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## LETTER FROM the publisher

Dear Planner,

*It's time to kick it up with some wild wild Midwest touring. In a nostalgic nod to those Saturday morning westerns we used to love so much, Itineraries has wrestled up some fun ideas for destinations with an Old West flavor: North Dakota may be the gateway to the west, with its legends and history, rodeos and Pow Wows, but all the Midwest is teeming with adventurous opportunities for your group.*

*In this issue you'll learn how "...roistering, rollicking fun of the wild west lives on in the Midwest..." as you read the Feature. The old West can be relived through stories and history, places and experiences, and it could be that your group is just itching for you to lead them through the adventure. In the Profile, find out how the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota remind us "We are still here."*

*From shopping for Black Hills gold jewelry, to roughing it in an 1806 style earthlodge and riding in a real stagecoach, there is something for every level of interest and age group.*

*And on a different note, I share with you that Mark Peterson has chosen to hang up his spurs and ride off in a new direction. Mark was with the company since I first started it and his contributions are certainly appreciated. We wish him well.*

*Be assured the magazine will continue to grow and uncover the best in itinerary ideas for you and your group.*

Best Regards,

Heather J. Lahren, CEO - Publisher



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The North Dakota Badlands are a perfect place for horses, riders and scenic beauty all around. Found in the southwest portion of the state, the area is dry today, but in the past, raging rivers carved out stunning rock formations that still stand today. A truly must see to be believed attraction!

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# North Dakota...

## LEGENDARY

*Fort Abraham Lincoln - Mandan*

### It's **Wild** here. . .

In North Dakota, it doesn't get much wilder than **Theodore Roosevelt National Park** and the **Badlands**. The rugged terrain described by some early inhabitants as "hell with the fires put out" is home to wildlife, wildflowers and wild stories of the historic figures that visited and called this place home.

Roosevelt came and stayed on ranches near **Medora**. He was surrounded, as we are today, by buffalo, deer, elk, wild horses, bighorn sheep and even mountain lions. Most can be seen on driving tours through the north and south units of the park. Stories of Roosevelt's exploits are kept alive during summers at the nightly **Medora Musical**. The performance is held outdoors under the stars, North Dakota style: A modern Broadway-style amphitheater carved into rugged Badlands cliffs at the edge of the small town. And just like the **Burning Hills Amphitheatre**, the finer things pursued by visitors all across North Dakota can be found within the state's rough-and-tumble beauty. Oh, and the cowboys you see on the street and in establishments aren't props, they are the real things, and are in town for a meal and perhaps a night of dancing.

**Meriwether Lewis** and **William Clark's** "interstate" splits the state in two. Two hundred years ago, the explorers built **Fort Mandan** on the Missouri River near Washburn and stayed a while. In fact, they spent more time in what would become North Dakota than any other state. And they met **Sakakawea**, and the rest is history. And history is something North Dakota has plenty of.

As the nation expanded westward, inhabitants of this land found themselves being gradually pushed aside. They reacted as one would expect, and military posts were established to protect settlers and railroad crews. Some, like **Fort Union** near Williston, became centers for trade between Europeans and American Indians. The forts are preserved to this day and many maintain re-enactors to interpret life at the fort in the 1800s. They include **Fort Abraham Lincoln** (pictured above) near Mandan, **Fort Buford** and **Fort Union** near Williston, **Fort Totten** at

**Fort Totten**, **Fort Abercrombie** near Abercrombie, **Fort Mandan** near Washburn and **Fort Seward** at Jamestown.

American Indians are eager to share their customs and traditions with visitors. **Knife River Indian Villages** at Stanton was **Sakakawea's** home when she met Lewis and Clark. Today it includes a modern interpretive center. **On-A-Slant Village** at Fort Abraham Lincoln, **Chief Looking's Village** on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri River in Bismarck and **Double Ditch Village** north of Bismarck, all have remains of once-thriving villages. The **Earthlodge Village** at New Town takes visitors back to a thriving culture on the shores of **Lake Sakakawea**. **United Tribes International Pow-wow** in September in Bismarck is one of the largest Pow-wows in the nation. Visitors are invited to take part in the pageantry.

No tour of North Dakota would be complete without seeing some of its larger-than-life sculptures. The tributes to classic Americana include the buffalo "**Dakota Thunder**" at Jamestown, **Salem Sue** at New Salem, **Wally the Walleye** at Garrison, **Sandy the Sandhill Crane** at Steele, **Wahpper Catfish** at Wahpeton, **Tommy Turtle** at Bottineau, **Weel Turtle** at Dunseith, "**Rusty**" the Turtle at Turtle Lake, the **Wheat Monument** at Williston and the giant metal sculpture along the **Enchanted Highway** between Gladstone and Regent.

A little further back in time - T-Rex liked the state so much, it stayed. And you can find out more about fossil digs and dinosaurs at places like **Buffalo Trails Regional Museum** in Bowman, the **North Dakota Heritage Center** in Bismarck, **Dakota Dinosaur Museum** in Dickinson (during summer months) and **Pembina State Museum** at Pembina in the Red River Valley.

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In North Dakota, the Wild West encompasses more than Ponderosa pine-painted buttes, rodeos and the cowboy lifestyle found “West River.” Eastern North Dakota includes the country’s first military fort, landmark movie theaters, sacred white buffalo, bonanza farmers and booming railroad towns.

Cross the entire state and you’ll find that North Dakota unfolds like a storybook of western expansion – telling tales you won’t soon forget.

## dayONE

### Theodore Roosevelt National Park and Medora

**THEODORE ROOSEVELT NATIONAL PARK:** Located in the beautiful Badlands, the park is home to a large bison herd, prairie dogs, wild horses, elk, deer and eagles. The crayon effect of bright green, red and gold folded into the scoria rock formations and the diverse trees and grasslands add to this nature’s picture-perfect landscape. Any time is a great time to visit this iconic national park, which is named for the 26th president who once lived there.

**Medora,** an authentic Old West cow-town, was founded in 1883 and is still a hopping spot during the summer months. Medora offers a nightly Broadway-style variety show at the spectacular Burning Hills Amphitheater. Premier motorcoach parking, front-door drop-off and an escalator assist with this group-friendly attraction/event.

The **North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame** details the history of American Indians, ranching, rodeos and the western lifestyle of the plains and Badlands. A “Wild West Show” outside the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame is held several times during the summer months and horse-drawn wagons trot you around town.

See the **Chateau de Mores State Historic Site**, this elegant 26-room mansion on the edge of town, was a gift from the Marquis de More’ to his wife.

## dayTWO

### Bismarck-Mandan

The sister cities on either side of the Missouri River share recreational and historical importance. The **North Dakota Heritage Center** on the Capitol

Grounds offers an in-depth look at North Dakota from prehistoric times to American Indians and cowboys and settlement of the state. The “Skyscraper” Capitol is home to the North Dakota Theodore Roosevelt Rough Riders Hall of Fame.

Experience life in 1875 at **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park** near Mandan. March to the first sergeant’s instructions as you visit General George and Libby Custer’s reconstructed home. Walk the parade grounds to the barracks of the 7th Cavalry, the Commissary Store and visit the horses at the stables. In the park, On-A-Slant Indian Village comes to life with story-telling and sharing of the life in this 400-year-old Mandan Village. Five reconstructed earthlodges can be toured.

## dayTHREE

### Jamestown-Valley City

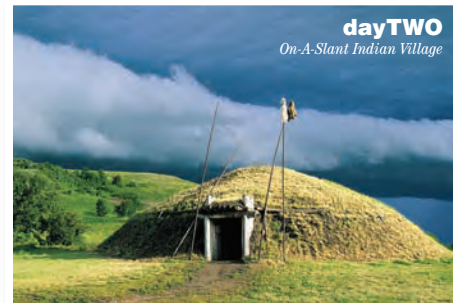
The home of western writer **Louis L’Amour**, and the gateway to Bonanza farm country, Jamestown honors the role played by the bison on the frontier. The National Buffalo Museum is dedicated to the history of the American Bison. The museum houses artifacts and original artworks and has an observation deck for the live buffalo herd. Can you spot three rare albino bison? Take a self-guided walking tour of L’Amour’s hometown.

The **Ronald Regan Minuteman III Missile Site** includes a visit 60 feet below ground into the launch control center and launch facility. Antique shopping is a must while visiting Valley City. Make a stop at **Rosebud Visitor Center** for the Rosebud Superintendent’s railcar and the North Dakota Ag Hall of Fame. A side trip may include the Sheyenne River Valley National Scenic Byway to Fort Ransom State Park’s semi-annual Sodbuster Days.

