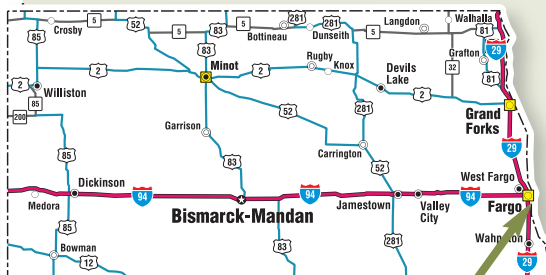
Mandan, Fort Lincoln Trolley – This trolley features a rail car that has been restored from the 1890's and once ran in Bismarck through the 1920's. Riders can choose to take a nine-mile roundtrip or stop and enjoy a day at the Fort Lincoln State Park. 701-663-9018.

Mandan, North Dakota State Railroad Museum – This museum sits on 5 acres of land with 3,000 square feet of railroad displays. Admission is free and has an abundance of railroad artifacts, a Hall of Fame and many pictures to tell the story of the railroad business in North Dakota. 701-663-9322

Minot, Dakota Territory Air Museum – Museum shows the rich and varied story of this region's aviation history. In addition to a replica of the Wright Flyer, the Museum displays military and civilian aircraft from 1928 through the present. There are exhibits, military uniforms, aviation items, memorabilia, paintings, photographs and a gift shop. 701-852-8500

Regent, Enchanted Highway – A great way to enjoy your bus ride, the Enchanted Highway is 30 miles of mammoth metal sculptures located just north of Dickinson. Some statues include the "World's Largest Tin Family", "Geese in Flight" and a 40-foot-tall rooster. A gift shop in nearby Regent offers miniatures of each statue to remember your trip. 701-563-4454

Wolford, Dale and Martha Hawk Museum – An eclectic collection of antique farm equipment, steam engines, threshers and tractors. There is also a large compilation of automobiles, and over 500 clocks. The buildings include a one-room schoolhouse, church and old time country store to welcome visitors to the property. 701-583-2381



Fargo



Re-Discover Fargo - Moorhead

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

Whether you are staying for a week, or just stopping for the night, Fargo-Moorhead offers unlimited - options for groups of all sizes.

Day One

9 - 12:00 pm

Start your adventure at the **Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County** in Moorhead, by reliving the journey of the Viking ship "Hjemkomst" (Yem-komst) as it sailed from Minnesota to Norway. Learn about the voyage, including the storm 500 miles from New York that caused a crack in the hull nearly 14 feet long that almost led the crew to head back to North America. See how the crew lived during the 72-day voyage. While you are there, walk through the Norwegian Stave Church, a replica of the Hopperstad Stave Church in Vik, Norway.

12 - 2:00 pm

Continue your adventure to **Fargo** for a walking/driving tour of the newly revitalized downtown. Step into **Barbara's 1st & Deli** for a great meal and European dessert. Take a stroll across the street to the renovated **Hotel Donaldson** and enjoy their unique collection of art, and make your way to **Zandbroz Variety** for a unique shopping experience. Don't forget to stop at Antiques on Broadway to browse through their various items too.

2 - 2:30 pm

Check into the **Settle Inn & Suites**, conveniently located just south of I-94. They are in the heart of the business, shopping and restaurant district and a quick and easy drive to and from anywhere in the Fargo-Moorhead area.

2:30 - 6:30 pm

Located adjacent to the hotel is the **Red River Zoo**. Spend the rest of the afternoon by taking a ride on the restored antique carousel and enjoy its outstanding living collection. The zoo includes exotic and native animals and plants, plus specializes in rare and endangered species.

6:30 - 9:00 pm

To complete your day, enjoy a first-run film or international film at the **Historic Fargo Theatre**. Here you will enjoy some of your favorite hits as its screen still blends gems from the past - from the silent films to the contemporary classics.

Day Two

8 - 12:00 pm

Start your day right with the hotel's complimentary deluxe "Kick Start" Breakfast Buffet serving hot and cold food items. Board the motorcoach and travel west to **Casselton** to the **Maple River Winery** for a tour of the winery. The fruit for the wine is grown primarily in North Dakota. There is no charge to tour their winery. The wine sampling afterwards is also free! Don't forget to stop at the **Maple River Distillery** to sample their North Dakota handcrafted spirits. Stop at the gift shop while you sample some of their brandy, cordials and vodkas.

12 - 1:00 pm

Before you head for home, stop for lunch at the local **Pizza Ranch**. Home to the Mile-Long™ Buffet, The Pizza Lover's Pizza®, The Country's Best Chicken® and Cactus Bread® Dessert Pizza! Delicious!!