## dayFOUR

### Fargo-West Fargo

Dynamic, historic and exciting, the Red River Valley sister cities show the arc of history. **Fargo Theatre** offers your group a unique opportunity to listen to a restored Mighty Wurlitzer pipe organ. Parking is not an issue at West Fargo’s **Bonanzaville**. Step back into the days of bonanza farms, sod houses, prairie churches and your local country store. 🗡️



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# Wild, Wild MIDWEST

BY BRITT AAMODT

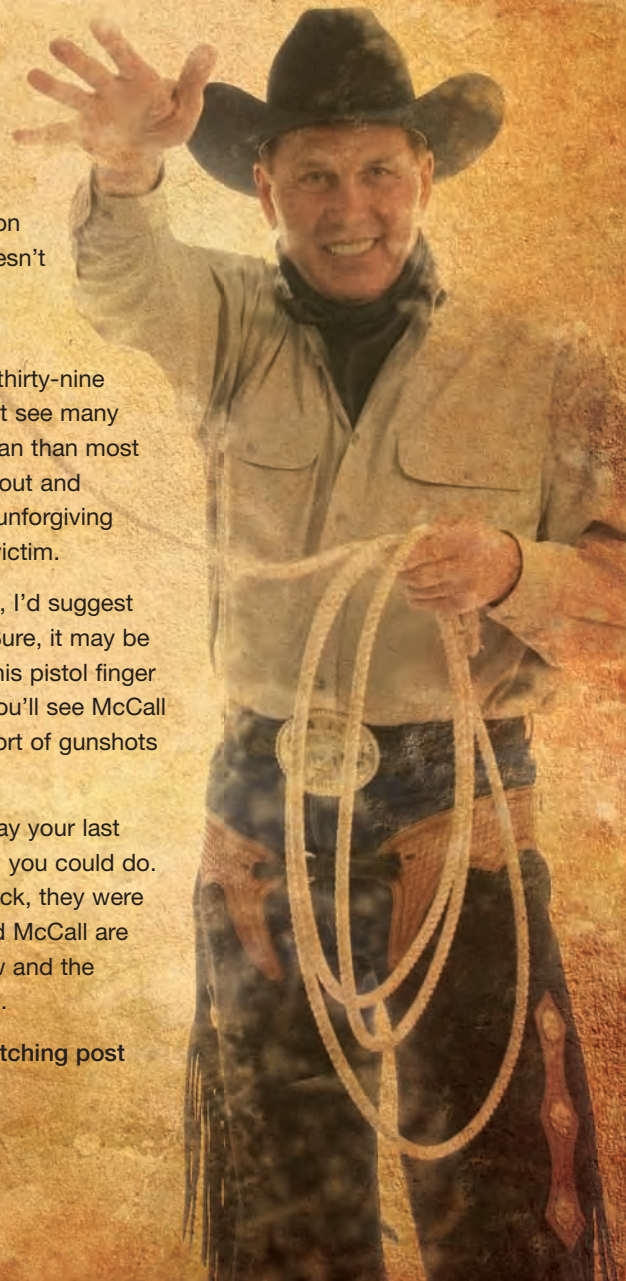
It's August 1867. James Butler Hickok, better known to contemporaries as Wild Bill Hickok, settles down for a game of poker at Nuttal & Mann's Saloon No. 10 in Deadwood, a frontier town located in the Dakota Territory. He doesn't know it yet, but he's minutes from death. Wild Bill has already confided to friends a premonition that Deadwood will be his last stop.

Of course, maybe that kind of talk is just age creeping up on him. He turned thirty-nine this past May. He officially ranks as an old man in a frontier world that doesn't see many men reach beyond their fiftieth year. Yet he's sweated more living into that span than most do in a lifetime. Stagecoach driver, Civil War teamster, lawman, gunfighter, scout and professional gambler, Wild Bill has been them all, and now in the sweltering, unforgiving heat of August, he plays the last card in the hand life has dealt him—that of victim.

So, if you step off your motorcoach into the hurried path of Jack McCall, well, I'd suggest you get out of the way. "Broken Nose" Jack McCall has a date with history. Sure, it may be 2010 or 2011 for you, but for this former buffalo hunter it's always 1867 and his pistol finger is itching for revenge. If you and your group just move off to the side there, you'll see McCall rush in the saloon. You'll hear the tussle of confused voices and then the report of gunshots as McCall unloads his pistol on Wild Bill.

Later on, you and your group can trudge out to Mount Moriah Cemetery to pay your last respects to Bill. But don't take his death too hard. After all, there was nothing you could do. Bill died over a century ago, and those folks you saw down by the saloon, heck, they were just actors. Right now, the actor who played Wild Bill and the one who played McCall are sharing a pitcher of iced tea, their costumes hung in the closet until tomorrow and the next re-enactment of one of the most infamous death scenes in the Old West.

As for you, you've got a busload of folks raring to hit the trail to the next hitching post on your itinerary of the Wild, Wild Midwest.



## Head 'em Up and Move 'em Out

Who says the Wild West is dead and buried? All right, the calendar doesn't lie. But the roistering, rollicking fun of the Wild West lives on in the Midwest, and you don't need a horse to get there. A motorcoach'll do ya.

When putting together a Wild, Wild Midwest itinerary, you've got more options than a cowboy has cattle. You can visit the towns and historic landmarks of bygone years. You and your group can experience the times through western-themed activities and adventures. And you can rustle up a tour that lays out the era's colorful history. So mount up and head for the horizon.

### The Buck Stops Here

The Wild West wasn't just shootouts and gunmen, or cowboys and cattle, though they figure prominently in the myths and legends that spin from that period. When you're thinking of destinations with an Old West flavor, **Deadwood** is probably top of mind.

But the Midwest rings with the hoof beats and tall tales of the hearty folk who settled the area. Sure, some of them were lawmen, some were crooks and some were even cowboys. But you also had pioneers, mail

carriers and gold miners. You can take your motorcoach down the **Laura Ingalls Highway** to revisit the prairie and small towns that feature in the author's accounts of pioneer life. You can also head into **Missouri** and **Utah** to locate stops

drive around the **Homestake Mine**, which opened in the 1870s at the height of gold fever and was, until 2002 when it closed, the largest goldmine in North America. You can also tour the underground **Broken Boot**

itinerary, as are stagecoach journeys. In fact, your group can rest up at the same stagecoach stops that greeted weary travelers of the 19th century. **Rider's Inn** in **Painesville, Ohio**, dishes up recipes discovered in the attic of the historic

greatest showmen of the Wild West? You can see examples of Buffalo Bill's showmanship at Wild West events around the Midwest. The shows are not only a walloping good time, they're also a dose of live-action history. Savor the marksmanship competitions and games of horse riding prowess that wowed the audiences of Buffalo Bill's day.

More history can be found in the Midwest's historic towns. **Northfield, Minnesota**, is by all appearances a quiet college town. But back in 1876, this sleepy wayside was visited by the brothers Frank and Jesse James and their posse of gunmen. The James brothers rode into Northfield to rob the First National Bank but, in a turnaround worthy of a Hollywood movie, were forced to flee by gun-toting townfolk. The botched robbery is replayed every September during **Jesse James Days**.

And these itinerary ideas are just a tip of the hat to the many exploits that await the tour group with the guts and gumption to tackle the Wild, Wild Midwest. Wanted: Fun, daring travelers over eighteen. Must be expert riders, willing to risk adventure daily. Motorcoaches preferred.

# WANTED:

Young, skinny, wiry fellows not over eighteen.  
Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily.  
Orphans preferred.

on the dusty remnants of the **Pony Express**.

The **Pony Express Trail**, a byway accessible by motorcoach, takes in portions of the famed trail that once stretched from **St. Joseph, Missouri**, to **Sacramento, California**. Though it only lasted from April 1860 to October 1861, the Pony Express and its riders embody the larger-than-life character of the age. Pony Express riders supposedly answered an ad that read: "Wanted: Young, skinny, wiry fellows not over eighteen. Must be expert riders, willing to risk death daily. Orphans preferred."

In the **Black Hills**, no one's panning for gold anymore. But you can

**Gold Mine**. Later, venture into a roadside shop for a bona fide article of **Black Hills Gold jewelry**.

### Wet Your Whistle

Be a real cowboy. For a day, you and your group can brandish a bullwhip, live on the trail, rope cattle, wear cowboy clothes and slug cowboy coffee around the campfire. Dude ranches proliferate in the Wild, Wild Midwest. If you're looking for a little less rope action and a little more horse time, you can book your group into a horse ranch for some one-on-one with man's favorite mode of transport in the days before Henry Ford.

Hayrides are in order for a Wild, Wild Midwest

inn. **Hubbell House** in **Mantorville**, south of Rochester, Minnesota, serves up steak, walleye and Hubbell House western potatoes in five candlelit dining rooms.

Chuckwagon anyone? That's right. You can dine trailside, too. Grub on pitchfork fondue, baked beans and corn on the cob at your evening feast under large, open-air tents. And there's no better way to appreciate a full belly than with a round of cowboy singing or a western music show.

### Scars Are Cowboy Tattoos with Better Stories

Did you know Buffalo Bill Cody was a Pony Express rider before becoming one of the





Earth Lodge Village on Lake Sakakawea



## NEW in New Town

One of the interesting stories about **New Town** is how it originated when the Garrison Dam project created a permanent flood the size of Delaware. Constructed from 1946-54 the project formed a reservoir of the Missouri River in northwestern North Dakota, now known as Lake Sakakawea. Valuable farmland and other resources were swallowed up and thousands of residents relocated to higher ground. At first folks just spoke of the new town, but in 1953 it was officially dubbed New Town. All this drama took place inside the boundaries of the Fort Berthold Reservation, now the seat of government for The Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara, Three Affiliated Tribes.

People have occupied the region for a thousand years. When the Lewis and Clark Expedition (1804-6) set out to find a water route to the Pacific Ocean, they experienced life and hospitality of the upper Missouri village natives firsthand. Ordered by President Thomas Jefferson, captains Lewis and Clark, with their expedition named Corps of Discovery, set forth across the newly acquired Louisiana Purchase. The winter of 1804-5 they camped at the confluence of the Knife and Missouri rivers. Preparing for approaching cold weather, the Corps built a fort, which Lewis wrote about saying *"This place we have named Fort Mandan in honour of our Neighbors."* The "neighbors" were the Mandan and Hidatsa people who visited the fort throughout the winter, trading corn, beans, and squash, as well as sharing information. The fort is where Lewis and Clark first met and hired a French Canadian trapper by the name of Toussaint Charbonneau who lived among the tribes. He had a young wife, Sakakawea (sa-ka -ka-we-a). Lewis and Clark recognized her abilities to translate the tribal languages as invaluable.

As part of a huge commemorative celebration in 2004-6, the Three Affiliated Tribes of North Dakota constructed an **Earth Lodge Village** just outside of New Town overlooking beautiful Lake Sakakawea. Comprised of six smaller lodges and one large community lodge, the TAT Earth Lodge Village is available to visit, tour, and even sleep in overnight. It's an opportunity to actually experience and interact with descendants of the same people that

welcomed Meriwether Lewis and William Clark more than 200 years ago. Their way of life was almost totally destroyed by the Garrison Dam, and yet the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara remain today on their original homelands, living by the oral traditions handed down from generation to generation. They like to remind us "We are still here." So is their generous hospitality.

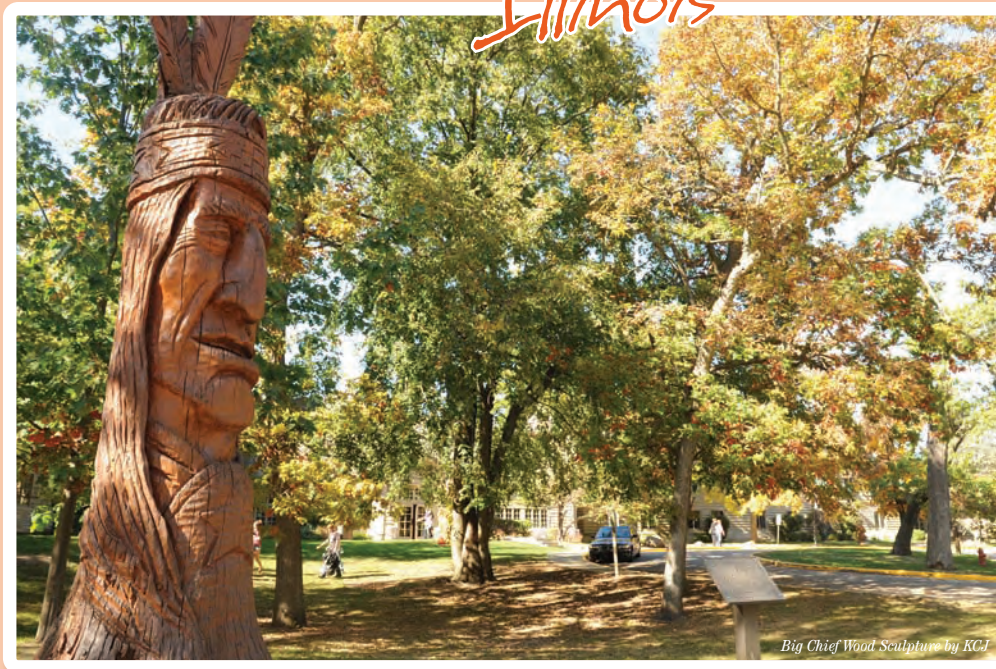
Upon arrival to the village you'll be greeted by tribal members. Your experience will include a guided cultural tour. You can also arrange for an indigenous meal such as buffalo corn and squash. There will be a performance with drumming to round out the experience. The six smaller lodges are equipped to provide overnight guests with an 1804-6 time period experience. For the less adventurous there is a "motel-ready" option; an earth lodge setting furnished with present day table and chair, microwave, fridge and lights. Either way you will need to bring a sleeping bag.

The large community lodge is a modern day facility with time period exterior. It is used for community meetings, conferences and family gatherings. There is also a tipi encampment where you can experience first hand sleeping in a real tipi. The village also offers other activities such as horse races, trail rides, traditional gardens and of course, storytelling around a campfire.

Lewis and Clark had the adventure of a lifetime when they explored the Louisiana Purchase. But they saved a little for you too. The Three Affiliated Tribes invite you to come and experience your own adventure... perhaps in a slightly more modern way. 🏹

Mile after Magnificent Mile.

# ITINERARIES Illinois®



Big Chief Wood Sculpture by K&J

## Starved Rock Lodge, Utica

Starved Rock Lodge hosts “Art in the Park”. This is a free art exhibit in nature and held throughout the grounds of the Lodge & Starved Rock Park featuring wonderful woodcarvings. Pick up an “Art in the Park” brochure at the registration desk of the Lodge Lobby or in the Great Hall and set out on a journey of discovery. View 30 masterful chainsaw carvings representing wildlife, Indian carvings, totems and even Abe Lincoln can be found throughout the Lodge grounds. Many of the outdoor carvings were created from IDNR-approved trees on site. Make a game of it with your group or use the opportunity as a teaching tool.

Starved Rock State Park is rich in Native American history, outdoor activities, and many events. They are having their 3rd annual Native American Drum Circle in February. January 22 & 23 is Eagle Watch Weekend. January 16 is Sled Dog Demo. Be sure to check them out! (See location on map below)

### howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in illinois...

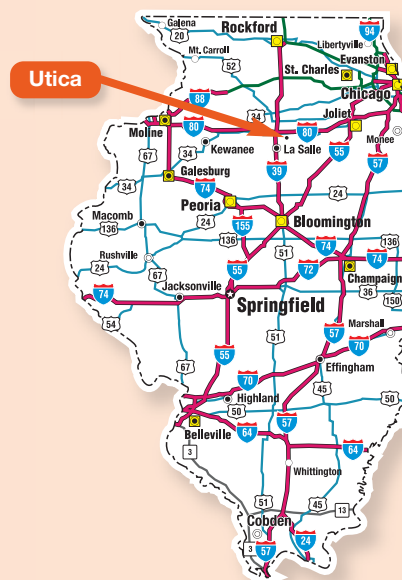
**Flora, Anthony’s Wild West Side & Fall Out Saloon** – A perfect spot to satisfy your wild west hunger! A unique Western Dining experience awaits you here. They smoke their BBQ for over 15 hours! With their famous BBQ, steak, ribs, pizza, sandwiches, pasta, fudge & candies to choose from, everyone will be satisfied. Yummy!!!

**Kampsville, Old Settlers Days** – Calhoun County is a wild rugged land, and its fall re-enactment festival embraces its past history. Held on the banks of the Illinois River with mountain-man activities, black powder shooting, period demonstrations, food, entertainment, fiddlers jamboree, carriage rides and a petting zoo round out the activities scheduled for the weekend. Festival is usually held every October.

**Rock Falls, Muller’s Lane Farm** – Experience the old homestead way of life. Learn how our ancestors survived and flourished. This farm is rich in tradition and still farms their hayfield using Belgian draft horses and steel-wheeled machinery. Your group can make butter, ride in a 100-year-old farm wagon and visit all the farm animals.

**Troy Grove, Wild Bill Hickok Memorial Historic Site** – A small town located west of Chicago is the birthplace of James Butler “Wild Bill” Hickock. A plaque on the granite monument honors Hickock as “a scout and spy in the western states to preserve the Union in the Civil War”. This well-known figure from the American Old West is known for his skills as a gunfighter, scout and his reputation as a lawyer.

**Union, Donley’s Wild West Town** – Join them for some routin, tootin, shootin, & foolin good time! They have it all, from gold pyrite panning in a mine, wild west shows, C.P. Huntington Train Rides, Cowboy roping lessons, Tomahawk Throw, Archery Range, Pop Gun Gallery, Huck Finns Slingshots, World Famous Museum Displays and so much more! The excitement and charm of the Old West will come alive.



### illinois cities

BELLEVILLE, BLOOMINGTON, CHAMPAIGN, CHICAGO, DIXON, EAST DUBUQUE, GALENA, HANOVER, KEWANEE, LA SALLE, MARSHALL, MOLINE, MONEE, MT CARROLL, MT MORRIS, PEORIA, ROCHELLE, ROCKFORD, SAVANNA, SPRINGFIELD, ST. CHARLES, STOCKTON, THOMSON

### calendar of events

#### december

- **Victorian Holiday Traditions Group Tours**  
December 1-31, Naperville 630-420-6010
- **Snowflake Festival**  
December 3, Godfrey 618-466-1483
- **Hometown Christmas**  
December 3-4, Belvidere 815-547-4357
- **22nd Annual Windmont Park Lighting/Drive of Lights**  
December 5-January 2, Kewanee 309-852-2175
- **Night of the Luminaria**  
December 18, Galena 815-777-9050

#### january

- **Bald Eagle Trolley Tours**  
January 1-February 28, Utica 800-868-7625
- **Blue Man Group**  
January 7-8, Peoria 309-673-8900
- **Bald Eagle Bus Tours**  
Jan 15, Feb 12 & 26, Galena 815-594-2306
- **Snowy Days**  
January 28-30, Chicago 312-744-3315

#### february

- **Central Illinois Jazz Festival**  
February 4-6, Decatur 217-422-8800
- **Maple Syrup Time**  
Feb 19-Mar 13, Springfield 217-529-1111

#### march

- **Manhattan Irish Fest**  
March 4-5, Manhattan 815-478-3811
- **Festival of Arts & Crafts**  
March 5-6, St. Charles 630-443-7158
- **Fall Fox Valley Antiques Show**  
March 12-13, St. Charles 815-838-0606
- **Annual Winter Art Show**  
March 19-20, Galena 815-777-1222

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

### directory & map

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## Iowa cities

AMANA, AMES, ANAMOSA,  
BALLTOWN, BANKSTON, BELLEVUE,  
BURLINGTON, CEDAR RAPIDS,  
CLINTON, COUNCIL BLUFFS,  
DECORAH, DAVENPORT, DES MOINES,  
DUBUQUE, DYERSVILLE, GUTTENBERG,  
INDEPENDENCE, IOWA CITY,  
MAQUOKETA, MASON CITY, MCGREGOR,  
SIOUX CITY, URBANDALE, WATERLOO

## calendar of events

### december

- **A "Baby, It's Cold Outside" Festival of Trees & Nativity Scenes**  
December 1-4, Pella 641-628-8625
- **Taste of Christmas**  
December 3-4, Bloomfield 641-664-2309
- **Downtown Lights the Night**  
December 4, Waterloo 319-291-2038
- **Holiday Season Kickoff** December 4-5,  
McGregor/Marquette 800-896-0910
- **Fire & Ice Festival**  
December 5, Cedar Rapids 319-365-8313

### january

- **Cherokee Jazz & Blues Festival**  
January 7-9, Cherokee 712-255-6414
- **North Iowa Fair Flea Market**  
January 7-9, Mason City 641-423-3811
- **Ice Fest** January 8-9, 15-16 & 22-23,  
Dubuque 563-557-9545
- **27th Annual Bald Eagle Appreciation Days**  
January 15-16, Keokuk 800-383-1219
- **Winterfest** January 22, Amana 800-579-2294