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SIOUX FALLS, STURGIS,
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calendar of events

august

- **Sioux River Annual Folk Festival**
August 6-8, Canton 866-445-9603
- **Annual Big Sioux Bustle GPS/Geocaching Race**
August 7, Brandon 605-582-7400
- **Redlin Art Center's Annual Summer Celebration**
August 7, Watertown 877-TRedlin
- **Quilts and Vines**
August 14, Renner 605-543-5071
- **All About Automobiles**
August 15, Rapid City 605-394-2249
- **Corn Palace Festival**
August 25-29, Mitchell 605-995-8427

september

- **South Dakota State Fair**
September 2-6, Huron 800-529-0900
- **Ribs, Rods and Rock & Roll**
September 10-11, Vermillion 605-624-4513
- **Watertown Art Festival**
September 11-12, Watertown 800-658-4505
- **Annual Homesteader Day**
September 12, Brandon 605-582-7400
- **Deadwood Jam**
September 17-18, Deadwood 800-999-1876
- **Spirit of the West Festival**
September 17-19, Sioux Falls 605-334-9202
- **Buffalo Roundup**
September 27, Custer 800-992-9818

october

- **Oktoberfest**
October 1-2, Deadwood 800-999-1876
- **Fine Arts Trolley Tours**
October 1, Sioux Falls 800-333-2072
- **Autumn Festival, An Arts & Crafts Affair**
October 8-10, Sioux Falls 800-333-2072
- **Black Hills Pow Wow**
October 8-10, Rapid City 888-487-3223
- **Spirited Tours**
Oct 21-23 & 28-30, Deadwood 800-999-1876

november

- **Holiday Open House**
November 20, Yankton 800-888-1460
- **Winter Wonderland Kick-Off**
November 20, Sioux Falls 800-333-2072
- **Aberdeen Winterfest**
November 20-21, Aberdeen 800-645-3851
- **Trains At Christmas 2010**
November 20-21, Sioux Falls 800-333-2072
- **Huron Parade of Lights**
November 26, Huron 800-487-6673
- **Festival of Lights Parade Rapid City**
November 27, Rapid City 800-487-3223

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HILL CITY - THE 1880 TRAIN

All Aboard the 1880 Train. It's historic, it's authentic, and it's fun. Travel through the Black Hills from Keystone to Hill City and back again. Your group will thoroughly enjoy this journey back in time!

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Badlands, Custer & Keystone,

Black Hills Aerial Adventures – Offering a variety of tours and areas to see like you've never seen before with a scenic helicopter tour. Take an aerial tour over Mt. Rushmore, fly around the impressive Crazy Horse Monument or get a close up view of Sylvan Lake and the unique Cathedral Spires and Needles. Groups are welcome. 605-673-2163

Box Elder, South Dakota Air and Space Museum – If you get a thrill from being around historic bombers and fighter jets, the South Dakota Air and Space Museum is the place for you. Come take a look at over 25 aircrafts including attack, basic trainers, helicopters, observation, and liaison vessels. The museum is home to many antique aircrafts that were used in World War II as well as a plethora of memorabilia. 605-385-5189

Custer, Black Hills Balloons – Black Hills Balloons has a capacity ranging from two to twelve passengers per balloon, and can accommodate nearly any size sightseeing party. Balloon flying is approximately a three-hour activity, consisting of the inflation and launch, the flight itself that is approximately one hour in the air, the pack up and the traditional champagne toast with return-to-base ride. Sunrise, when winds are calm and cool, is the only time of day flights are available. 605-673-2520

Murdo, Pioneer Auto Show & Prairie Town – For a genuine slice of Americana, stop in Murdo and visit the Pioneer Auto

Show and Prairie Town to take a nostalgic journey into the past. Established in 1954, and known as "The Big Variety Show", this is an unrivaled celebration of America's romance with the automobile, and includes motorcycles, tractors, scooters, and bicycles portraying the history of 20th century America through their incredible evolutions. Most of these wheeled antiques have automated recordings for self-guided tours. 605-669-2691

Rapid City, City View Trolley – They offer visitors a narrated tour of Rapid City attractions beginning at the Milo Barber Transportation Center, winding through downtown and continuing west to Stavkirke Chapel. 15 stops along the route allow guests to get off and enjoy the attractions. 605-394-6631



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This year's tour is anticipated to be the third American Barnstormers Tour. All barnstormers will participate in recreating the era with period costumes, aircraft signage, historical information, and vintage props.

Automobiles - Remember cruising the loop! Seeing the reflection in the store windows of your pride and joy ('55 Chevy, '66 GTO, '70 Nova, '67 MGB or '40 Ford Hot Rod). Did you meet your wife or your best friend downtown? This is the perfect opportunity to reminisce as hundreds of muscle cars, sports cars, hot rods, 4x4s, classics and motorcycles are parked on



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Contact the Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau for more information: (605) 336-1620 or www.grouptours.siouxfallscvb.com.



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Tucked into a hillside about 3/4 of a mile northeast of the State Capitol in Pierre (pronounced Peer), is the **South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center**.