### february

- **Extreme Storm Lake Winter Festival**  
February 4-5, Storm Lake 712-732-3780
- **Antique Spectacular at the Iowa State Fair**  
February 11-13, Des Moines 712-326-9964
- **Frostbite Olympics**  
February 18-20, Algona 515-295-7201
- **Color the Wind Kite Festival**  
February 19, Mason City 641-357-5516

### march

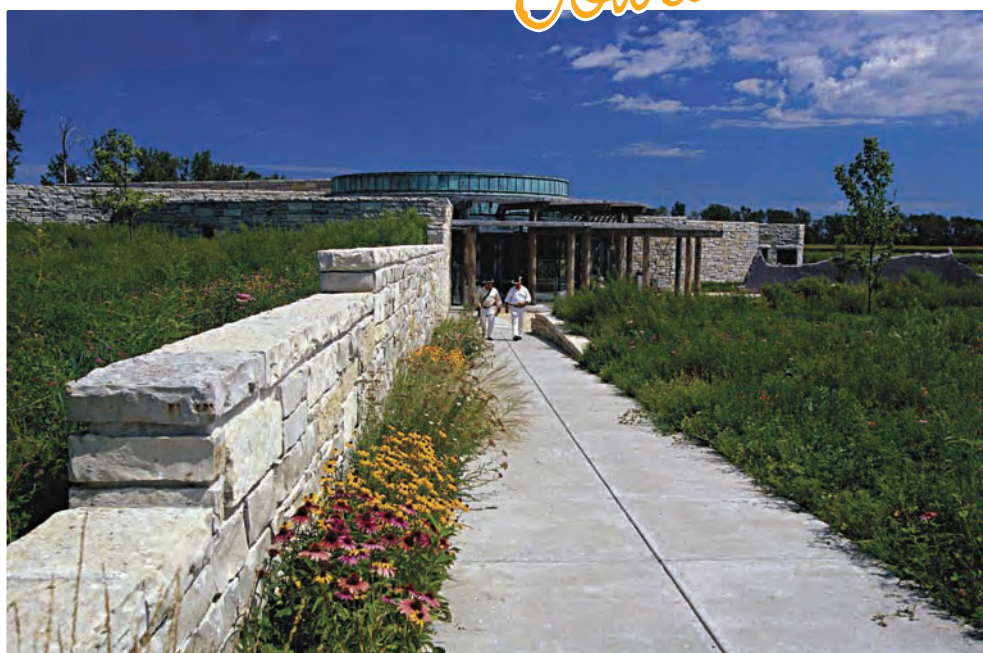
- **Maple Syrup Festival**  
March 5-6, Cedar Falls 319-277-2187
- **St. Patrick's Day Celebration**  
March 12, Dyersville 563-875-2311
- **Spring Chocolate Walk**  
March 26, Dysart 319-476-7277

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Lewis & Clark marker at WHTC - Council Bluffs

# Life Changing ITINERARIES Iowa®



## Council Bluffs

Prepare for an adventure along the historic trails at the **Western Historic Trails Center** (pictured above). Receive an orientation for trips north following the Lewis and Clark Trail, or for trips west following the routes of early travelers on the Oregon, Mormon, and California Trails. Plus view two hundred plus sculptures by artist Timothy Woodman interpret Lewis & Clark, Mormon Pioneer, California and Oregon trails. The Center also hosts new events throughout the year, so call ahead to see what's happening or read on to hear some of them... Stop for a cup of coffee and visit with a western historian the first Friday of each month at "Campfire, Coffee and Conversation." History comes alive with reenactments, music/lectures and Native American food and dance during "White Catfish Camp Living History Weekend," held the fourth weekend in July. "Holidays on the Trail," the first weekend in December, offers free sleigh rides, refreshments, holiday shopping, and holiday movies/presenters in the theater.

Located 8 miles southeast of town is the **California Gold Rush Trail Historic Site**. View the memorial marker and interpretive panel that tells the story of the 1849 Gold Rushers & pioneers. (See location on map, page 11)

## howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in iowa...

**Cherokee, 45th Annual Cherokee Chamber PRCA Rodeo** – It is set-up to take place June 2-4, 2011. Three nightly performances featuring bareback riding, tie down roping, team roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, barrel racing, bull riding and much more! Sure to be rowdy!

**Le Claire, Buffalo Bill Museum/The Lone Star Steamer** – It features a tribute to legendary native "Buffalo Bill" Cody, as well as a memorial to American Indians, pioneers, and steamboat days. View the River Pilots Pier, new home of the Lone Star Steamer, the last wooden hull sternwheeler and a National Historic Landmark. Plus see the famous Green Tree, a Mississippi River landmark.

**Long Grove, Cody Trail** – Buffalo Bill Cody, an Indian scout, buffalo hunter and Wild West showman, was born in Scott County, and this 25-mile historic route honors his legend and legacy. The trail passes historic structures and sites as it winds its way through "Cody Territory." Explore heritage at the Dan Nagle Walnut Grove Pioneer Village; learn about the Cody family at their original homestead, and experience the era of 1800s Mississippi riverboat pilots as you admire National Historic Register buildings in Le Claire.

**Princeton, Buffalo Bill Cody Homestead** – View one of the restored homes of the Cody Family. It was built of stone in 1847. Plus see a stagecoach and buffalo.

**Urbandale, Living History Farms** – This unique farm tells the amazing story of how lowans combined hard work and technology to transform the fertile prairies of the Midwest into the most productive farmland in the world. Visitors travel through five historical time periods spanning 300 years at this 600-acre open-air museum. Interpreters provide a unique learning environment with seasonal activities.

**Winterset** – See the birthplace of John Wayne. A modest four-room house built in the 1880s and restored to the way it was in 1907, the year of John Wayne's birth. View rare photographs of the Duke and memorabilia from his movie career. There is also a gift shop for those perfect souvenirs!



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## Life of Yesteryear

This sample itinerary is good anytime of the year!

### 10 – 11:00 am

Immerse yourself in Council Bluffs' rich and colorful history by visiting the **Historic Squirrel Cage Jail**, built in 1885 for \$30,000. This unique rotary jail has three floors of revolving pie shaped cells inside a cylinder shaped jail. It is one of only 18 ever built and the only three-story. Only three remain today.

### 11 – 1:00 pm

Marvel at the lavish Victorian mansion, the **Historic General Dodge House**. This 14-room mansion, built in 1869, is one of Iowa's premier historic homes and is considered a National Historic Landmark. General Grenville M. Dodge, a Civil War veteran, dubbed "the

greatest railroad builder of all time", built the home. The mansion is historically authentic, complete with a majority of the Dodge family's original furnishings. After your tour enjoy lunch in the third floor ballroom, where the Duke's entertained many prominent historic figures.

### 1 – 2:15 pm

Remember the days of "Riding the Rails" with a stop at the **RailsWest Railroad Museum**. The restored 1899 Rock Island Depot originally was built for Chicago Rock Island and Pacific Railroad. The depot now houses railroad artifacts and an operating HO gauge model railroad, depicting a world where trains were still king. The last of the Rock Island passenger trains pulled out of the depot on May 30, 1970.

### 2:15 – 3:30 pm

Step back in time where you'll discover why, in December 1847, 200 pioneers built the **Kanesville**

**Tabernacle** in just 2 ½ weeks. Learn more about the Mormon Pioneers as they traveled through Council Bluffs.

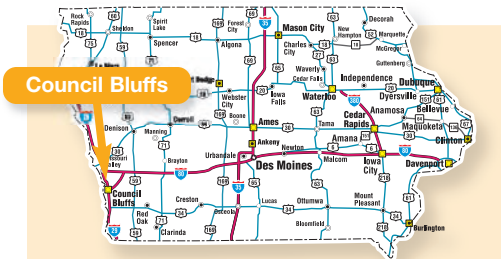
### 3:30 – 4:45 pm

Continue your tour of the Mormon Pioneer Trail, as well as the other three trails that traversed through Council Bluffs; the California, Oregon and Lewis and Clark trails at the **Western Historic Trails Center**.

### 4:45 – 5:45 pm

Finally you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the Missouri River Valley at the **Lewis and Clark Monument & Overlook**. This monument was dedicated to the 1804 expedition of Lewis and Clark and their historic meeting with the Otoe and Missouri tribesman.

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group please contact your tour operator or the Council Bluffs CVB, 800-228-6878 x109.



### directory & map

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Historic Squirrel Cage Jail



Historic General Dodge House



Kanesville Tabernacle & Visitor Center



RailsWest Railroad Museum



Union Pacific Railroad Museum



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## 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

### november

- **Heritage of the West: A Romance Gone Forever**  
November 1-Dec 31, Wichita 316-268-4921
- **Trolley Christmas Light Tours**  
Nov 25-Dec 25, McPherson 800-324-8022
- **Christmas in "Old Dodge City"**  
Nov 29-Dec 25, Dodge City 800-OLD-WEST

### december

- **Christmas Tree Lane**  
December 1-31, Abilene 785-263-1770
- **Chocolate Festival**  
December 4, Alton 785-984-2341
- **Festival of Nativities**  
December 4-19, Lawrence 785-843-0276
- **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**  
December 10-19, Topeka 785-357-5211
- **Lucia Fest** Dec 11, Lindsborg 888-227-2227
- **Dolly HollyDay Tours**  
December 14-28, Fort Scott 800-245-3678

### january

- **Eagle Days at Milford Lake**  
January 15-16, Junction City 785-238-5323
- **150 Things I Love About Kansas**  
Jan 21-Dec 31, Topeka 785-272-8681
- **Kansas Day 2011**  
January 28-29, Topeka 785-272-8681

### february

- **Chocolate Lovers Affair**  
February 12, Lindsborg 785-227-2217
- **Glenn Miller Orchestra**  
February 17, Junction City 785-238-3103
- **15th Annual Kansas Silent Film Festival**  
February 25-26, Topeka 785-670-3151
- **Taste of Leavenworth**  
February 26, Leavenworth 913-682-1023

### march

- **Stained Glass Tour**  
March 1-31, Glasco 785-568-0120
- **Marble Crazy**  
March 4-5, Bonner Springs 913-441-1432
- **Little Britches Rodeo**  
March 27-28, Garden City 888-876-3844

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

# As Big As You Think ITINERARIES Kansas



## Wichita

Experience the western heritage of Wichita! Walk the streets of 1865-1880 Wichita at the **Old Cowtown Museum**, a 17-acre, unique open-air living history museum. Immerse yourself in a sampling of the sights, sounds and activities common to a Midwestern cattle town. Try a wagon ride, hear the ring of the blacksmith anvil, enjoy an ice-cold sarsaparilla in the saloon, and visit the humble home of the town's founder. But be prepared to duck as gunfire erupts in the streets!