The unique, earth-mounded building is 63,000 square feet, or the size of two football fields. The Cultural Heritage Center is the headquarters of the **South Dakota State Historical Society**, which works to promote, nurture and sustain the historical and cultural heritage of South Dakota.

The Heritage Center is best known for its world-class museum, featuring South Dakota culture and history from the life of American Indians, before the arrival of Europeans in 1743 through the 20th century.

Additional galleries include the Observation Gallery and the Hogen Gallery, a changing

exhibit space for temporary and traveling exhibitions. The Observation Gallery offers a spectacular view of the State Capitol and the Missouri River. The Hogen Gallery now houses "*The People's House: Celebrating the Century*," commemorating this year's 100th anniversary of the State Capitol.

Another public draw to the Cultural Heritage Center is the State Archives. Everyone from historians to students may use documents in the archives for researching their family history, town or important events, people or periods of South Dakota history. The center also has a gift shop featuring South Dakota-made products.

The museum at the Cultural Heritage Center is open 9 am-4:30 pm Monday– Saturday until Memorial Day, when it is open 9 am-6:30 pm

Monday–Saturday through Labor Day. Sundays and holidays from 1-4:30 pm year-round.

The center is closed Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

There is a small admission fee for the museum gallery. Tour Groups are discounted. For more information call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov.



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Holiday Inn Sioux Falls – City Centre

Sioux Falls **605-339-2000**

attractions

South Dakota State Historical Society **605-773-3458**

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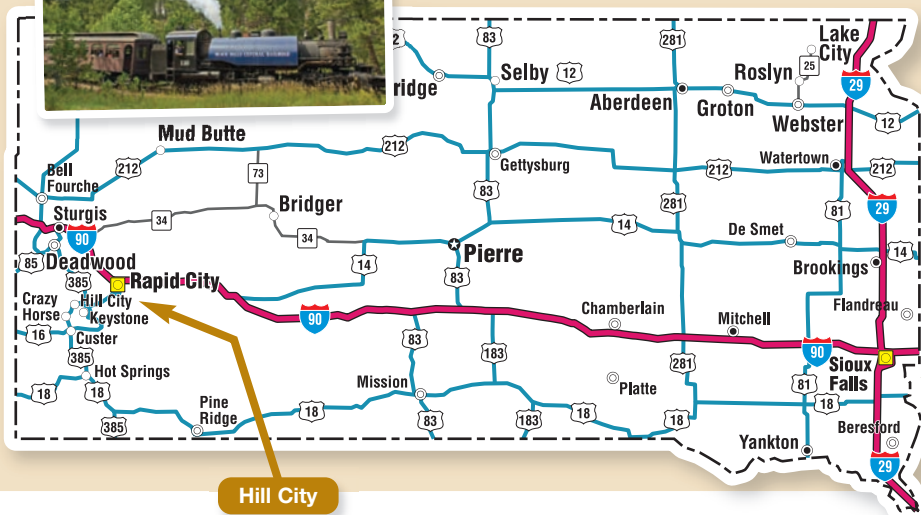
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Ironwood, Copper Peak Adventure Ride –

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St. Ignace, Motorized Vehicle Shows (June 2010) –

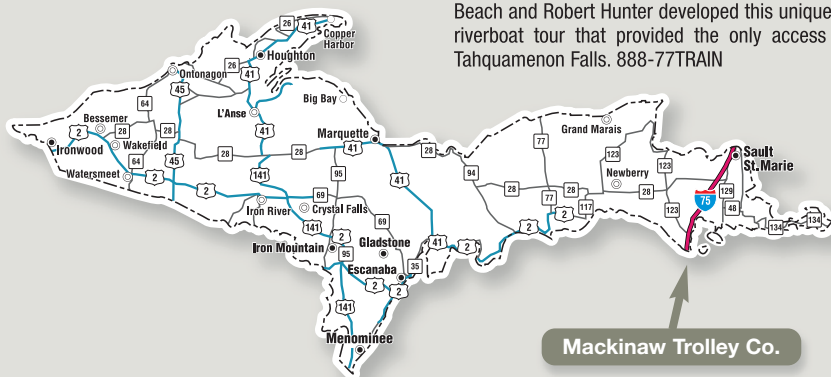
Enthusiasts from across the country gather here for weekend shows and parades featuring motorcycles, vintage autos, hot rods, custom cars and trucks, pedal cars, antique tractors and semi-trucks. A group crossing over the Mackinac Bridge, one of the longest suspension bridges in the world, is often a highlight for participants. 800-338-6660

Sault Ste. Marie, Soo Locks Train –

If you've got train enthusiasts in your group this tour is a must! The train tour climbs 135 ft. above this gigantic lock system on the International Bridge. The view from the train, as it crosses the bridge to Canada, is a photographer's dream. The tour is narrated, so your group will walk away with a better sense of the waterway's history. While you wait for your train, pick out postcards and tourist trinkets at Mocs Du Locke. And don't miss the nearby fudge shops! 866-766-5625