Want some cowboy/cowgirl gear of your own? Head to **Sheplers**, the world's largest western wear store for a complete outfit, then customize your cowboy hat at **Hatman Jack's!**

In the evening, your wild west option is the **Diamond W. Chuckwagon Supper**. Enjoy a BBQ dinner followed by the tight harmonies and homey comedy of the world-famous Diamond W Wranglers.

Step back in time and enjoy your experience in Wichita! (See location on map, page 15)

## howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in kansas...

**Abilene, Dickinson County Heritage Center** – Discover the history of the wild frontier, the days of Tom Smith and Wild Bill Hickok, and the untamed days of the cattle drives to Abilene. View dance halls, gaming rooms, and 32 saloons. Also explore the stories of the early pioneers as they settled the Great Plains and turned the American desert into their home.

**Coffeyville** – The Wild West wouldn't be wild without the outlaws. The most infamous in Kansas, the Dalton brother's gang, attempted to rob two banks at the same time. Groups can learn more of this story at the **Dalton Defenders Museum**. Nearly 300 miles to the west, in Meade, is the home of the brothers' sister, Eva Dalton Whipple. Tour the hideout which includes the gang's underground escape tunnel.

**Dodge City** – Order a drink over the very same Long Branch bar that the cowboys leaned on and watch a gunfight on Front Street. During the summer there are demonstrations, stagecoach rides and the famous Long Branch Saloon Variety Show, all at the **Boot Hill Museum**. Did you ever want to experience gathering cattle by horseback, learn to rope or cook in a Dutch oven? Well you can at **Moore Ranch**, where you will experience the cowboy way of life.

**Ellsworth, Ellsworth Historical Plaza Walking Tour** – Known as the wickedest town in the west. This walking tour covers the original plaza of this cattle town known as "End of the Trail." To enable visitors to experience this special western aura, 17 authentic frontier silhouettes and interpretive signs

provide an overview of daily life on the Ellsworth Plaza. Groups are certain to enjoy this walk through Ellsworth's history.

**Hanover, Hollenberg Pony Express Station State Historic Site** – You can almost hear the thundering of horse hooves and the creak of wagons as Pony Express riders and hundreds of pioneers made a stop here. Experience life in the 1860s at the family home, which served as a way station, post office, store and tavern for travelers on the Pony Express, Oregon and California Trails.

**Marysville** – Home to the **Pony Express Original Home Station No 1, Barn & Museum**. It is the only Home Station on the Pony Express route still remaining on the original site. The vent holes for horses are still in the building. See antique wagons and a blacksmith shop, and stop for a great photo-op at the **Bronze Pony Express Horse & Rider**. Next to the sculpture is another great artistic form called **Life Tiles Murals**. These interactive murals are the only ones found in Kansas and depict the Pony Express & the railroad history of Marysville.

**McPherson** – Experience the prairie as it appeared in the early 1800s when wagon trains traveled the Santa Fe Trail at **Maxwell Wildlife Refuge**. Board a modern day covered wagon and tour the refuge of over 2,800 acres of prairie with 200 head of bison roaming free, alongside elk, and blooming wildflowers. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire meal and listen to the old stories of the Santa Fe Travelers.



# Discover Kansas

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## calendar of events

### november

- **Target Holidazzle Parade** Nov 26-28; Dec 2-5, 9-12 & 16-19, Minneapolis 612-376-SNOW

### december

- **Holiday Nativity Collection Tours**  
December 1-31, Austin 800-444-5713
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- **Christmas in the Village**  
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- **Country Christmas Celebration**  
December 3-19, Lakeville 952-898-7200
- **Betsy-Tacy Victorian Christmas**  
December 4, Mankato 507-345-9777
- **A Christmas Gathering**  
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- **Christmas at the Hubbard House**  
Dec 5-6, 11-12, 18-19, Mankato 507-345-5566
- **2010 Holiday Train**  
December 10, Lake City 877-525-3248
- **Christmas in the County**  
December 10-11, Austin 507-437-6082
- **Holiday Lights Tour**  
December 11-18, Bloomington 612-333-8687
- **Holy Bells!** Dec 20-26, St. Cloud 800-264-2940

### january

- **The Boys Next Door** Jan 13-16, 20-23, 27-30, St Cloud 800-264-2940
- **"The Marvelous Wonderettes"** Jan 21-Jul 24, Plymouth Playhouse 763-383-1073
- **Saint Paul Winter Carnival**  
Jan 27-Feb 6, Saint Paul 651-223-4700
- **Winter on the Hill** January 29-30-February 5-6, MN Historical Society 651-297-2555
- **Winter Fete**  
January 29-31, Bloomington 952-563-8693

### february

- **Jesus Christ Superstar** February 4-13, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres 800-362-3515
- **Polar Fest**  
February 12-21, Detroit Lakes 218-847-9202
- **International Eelpout Festival**  
February 18-20, Walker 320-259-6010
- **King Tut Exhibit** February 18-September 5, Science Museum of Minnesota 651-221-9444

### march

- **Winter Bluegrass Weekend**  
March 4-5, Plymouth 800-635-3037
- **Bock Fest**  
March 5, New Ulm 507-354-5528
- **Taste of Chocolate**  
March 13, Bloomington 952-563-8567
- **Upper Midwest Glass & Pottery Show**  
March 26-27, Bloomington 651-770-1567

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)

# Explore Minnesota ITINERARIES Minnesota



## Wasioja, Civil War Days

Wasioja is located four miles west of historic Mantorville in Southeast Minnesota. Experience the past during their **Civil War Days** held June 24-26, 2011. During this three-day event your group can experience horse carriage & wagon rides, Civil War era workshop, Military/Civilian Ball & Social, Civil War era fashion show, Ladies garden party, 1860s period sutlers (vendors), authentic cannon firing demonstration, guided encampment tours, cemetery tours, reenactments and appearances from Abraham, Ulysses S Grant, Custer and more!!

Why attend a Civil War reenactment in Minnesota and why in Wasioja? Well when the Civil War began in 1861, Minnesota was the first state to send troops to aid Union forces. In April 1861, the newly founded, territorial stagecoach town of Wasioja became the location for a Civil War recruiting station. This historical town served more than 200 men. The Wasioja Civil War Days commemorates the sacrifices these young men made to the Union cause. (See location on map, page 34)

## howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in minnesota...

**Albert Lea, Big Island Rendezvous & Festival** – Award winning & largest early America & fur-trade "living history" reenactment. Over 1000 participants, 250 tents, colonial cuisine such as funnel cakes, buffalo, pork/cheese topped baked potatoes, smoked turkey legs, kettle korn, and home-made root beer. Enjoy the entertainment; colonial crafts for sale: woodworking, pottery, clothing, blacksmithing, fiber arts, jewelry, candles & so much more! The event is held annually.

**Grand Portage, Rendezvous Days & Pow Wow** – The annual event is still celebrated here during the second weekend of August. The annual gathering is their biggest and most grand celebration of the year, a time when Grand Portage comes alive and reflects on its rich heritage. Re-enactors gather to camp and challenge each other to games and skills from our historic past. Music, dancing, craft demonstrations and hands-on workshops ensure an exciting weekend!!

**Madelia, Younger Brothers Capture** – Visit Madelia in September, for the Capture of the Younger Brothers re-enactment. Enjoy the action, as Madelia's Magnificent Seven posse engage in gun battle with the notorious Cole Younger, his brothers Jim and Bob, along with Charlie Pitts at the exact location where the shootout took place on September 21, 1876!

**Mankato, Wacipi Pow Wow** – Every September; Native Americans from a number of tribes gather in Mankato's Land of Memories Park. The Pow Wow, which is co-sponsored and co-organized by the Mdewakanton Association, is free and open to the public. It has been held in Mankato since 1972. The three-day event, which always takes place over the third

weekend of September, includes the beautiful regalia of the dancers, traditional music, delicious foods and beautiful crafts.

**Northfield, Defeat of Jesse James Days** – Voted "Best Re-Enactment of the West" by True West Magazine, this event pays tribute to Northfield townspeople who defeated the infamous James-Younger Gang when it attempted to rob the town's First National Bank on September 7, 1876. Witness the re-enactment of the bank raid and see an informative show that includes live horses, gunshots and brave townspeople standing up against the gang.

**Pipestone, Civil War Days** – A celebration of our past in a beautiful historic setting. Scheduled activities for the weekend include both Infantry and Artillery maneuvers, an authentic re-enactment of a Civil War battle & numerous demonstrations of historic life. The military camps are open to the public and you are invited to walk through the camps and share the 1860s with them. Next event dates are August 11-12, 2012.

**Saint Paul, Historic Fort Snelling** – Discover an 1820s military outpost, once the focus of a small settlement but now at the center of Minnesota's Twin Cities metropolitan area. A full living history program with costumed guides is presented daily during the summer and on weekends in May, September and October. Explore the lives of the soldiers and civilians who called the Fort home. The Fort's costumed guides demonstrate historic crafts; perform period musket and cannon firings; cook period foods; share the stories of Minnesota's history and more.



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This sample itinerary is best spring through fall!