Soo Junction, Toonerville Trolley Riverboat Tour –

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calendar of events

august

- **Branson on the Road**
August 2, Calumet 906-337-2610
- **Art Faire & Renaissance Fest**
August 7, Ishpeming 800-562-7134
- **Marquette County Fair**
August 11-15, Marquette 906-249-4111
- **29th Annual Music and Arts Festival**
August 13-15, Grand Marais 906-494-2447
- **UP State Fair** Aug 16-22, Escanaba 800-562-7134
- **Wild Blueberry Festival**
August 20-22, Paradise 906-492-3219
- **Lumberjack Breakfast and Music Festival**
August 28-29, Newberry 906-293-5777

september

- **Marquette Area Blues Festival**
September 4-5, Marquette 800-544-4321
- **Annual Fall Beer Festival**
September 11, Marquette 800-544-4321
- **Michigan 16th Infantry Civil War Re-enactors**
Sept 11-12, Mackinac Island 800-562-7134
- **Multi-Cultural Festival** September 18, Houghton and Hancock 906-487-2920
- **Sibelius Academy Music Festival**
September 21-24, Hancock 906-487-7348

october

- **2nd Annual Newberry Oktoberfest**
October 1-3, Newberry 906-293-5777
- **2nd Annual Fall on the Island Festival**
October 8-9, Drummond Island 800-737-8666
- **Autumn Comforts Quilt Show 2010**
October 16-17, Marquette 800-544-4321
- **Northern Lights Quilting Guild Bi-Annual Quilt Show** Oct 18, Ironwood 906-932-5260

november

- **Annual Parade of Lights**
November 26, Sault Ste. Marie 906-635-6973
- **Paradise Christmas Bazaar**
November 27, Paradise 906-492-3219

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attractions

Copper Peak Adventure Ride
Ironwood **906-224-1349**

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Marquette Country CVB
Marquette **800-544-4321**

Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association Iron Mountain **800-562-7134**



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APPLETON, ASHLAND, BARABOO, BAYFIELD, BELOIT, BROOKFIELD, CHIPPEWA FALLS, COLUMBUS, EAU CLAIRE, ELKHORN, FORT ATKINSON, FOND DU LAC, GREEN BAY, HUDSON, LA CROSSE, LAKE GENEVA, MADISON, MANITOWOC, MILWAUKEE, MINOCQUA, MENOMONIE, MISHICOT, MOUNT HOREB, OSHKOSH, PLATTEVILLE, PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, SPARTA, ST. CROIX FALLS, STEVENS POINT, STOUGHTON, STURGEON BAY, STURTEVANT, SUPERIOR, TOMAH, TWO RIVERS, WATERTOWN, WAUKESHA, WAUSAU, WOODRUFF, WISCONSIN DELLS

calendar of events

august

- **Armenian Fest** Aug 1, Racine 262-639-6076
- **Brat Days** Aug 5-7, Sheboygan 920-912-6172
- **Wisconsin State Fair**
August 5-15, West Allis 800-884-FAIR
- **Menominee Nation Pow wow**
August 6-8, Keshena 715-799-4849
- **Mohican National Pow-wow**
August 13-15, Bowler 800-235-8525
- **Tall Ship Festival**
August 13-15, Green Bay 888-867-3342
- **Irish Fest** Aug 19-22, Milwaukee 414-476-3378
- **Manitowoc County Fair**
August 24-29, Manitowoc 920-683-4378

september

- **Riverfront Jazz Festival**
September 4-5, Stevens Point 715-345-2976
- **Wo-Zha-Wa Days Fall Festival** Sept 17-19, Wisconsin Dells 800-223-3557
- **Bayfield's Scarecrow Festival & Orchard Tours**
Sept 18-Oct 31, Bayfield 800-447-4094
- **Warrens Cranberry Festival**
September 24-26, Warren 608-378-4200
- **Oktoberfest**
Sept 24-Oct 2, La Crosse 608-784-3378
- **Fall Foliage Cruises**
Sept 25-Oct 24, Prairie du Chien 877-647-7397

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- **Bayfield Apple Festival**
October 1-3, Bayfield 800-447-4094
- **2010 Art Studio Tour**
October 8-10, Green Bay 888-867-3342
- **Norskedalen's Civil War Heritage Weekend**
October 9-10, Coon Valley 608-452-3424
- **Swiss Historical Village Harvest Fest**
October 10, New Glarus 608-527-2317
- **Hunting Moon Pow Wow** October 22-24, Potawatomi Bingo Casino 414-847-7320

november

- **Wisconsin Original Cheese Festival**
November 5-7, Madison 608-358-7837
- **Swissfest** November 7, Monroe 608-325-3461
- **Brookfield East Holiday Art Fair**
November 14, Brookfield 262-786-5001
- **Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival**
Nov 18-Jan 2, Milwaukee 800-554-1448
- **Green Bay Botanical Garden-WPS Garden of Lights**
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DAY ONE

9 – 10:30am

Green Bay Botanical Garden has more than 47 acres of gardens and trails. Take a guided tour and learn how to identify plants and trees, enjoy an Herbal Tea Tasting or experiment with Flower Pounding. Stop in The Trellis Gift Shop before you go.

10:30 – 12:00 pm

Continue on to Heritage Hill State Historical Park. This 50-acre living history museum in Green Bay is beautifully nestled on the banks of the Fox River. Explore the church, the farm and 23 other historic buildings representing four centuries. See an 1872 calendar printed in the print shop and a blacksmithing demonstration.

12 – 2:30 pm

Enjoy a lunch cruise onboard the Foxy Lady II. This two-hour cruise includes a build-your-own sandwich buffet. Eat inside or take your lunch out on the deck...the views are great! See Green Bay while cruising on the Fox River.

2:30 – 4:00 pm

Stop at Cooks Corner, the nation's largest kitchen store! Visitors love this unique shopping experience.

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4 – 7 pm

Check into your rooms at the Comfort Suites Hotel. This award-winning hotel has all the amenities you could want for a comfortable stay. Enjoy a delicious dinner in the hotel's 1951 West restaurant. Serving a vast array of American fare with a special selection for everyone's appetite.

7 – 9:00 pm

Enter Green Bay's historic Meyer Theatre. Presenting professional live performances like musicals, comedians, unique touring shows and its house troupe-Let Me Be Frank Productions, which produces original musical comedies. See the theatre's Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe Organ. Don't be alarmed by the sounds of horse hooves, sleigh bells and chattering teeth behind you - the organ's special effects console produces these unique sounds!

DAY TWO

8 – 9:00 am

Rise and shine and enjoy the complimentary hot Savory Starts breakfast at the hotel to start your day.

9 – 11:30am

Green Bay has long been called "Titletown USA" because of its champion Green Bay Packers. Take a tour of Lambeau Field, stroll through history at the Packers Hall of Fame and shop in the Pro Shop for souvenirs.

11:30-1 pm

Enjoy a buffet lunch at the Standing Stone Buffet adjacent to the Oneida Casino. The individually-themed stations translate into an around-the-world culinary journey with six unique destinations. Options include American, Asian, Latin, Mediterranean, soup and salad bar and a dessert station.

1-5 pm

Oneida Nation Tourism invites you to learn more about the Oneida tribe or "People of the Standing Stone." Storytellers can provide an array of experiences for your visit including reservation tours, pow-wow exhibitions, as well as visits to the Oneida Nation Museum, Organic Farm and Norbert Hill Center.



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Baylake Bank Tall Ship Festival: August 13-15 Tour vintage sailing vessels, relax on a sailaway, enjoy the entertainment or partake in food and drink from dozens of unique vendors, this event is truly one of a kind. Call Mel @ 920-405-1267 or email: Melissa.Martinson@pmiwi.com

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Explore the Unknown. . Discover the Beauty. . Feel the Excitement

Welcome to Wisconsin's Native American communities. Wisconsin is home to the largest number of Native American tribes east of the Mississippi River. The reservations of these eleven sovereign nations occupy more than one half million acres of Wisconsin's most beautiful and unique landscapes: pristine lakes, rivers and streams, towering forests and ancient wild rice beds, each teeming with an abundance of wildlife.

Tribal art, traditions and culture are significant parts of both Indian and non-Indian communities in the State, making Wisconsin a remarkable place to explore the history of Native American people. They are happy to have you as guests and invite you to visit their communities. When making your plans, visit the tribal website (www.natow.org) for links to all Wisconsin tribes and call ahead with any questions in order to make your visit enjoyable.

Natow invites your groups to experience and learn their tribe's culture and heritage, and enjoy the opportunity to explore Wisconsin's Native American communities.



Menominee

Found among rich forestland, you'll find Wisconsin's oldest continuing residents; the Menominee Tribe. Visitors can explore 20,000 artifacts housed in the seven log buildings of the Menominee Logging Camp Museum. The Woodland Bowl is their natural amphitheater, where you can enjoy a contest pow-wow with dancers and drummers from across the country. Located along the Wolf River, this is a hot spot for whitewater rafting enthusiasts as well.



Oneida

Explore the rich Oneida heritage by visiting the Oneida Nation Museum. Step into the past with a walk through the recreated Oneida Longhouse on the museum grounds. Purchase traditional foods and herbs at Tsyunhehkwa and visit their Buffalo Farm. Don't miss the fun at the Oneida Casino.



Potawatomi

Attend the Hunting Moon Pow-wow, held each October at Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee. Their Northern Lights Theater offers up-close and personal Vegas-caliber entertainment in a way you could only dream of. At the Forest County Potawatomi Cultural Center Library & Museum view historical photos, read stories, see videos, learn the language and more.