### day one

Drop your luggage in one of Bloomington's 36 hotels and freshen up quickly to head straight out to **Mall of America**, the largest shopping and entertainment complex in the United States, for an adventure-filled shopping excursion. Check out **Moose Mountain Adventure Golf** and try your hand at this northern woods golf course or take a spin on one of three wild roller coasters in **Nickelodeon Universe**. After you have seen all that glitters, settle in to dinner at **Cadillac Ranch** for all-American cuisine. Visit [www.bloomingtonmn.org](http://www.bloomingtonmn.org) for all your hotel and entertainment needs.

### day two

Visit the **Minnesota Valley National Wildlife**

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**Evening:** Kick up your heels at **Cowboy Jack's**, where you can enjoy down-home cookin' and dance the night away to a country band.

### day three

Make a visit to **Saint Paul** to see the **Como Zoo & Conservatory**. This FREE zoo has the new **Polar Bear Odyssey** and their furry residents, Buzz and Neil. Stop and smell the flowers at the **Marjorie McNeely Conservatory**. The **Sunken Garden** changes out their flower display every season, so no

matter when you visit, you will see the wildest of flower colors. If your group wants a more thrilling adventure, head over to **Valleyfair** to take on some of the wildest roller coasters in the upper Midwest.

**Evening:** Eat dinner and enjoy a cold beer out of a mason jar at the new **Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill**. Whether you want to enjoy live country music and dancing, watch the big game, tackle with a wild mechanical bull, or just eat, Toby Keith's has a little something for everyone. With over 20,000 square feet of space, the restaurant is perfect for groups.

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## A “Guys and Dolls Adventure” to Twin Cities

This sample itinerary is ideal June 15-26, 2011!

### day one

1 – 3:00 pm

Begin your adventures at **Midtown Global Market**. Tour and shop the world all under one roof! **OVER 40 VENDORS** offer the finest selection of produce, delicacies, prepared foods, grocery items, and unique gifts from around the globe. At every turn, you will discover items for a new recipe, unearth a bargain, and meet the producers. There is no better place in town to satisfy your hunger – it contains the best international diversity South Minneapolis characterized for generations! After shopping head for the Ukrainian Gift Shop.

3 – 3:45 pm

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3:45 – 5:00 pm

Board the bus and head to your Roseville Hotel. Take time to freshen up for this evening’s activity.

5 – 9:00 pm

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### day two

9:30 – 11:30 am

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and then head off for **Rosedale Center**. This is a premier shopping destination, which features over 160 retailers and the Plaza at Rosedale Center.

11:30 – 2:00 pm

Afterwards, your group heads to the kitchen where they’ll have a hands-on culinary experience at **Cooks of Crocus Hill**.

2 – 3:30 pm

Enjoy free time on **Grand Avenue** in Saint Paul. Grand Avenue offers a variety of boutique shops for the ladies and some great pubs and cigar shops for the men! Depart for your Roseville Hotel. Save some time to freshen up.

5:30 pm

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### day three

8 – 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and check out.

9 – 9:15 am

Before you depart, you’ll receive a special send off from the **Roseville Visitors Association** (a free rose for every guest.... shhh... it’s a surprise!!!). Next is **Custom Chocolates**. YUMMY!

9:15 – 10:00 am

The chocolate lovers are in for a treat at **Custom Chocolates**. Enjoy sampling various chocolates and take time to shop at this quaint shop.

10 – 1:00 pm

Next is the **Science Museum of Minnesota** and the special exhibit of **King Tut**. “Experience the riches of royal life in Egypt more than 3,000 years ago in Tutankhamun: The Golden King and the Great Pharaohs. Discover more than 100 authentic artifacts illuminating the lives of great rulers buried in the Valley of the Kings, including the most famous



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1:00 pm

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## Get Wild with Nature



This sample itinerary is best spring through fall!

### 8 – 9:00 am

Put on your walking shoes and hop on the coach for this 'east of the wild west' version of a "wild" adventure. You'll start out by touring the **Lebanon Hills Visitor Center**. The Visitor Center showcases several green building features such as a vegetative roof, rain garden and day lighting.

### 9 – 11:00 am

Arrive at **Bachman Floral & Garden Center**. The tour includes a behind-the-scenes look at their phone center, which processes approximately 800 orders/day. It also includes the fresh floral design area, the greenhouse and the gift/home decor areas. Tour participants receive a **free rose and a discount coupon** for purchases made that day only.

### 11 – 12:30 pm

Nothing says Minnesota like the Mississippi River – so the next stop is the **Mississippi River Visitor Center** and **Mississippi River Gallery**. Located inside the **Science Museum of Minnesota**, this center is staffed by rangers from the National Park Service who will share information about the 72-mile Mississippi National River and Recreation Area.

### 12:30 – 3:00 pm

As a part of this "wild" adventure you'll visit the

**Marjorie McNeely Conservatory and Como Zoo**. This experience allows guests to visit an authentic neo-tropical rainforest. New in 2010 is Polar Bear Odyssey - a new polar bear habitat that places bears in a natural immersive environment. The conservatory is home to the beautiful sunken gardens and seasonal flower displays, making this a must-see anytime of the year.

### 3 – 3:30 pm

Next, take a step back in time and ride **Cafesjian's Carousel** located in a \$1.1 million dollar copper-roofed pavilion just steps from the entrance to Como Zoo.

### 3:30 – 5:00 pm

It's time to get on the mighty Mississippi River, so come aboard a **Padelford Riverboat**! See what captivated the likes of Mark Twain so many years ago. Spot bald eagles, egrets and falcons as you travel back in time from St. Paul's bustling downtown harbor through the **Mississippi National Great River Park**.

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## The Past and Present Tour

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### 9 – 10:30 am

Seven volumes and 1150 pages, the St. John's Bible is the first illuminated, handwritten Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Monastery in more than 500 years. Using traditional materials such as vellum and ancient inks, the Bible is to be completed in 2011. Groups can view original pages of the Bible and its incredible journey from start to finish.

### 10:30 – 12:00 pm

The **Stearns History Museum** - a nationally accredited museum, has two floors of exhibits featuring local history and traveling exhibits. The Working White House Exhibit will be at the museum June 18, 2011 through August 28, 2011. It features two centuries of stories and traditions presented by the thousands of doormen, maids, chefs, florists, etc. who have worked behind the scenes that make the Executive Mansion function.

### 12 – 1:45 pm

Complete your White House tour and stay for the "Presidential Luncheon" highlighting favorite foods of presidents or an Afternoon Tea featuring favorite cookies from presidents or other White House notables to complete your heritage experience.

### 1:45 – 3:30 pm

End your day with a relaxing stroll through **Munsinger and Clemens Gardens**. Each year the theme of the gardens has a new look to compliment the already established perennials that dance in the bright sun of Clemens Gardens or calmly exist under the tall pine trees of Munsinger Gardens. The gardens are located along the **Mississippi River**.

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## Andes Tower Hills



Welcome to Andes Tower Hills in beautiful Alexandria, MN. Your group is in for a treat, with three great attractions in one stop, hosted by the Anderson family!

Begin by taking a trip back in time with a tour of Paul Anderson's Personal Museum, a collection of restored cars, tractors and memorabilia! He has over 100 restored collector cars and tractors, plus a gas station from 1932 that has been relocated adjacent to these car and tractor sheds. As a bonus for the ladies in the group, you'll get to take a trip through the Anderson house living room which houses over 100 collector dolls, antiques and numerous miniature toys and displays!

Now, how about a little fresh central Minnesota air? Step aboard Anderson's (custom designed) Covered Wagon Ride! Yes – that's right – a covered wagon! Not something you see everyday anymore, this one is pulled by a tractor through a portion of over 1,000 acres of uninhabited natural beauty. Over the hills and through the woods, among the trees and overlooking the lakes to Grandmother's house we go! Ok actually – you are really going to the Anderson's Dinner Show – which is more entertainment than you can imagine!

A full course dinner is prepared by their chef and followed by their Branson style show. The Anderson's are a multi-faceted family of musicians that mix styles and instruments that will have your toes tapping and hands clapping! They have entertained a wide range of venues for many appreciative audiences and look forward to entertaining your group!

For more information and/or to schedule your group call 877-542-6337.



## Architecture & Fall Colors

This will make a GREAT group tour! From **November 19 - 22**, the **Hormel Historic Home** will feature their **23rd Annual Christmas Open House**. There will be 12 rooms of the home that will be professionally decorated for the season, cranberry cake with butter sauce will be served, and on **Friday, November 19th**, there will be a very special **"Carols by Candlelight"** with live music performance at the home. Call the **Austin CVB** at **1-800-444-5713** for Open House hours.

### 11 – 11:30 am

Let's start downtown with **Hastings Shoe Store**. Built in 1868, it was the site of the original court-house 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 1880s. 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.)*

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary please contact your tour operator or the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau, 800-444-5713.

## Minnesota Austin Minnesota

### CHRISTMAS in the CITY KICKOFF

On Friday evening, November 26th, the city of Austin kicks off Christmas in a big way ~ downtown! Santa arrives, local merchants will provide apple cider and hot chocolate, there will be games and entertainment, caroling, followed by the beautiful Lucia Fest at the Historic Paramount Theatre. Lucia Fest is a traditional Scandinavian music celebration of the winter season, performed by local children.

### MERRY TUBA CHRISTMAS!

Austin CVB is proudly sponsoring the first-ever "Merry TubaChristmas" event at Oak Park Mall on Saturday, December 4th! TubaChristmas celebrates its 37th anniversary around the world, so when this well-known event is presented in Austin, it will feature tubas, euphoniums, and sousaphones in symphony! Come for the FREE community Christmas concert at the Mall center court! All are welcome, from motor coach groups to families...come to Austin for the day! The Austin CVB can give you a complete list of things to do here.