Red Cliff

The pristine location on the Bayfield Peninsula makes this an outdoor/water wonderland for all visitors. Enjoy sailing, snorkeling, bird watching and golf, to name a few. For inside entertainment, visit Isle Vista Casino, the only casino with a view of the Apostle Islands. Shop the Ojibwe Trading Post and Native Spirits Gifts Shops for many handmade treasures.



St. Croix

The St. Croix people have five main reservation communities across Wisconsin. Among the businesses they run are their 3 casino's: Little Turtle Hertel Express in Hertel, Hole In The Wall Casino in Danbury, and the St. Croix Casino & Hotel in Turtle Lake, WI. Come experience the fun!



Sokaogon-Mole Lake

Sokaogon Ojibwe welcomes you to explore the natural beauty and wild landscape of Mole Lake in Northeastern Wisconsin. Visitors can relax with fishing, boating, hiking and many more outdoor activities. Lodging is available at the beautiful new hotel-lodge adjacent to their casino.



Stockbridge – Munsee

During a visit with the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, explore the Arvid E. Miller Historical Library Museum, archiving Mohican history. Visitors also enjoy the gift shop, where Indian crafts are sold. See the old Lutheran Indian Mission Church/School, which is listed on the register of Historic Places. All visitors are welcome.



Bad River

The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa is historically a hunting, gathering, fishing society. Every year many tribal members gather wild rice in the Kakagon Slough, harvest blueberries and maple sap, and hunt game on the reservation. They also own and operate several businesses, including The Bad River Lodge & Casino on Hwy 2 in Odanah, with an IGA Grocery Store nearby in the Moccasin Trail Center.



Ho-Chunk

The Ho-Chunk; "People of the Big Voice" protect and preserve the scattered parcels of land they occupy throughout Wisconsin. Experience their hospitality by visiting the Ho-Chunk Nation: 6 gaming complexes, 5 retail stores, and enjoy lodging at one of their two hotels. For a truly unique experience, come visit Ho-Chunk Nation for a cultural tour.



Lac du Flambeau

Join the fun as the tribe gathers in the summer to celebrate life, to dance and sing, to laugh and remember, at the Lake of the Torches Indian Bowl. This natural amphitheater sits on the banks of beautiful Long-Interlaken Lake on the famous Flambeau Chain of Lakes. Also enjoy the George W. Brown Jr. Museum and Cultural Center, the Smoke Shop, Marina and Lake of the Torches Resort Casino!



Lac Courte Oreilles

(Pronounced Lac Coot O'Ray) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa operates enterprises throughout the community. Bring your group to stay at "The Landing", a newly remodeled resort featuring fishing, dining, ice cream parlor a pow-wow dance troop and more. Also visit their LCO Casino Bingo Lodge and Grindstone Creek Casino for fine gaming action!



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"SAMPLE ITINERARIES"

Native Wisconsin is the perfect destination for your next group tour! Whether you are looking for a one-day or multi-day trip, the sample itineraries below will make planning your next group tour a breeze. These sample itineraries can be customized for anytime of the year.

"People of the Standing Stone"

Day One

The **Oneida Nation** offers a variety of tours ranging from the basic tour, the deluxe tour, a pow-wow exhibition and more! Today you'll embark on the deluxe tour of the **Oneida Nation**.

9 – 12:00 pm

Your guide will show you multi-points of interest which include: the **Norbert Hill Center, Tsunhehkwaw Natural Retail Center, Apple Orchard, Buffalo Farm, Turtle School**, and historic "**Salt Pork Avenue**". As well as a guided tour of the **Oneida Nation Museum** in the heart of the Oneida Reservation, featuring historical and cultural information, with beautiful examples of Oneida crafts and art. The Gift Shop brings you contemporary Oneida and Iroquois arts and crafts, music, books and DVD's. As well as Corn Husk Dolls, beadwork, jewelry, clothing, art cards and much more!

12:00 pm

Break for lunch and enjoy a **Pow-Wow Exhibition**. The **Oneida Nation Dancers** will demonstrate the different styles of pow-wow dances, which include men and women's traditional, men and women's fancy, men's grass and women's jingle dress. There will be an emcee that will explain the different styles and significance of each dance. This is an interactive performance, so be prepared to join in the dancing to the beat of the drum!

St. Croix – It's Worth The Trip!

Day One

Welcome to **Turtle Lake, Wisconsin!** Tucked away in the Northwest woods amongst lakes, rivers, rolling hills, fields, wetlands and trees - lots of trees!

9 - 10:30 am

As part of your journey to Turtle Lake, stop at one of Wisconsin's infamous cheese factories; **Bella Currella Cheese and Italian Deli!** This is the largest producer of Muenster Cheese in the United States. They also have an excellent selection of gift items, and wine sampling on the weekends. View the cheese making process through the viewing windows and watch as milk is processed before your very eyes.

10:30 - 11:30 am

Welcome to The **St. Croix Casino and Hotel!** They have five main reservation communities across Wisconsin. Among the businesses they run are 3 casino's: **Little Turtle Hertel Express in Hertel, Hole In The Wall Casino in Danbury**, and today's itinerary; the **St. Croix Casino & Hotel**.

11:30 – 1:00 pm

Check into the hotel and unpack before lunch at the **St. Croix Casino**. Choose from one of their restaurants or buffet.

1 - 7:00 pm

Time to relax on the casino floor and be in the midst of friendly service and elegant Native American-themed surroundings. Try your luck on 1100 slots, along with Las Vegas style table games and a 12-table smoke-free Poker Room.

7:00 pm

Special entertainment has been pre-arranged in the casino; tonight's performance is 'oldies but goodies' polka music! Having fun is required!

Step Through Nature and See Who Wins the Game!

Day One

9 – 11:00 am

Begin your day by getting back to nature with a tour of the wonders of the **Nicolet National Forest**. See the majestic **Cathedral Pines**, the **Oconto River Seed Orchard**, the **Bear Fire Trail**, the **Logging Camp** and much more! Each spot will show groups the natural and man-made history of this beautiful area. For those who would like a 'birds eye view', visit the **Fire Lookout Tower** - built in 1934, this fire tower is the last remaining out of the 19 built, to stand in its original location in Nicolet National Forest.

11 – 1:00 pm

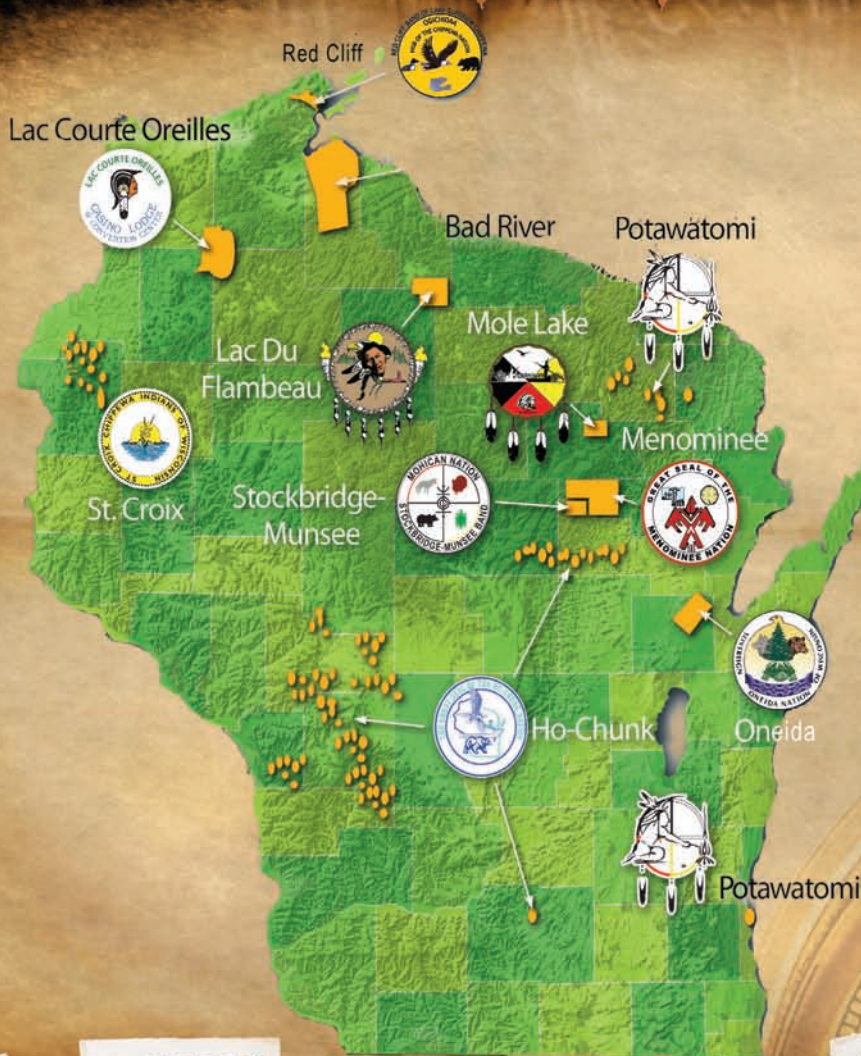
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1 – 5:30 pm

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- St. Croix Chippewa Wild Rice Pow-wow
- Traditional Native Art Making
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SEPTEMBER

- Chippewa Flowage Musky Hunt Fall Festival
- Indian Summer Festival
- Labor Day Pow-wow
- Wild Rice Festival

OCTOBER

- Apple Festival
- Cranberry Festival
- LCO Spook-O-Rama
- Three Sisters Pow-wow
- University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee Pow-wow

NOVEMBER

- Veterans Day Pow-wow



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Enjoy family-friendly dining in the Waabaani-noondin Dining Room, the Zhaawani-noondin Buffet, and the Giuwedi-noondin Deli. At the end of the day, check into the new St. Croix Casino Danbury Hotel with 47 rooms and suites and an indoor pool. 1-800-238-8946

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All three St. Croix Casinos offer a full range of incentives for group tours. Call our Group Sales Manager, John Peake, at 1-800-846-8946, ext. 3054 for all the details.