### NATIVITY COLLECTION VIEWING

A private residence in Austin opens up its home each year during the month of December to allow families and motorcoach groups to come in and see their collection of over 750 nativity sets. The family has collected the nativity sets from their travels all across the world, and are happy to tell groups all about them! Another private residence boasts a collection of over 400 Teddy Bears! They will also allow groups into their home to see their collection, with many of the Teddy bears displayed in their Christmas finery and poses! Plan a day for your group to visit Austin.

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Christmas time at the Historic Paramount Theatre



# History Comes Alive in Owatonna!

This sample itinerary is ideal July 9 & 10, 2011 in Owatonna, MN!



## day one

10 – 11:00 am

Make your way to Owatonna in time to shop the **Farmers' Market** in Central Park. Vendors line the 'town square' displaying beautiful hand-made items, homemade foods & fresh produce.

11 – 12:30 pm

Cross the street and discover historic downtown in the **National Farmer's Bank**, designed by world-renowned architect Louis Sullivan. The bank building is famous for its Prairie School architecture. Take a closer look at the historic downtown churches, homes, and schools with a self-guided **walking tour**. Pick-up your guide book at the Bank.

12:30 – 2:30 pm

Relax and enjoy the historic buildings, **coffee**

**shops, boutiques and restaurants** downtown. For treats of the chocolate sort, stop by **Costa's Café & Chocolate Shop** featuring delicious handmade/hand-dipped candies. Discover a variety of perfect lunch spots to choose from downtown.

2:30 – 5:00 pm

Tour the **State School Orphanage Museum** and learn the story of Minnesota's orphans. Between 1886-1945, over 10,000 orphans passed through this State School Orphanage, the only one in the country. Take a guided tour, watch videos and hear stories as told by those who lived at the orphanage.

5 – 8:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of cowboy fare and entertainment during the **Chuckwagon Supper** at the **Village of Yesteryear**, the kickoff to their annual historic

## Extravaganza!

8:00 pm

**Relax and enjoy** the rest of the evening with pie and coffee at **Owatonna's Family Restaurant** or maybe a specialty martini at **Torey's** restaurant instead. Hospitality and a good night's sleep await you back at your hotel.

## day two

9 – 11:00 am

Rise and shine and discover Owatonna's **Parks and Trails** for a brisk walk through Kaplan's Wood's or enjoy the sights and sounds of **Lake Kohlmeier**.

11 – 5:00 pm

Music, food, historic demonstrations, blacksmithing, soap making, handwork demonstrations, horse-drawn rides, an antique tractor show and more at the **Steele County Historical Society Village of Yesteryear Extravaganza**. The Old West Society of Minnesota will be on hand to entertain you and take you back to the "old west". All Village buildings are open to enjoy. **FREE** admission, donations are appreciated.

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## Visit WORTHINGTON!

**W**orthington, Minnesota is located on Interstate 90, just minutes away from the Iowa and South Dakota borders. This scenic city is set on lush prairie, and built around the 785-acre Lake Okabena, a haven for recreational activities and relaxation. They have a rich heritage interpreted at Pioneer Village, Nobles County Museum, Historic Dayton House and Memorial Auditorium. In addition to numerous leisure activities and festivals, Worthington has a lively cultural scene that provides dozens of entertaining diversions for visitors and groups.

Take a tour through Pioneer Village's 40 buildings. Each building is filled with artifacts depicting Worthington and Nobles County history. The village is the scene of many activities and celebrations throughout the year. Visit the Historic Dayton House which is a genuine showcase of Worthington's early days. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The house was

built in 1890 by George Draper Dayton, who later left Worthington to purchase a mercantile business in Minneapolis which later became Dayton's Dry Goods Co., or simply Dayton's.

Spomer Classics is a display of over 300 advertising items of automobiles, implements, oil, gas, and many more. See the lost art of porcelain and neon signs and clocks. All are restored and in working order. Also on display are peddle cars and over 20 classic cars. In the fall, explore nearby berry farms, apple orchards and pumpkin patches. King Turkey Days hosts the "Great Gobbler Gallop" a race of live turkeys between Worthington, MN and Cuero, TX.

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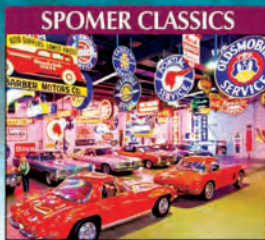


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## Discover Fairmont this Winter!

This sample itinerary is best December 10, 2010 during the **John Berry's Christmas Show**.

**Fairmont** hosts a variety of options to satisfy your arts and cultural needs! Country Artist John Berry is noted for the intense passion he has brought to such hits as "Your Love Amazes Me" and "Standing on the Edge of Goodbye." Berry's holiday tour, showcases the reason he's been tagged "Mr. Christmas." John Berry's Christmas Show is Friday, December 10, 2010. Other shows are available.

### day one

4 – 5:30 pm

Arrive in **Fairmont** and check in to a hotel of your choice. Spend a few minutes relaxing and freshen up for the evening's events.

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Start your evening off right with a great meal from the **Green Mill Restaurant** located inside the Holiday Inn.

7:30 – 10:00 pm

Start your Christmas season off right by taking in **John Berry's Christmas Show** at the **Fairmont Opera House**.

10:00 pm

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

### day two

8 – 9:00 am

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel.

9 – 11:00 am

Board the bus for an official "**City of Lakes**" tour. Step back in time of treasures from yesteryear at the **Pioneer Museum** and stroll through **Fairmont's Downtown Plaza** where you'll find specialty shops to take care of those last minute Christmas gifts.

11 – 12:30 pm

Enjoy a catered lunch at one of our greatest art venues, the **Red Rock Center for the Arts**. Tour the restored 1898 red stone building that was once a church and now houses a location for many local artists to display their work.

For more information or to customize this itinerary for your group please contact your tour operator or the Fairmont Convention & Visitor's Bureau 800-657-3280, [www.VisitFairmontMN.com](http://www.VisitFairmontMN.com).



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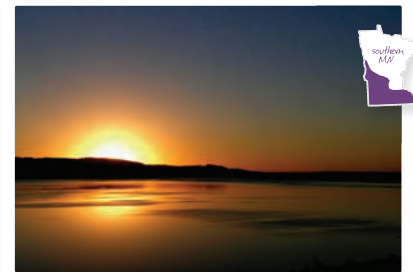


## Back to Nature

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 1800s. 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 area. You'll find specialty shops, boutiques and galleries with a wide range of unique products and local goods.

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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## Good Times in Albert Lea!

This sample itinerary is best during the spring and summer months.

### day one

10 – 11:00 am

Start your day with a tour of the **Freeborn County Historical Museum**, rated one of the finest history complexes in Minnesota and home to both the “Minnesota Rock & Country Hall of Fame” and to Marion Ross of “Happy Days.” The village depicts the lives of early settlers, with 14 buildings that include a one-room school, general store, church, and jail. Plus see exhibits on the Civil War, history of the town and more.

11 – 12:00 pm

Visit the **Story Lady Doll & Toy Museum**. Enjoy over 1,000 dolls and toys including antiques, story-book characters, designer dolls and more.

12 – 1:15 pm

Dine at **Crescendo**, located in a building dating back to 1883, full of turn of the century charm and featuring exquisite food, an extensive wine list and live piano music.

1:15 – 3:00 pm

Embark on a breathtaking cruise on picturesque Albert Lea Lake, aboard the **Pelican Breeze II Cruise Boat**. Sit back and relax on this 60-foot riverboat replica. Enjoy wildlife and the historic sites as your guides describe the history behind this charming natural area.

3 – 5:00 pm

View unique displays of plant material, garden accents and home décor at the **Garden Diva Design Studio**. They feature professional landscape designs from classic, formal gardens to the modern contemporary oasis. Perfect group photo opportunities!

5 – 5:30 pm

Check into one of the area’s many group-friendly hotels.

5:30 – 7:15 pm

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

7:15 pm

**Marion Ross Performing Arts Center**. Renamed in 2008 in honor of actress Marion Ross, famous for her role as Mrs. Cunningham on “Happy Days.” Features many performances throughout the year, including concerts, tributes and comedy specials. Call for show schedules.

### day two

9 – 10:00 am

Enjoy a complimentary breakfast in your hotel.

10 – 11:00 am

Tour the **Itasca Rock Garden** before you head for home. It is a privately owned garden with two small structures resembling castles, two stone bridges, a pond, and more!

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This is for the sesquicentennial celebration of the American Civil War. Here you will have an opportunity to experience daily life during the 1860s, as Americans from the North and South reenact the lives of real people from that era. Commerce, fashion, games, transportation, weapons of war and bloody combat will display the drama and reality of this momentous period when our nation came so close to its ending.

The grounds at Wasioja are open from 9am to 6pm each day. When you arrive in Dodge County, there will be accommodations for parking at Triton School, Dodge Center, Dodge County Fairgrounds and Kasson/Mantorville School in Kasson. Shuttle service will be available from each parking location to the reenactment site.

You will be welcomed at the site by characters you will recognize from your history studies, perhaps President and Mrs. Lincoln or one of the many Civil War generals or an 1860s sutler (merchant). There will be many sutlers offering period merchandise and Civil War period workshops where craftsmen are at work. You can wander around and meet politicians, officers,

soldiers, citizens and children with whom you can discuss the events of the Civil War and the impact it had on their lives.

Daily there will be reenactments of life during the 1860s, including Civil War era fashion shows, authentic cannon firing demonstrations, sutlers hawking merchandise, horses, carriages and other special events and things to see:

- The only remaining Civil War recruiting station west of the Mississippi River
- Wasioja Seminary remains
- Cemetery where area Civil War veterans are buried
- Sunday morning worship service

Each day there will be a reenactment of one famous battle of the Civil War beginning at 1pm on the Wasioja battle field.

- Friday will be the Battle of Chickamauga
- Saturday will be the First Battle of Bull Run/Manassas
- Sunday will be the Battle of Appomattox

Don't miss this chance to step back in time for an exciting glimpse of our nation's history.

Check out more [www.civilwarmn.com](http://www.civilwarmn.com).