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With 500 slot machines covering the impeccably clean gaming floor, and a variety of table games to play, you will have a difficult time deciding which to try first. Or you can try your luck in the Bingo Hall, where traditional or electronic Bingo packs are available for purchase.

Enjoy dinner at The Flames Sports Bar & Grill or The Springs. Both have mouth-watering menus and tasty drink choices. Once dinner's finished, you can escape to your newly renovated Carter Club Suite for a quick nap before the evening's entertainment heats up.

Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel also offers meeting and conference amenities for those business travelers who are also looking to escape. Visit www.cartercasino.com or call 1.800.487.9522 (see ad on page 56).

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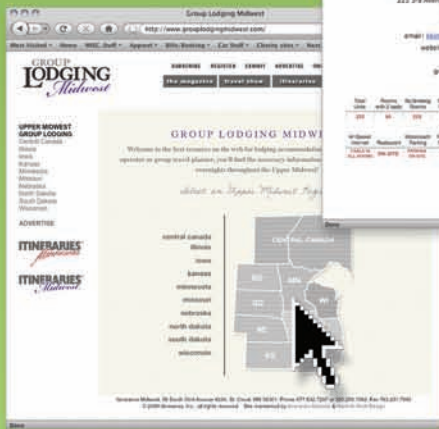
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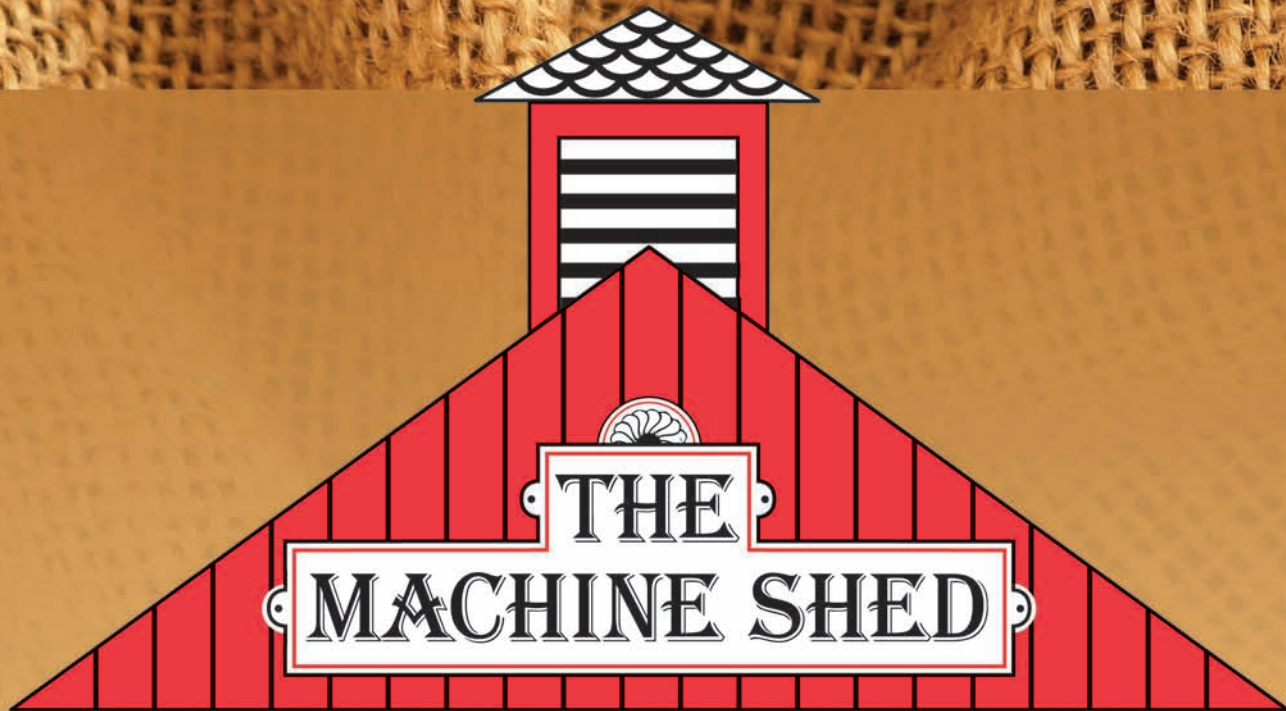
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