## Mankato: Heritage - History - Homemade Pie!

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



### day one

10 – 10:30 am

Visit **Reconciliation Park** for a history lesson on the 1862 Dakota Conflict. A buffalo stands there, sculpted from a 67-ton block of local Kasota limestone, and is surrounded by native flowers and prairie grasses. Symbolizing the spiritual survival of the Dakota People and the Dakota heritage of this area.

10:30 – 11:30 am

Move over to the **Historic Hubbard House**, built in 1871; is one of the finest homes of its time.

11:30 – 1:30 pm

Enjoy a unique atmosphere and a leisurely lunch, including wine tasting at **The Wine Café**.

1:30 – 5:00 pm

Shop along **Riverfront Drive** at their unique boutiques. Take a break and sit for a spell in **Riverfront Park**, built on the **Minnesota River**.

5 – 7:00 pm

Check into any one of Mankato's hotels, all are superb at handling groups!

7 – 9:00 pm

Enjoy some "killer entertainment" performed by the local Merely Players Theater Group at their **Murder Mystery Dinner Theater** at **Redsky Lounge**.

### day two

9 – 11:00 am

Re-read the **Betsy-Tacy** books on the drive so the stories are fresh as you tour the home of the author, Maud Lovelace.

11 – 12:30 pm

Step back in time for lunch at **The Butler House B & B**, an English-Style Mansion.

1 – 3:00 pm

End the day in Good Thunder, and see the **World's Largest Firing Rifle!**

For more information or to customize this sample itinerary for your group please contact your tour operator or the Greater Mankato CVB 507-385-6660 or [eventsupport@greatermankato.com](mailto:eventsupport@greatermankato.com).



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## entertainment & theater

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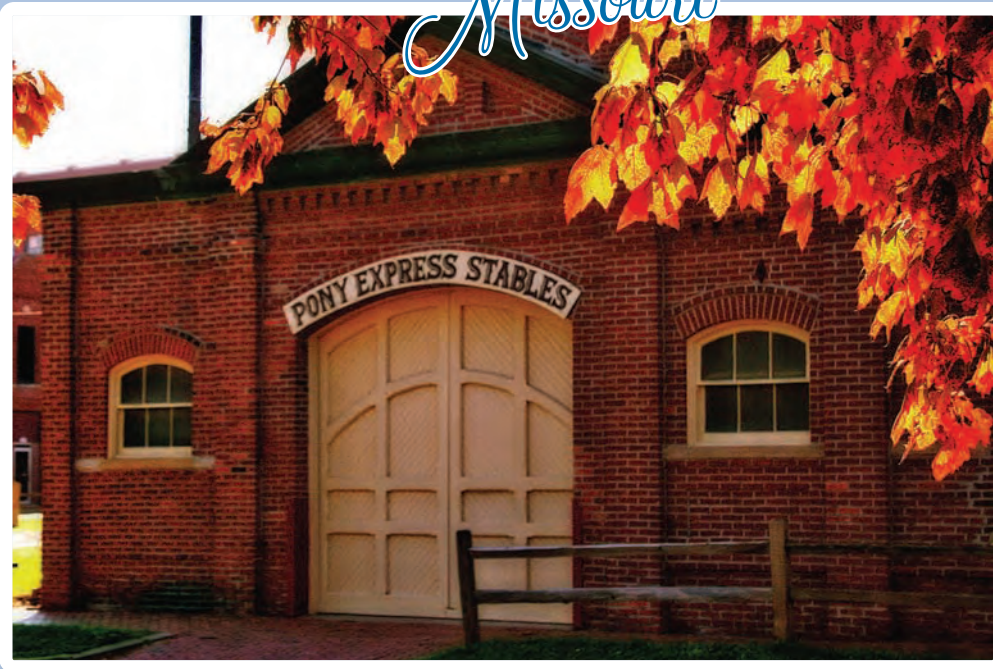
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## Missouri



## St. Joseph

Recently named the “#1 Top Western Town” by True West Magazine, St. Joseph helped pave the way for the expansion and development of the Wild West. Their history is full of outlaws including Jesse James, who finally met his demise here as well as many heroes, like the first riders of the Pony Express.

On April 3, 1860, a lone rider left on horseback from the gates of one of the nation's most historic landmarks, the **Pikes Peak Stables** in St. Joseph. Carrying saddlebags filled with our nation's hopes and dreams, the riders traveled 2000 miles west to Sacramento, California. These brave young souls raced against nature's cruel elements and rugged terrain in an attempt to unite a country separated by distance. Today the stables continue to stand as a tribute to the legend and legacy at the **Pony Express Museum**. View state-of-the-art exhibits that illustrate the need, creation, operation and termination of the Pony Express. Also see the Pony Express headquarters at the **Patee House**. Here you can climb aboard an 1860 train and ride the vintage “Wild Thing” carousel as well as view two floors of exhibits. The Patee House is also one block away from the home of Jesse James, where he was shot and killed by Bob Ford. The museum features artifacts from Jesse's life and death. Do you want more Jesse James? If so, join in on the **Jesse James Driving Tour** - a multi-county/city driving tour of Jesse James related attractions and location. (See location on map, page 36)

### howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in missouri...

**Branson** – As we already know, Branson is known for their entertainment options. Therefore, we should mention some of their Wild West shows. The Circle B Chuckwagon & Cowboy Music Show – a chuck wagon feast with old-fashioned cowboy tunes and sibling rivalry; Clay Cooper's Country Music Express – a high-energy variety show filled with singin', dancin', trick-ropin', gun-slingin' and comedy; and Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede Dinner – featuring 32 horses, a stampede of longhorns, thrilling trick riding and special effects, to name a few!

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**Independence, 1859 Jail, Marshal's Home & Museum** – The two-story 1859 Jackson County Jail, with barred windows, double iron doors and leg chains, once housed Frank James, Jesse James' notorious brother. Groups will be amazed to learn how James was treated like a hero and

showered with gifts throughout his incarceration. Four feet away, the back wall of the federalist-style marshal's house rises, which was home for county marshals until the early 1930s. Special exhibits include a collection of confiscated handmade weapons.

**Kearney, Jesse James Farm & Museum** – The birthplace of Jesse James. The museum features one of the largest collections of James family artifacts; Jesse's original gravesite; the family home; and a slave cabin. Group tour includes: an interpretive video about the life of Jesse and Frank James; galleries of artifacts and memorabilia; a guided tour of the James family homestead. Purchase books, gifts and Civil War souvenirs sold at the museum store.

**Stanton, Jesse James Wax Museum** – Did Bob Ford really gun down Jesse James in 1882 or did Jesse live until 1951? You be the judge! You will be amazed as you view live film footage of Jesse James and eyewitnesses; examine the photographs; study the fascinating displays; observe the wax figures; and gaze at the \$100,000 collection of vintage firearms and personal belongings of Jesse and his gang. Make sure to check out the unique gift shop too!



### missouri cities

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### calendar of events

#### november

- **Branson Area Festival of Lights**  
Nov 1-Jan 2, Branson 877-272-6766
- **Ozark Mountain Christmas Lights Tour of Branson**  
November 1-December 31, Branson 417-331-1316
- **Holiday Park**  
Nov 26-Jan 1, St. Joseph 800-785-0360

#### december

- **“A Laura Ingalls Wilder Christmas”**  
December 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, Jefferson City 573-634-5313
- **Honky Tonk Angels**  
December 2-19, St. Joseph 816-901-9100
- **Irving Berlin's White Christmas: The Musical**  
Dec 3-5, Springfield 417-836-7678
- **WinterFest Visual & Performing Arts Festival**  
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- **Annual Candlelight Christmas Tour**  
December 3-11, St. Louis 636-798-2005
- **Missouri Town 1855: A Christmas Celebration**  
December 11, Blue Springs 816-503-4860
- **Say Cheese Wine Trail**  
December 11-12, Hermann 800-932-8687

#### january

- **The Loop Ice Carnival**  
January 14-15, St. Louis 314-727-8000
- **Gospel Music USA**  
January 7-9, Jefferson City 660-665-7172
- **Fete De Glace...Ice Carving Competition**  
January 29, St. Charles 800-366-2427
- **93rd Annual Orchid Show**  
Jan 29-Mar 27, St. Louis 314-577-9400

#### february

- **Las Vegas Tribute to Motown**  
February 19, St. Joseph 816-279-1225
- **Chocolate Wine Trail**  
February 19-20, Hermann 800-932-8687

#### march

- **Irish Village**  
March 12, St. Louis 314-241-PATS
- **37th Annual Kansas City St. Patrick's Day Parade**  
March 17, Kansas City 816-931-7373
- **A Musical Matter of Life & Death**  
March 26, St. Joseph 816-233-7701

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)



# Where the North fought the South And the East left for the West



The city of **St. Joseph** represented the central hub of all the country's major communication and commercial passage routes in the middle of the 1800s and during the Civil War. Of particular importance, it was the western terminus of the nation's railroad system in 1861. Also, it was the eastern terminus of the **Pony Express** overland mail route to California which kept the communication lines open to the vast western regions of the country; which has been credited with helping pacify and keep California in the Union. Additionally, the city served as a major steamboat terminus linking the **Missouri-Mississippi-Ohio River** complex connecting river passage across the country.

St. Joseph also became one of the major western migration departure points on the **Oregon-California Trails** and had a connecting link to the **Santa Fe Trail**. The town was known as the "Gateway to the West." Lastly, it operated as the western terminus for the telegraph. All of these points made St. Joseph of immense strategic and geographic importance during the Civil War.

### 9 – 10:15 am

The **St. Joseph Museum** is dedicated to the history of St. Joseph from pre-history to contemporary times. They have a host of exhibits on the medical aspects of the Civil War, from stories illustrating the conditions faced by soldiers and others who were injured in the fighting. Exhibits also feature the

advances made in battlefield medical care since that time.

### 10:15 – 11:30 am

Driving tour to include **Fort Smith**, remnants of a Civil War Fort in St. Joseph and **Mt. Mora Cemetery**, where several hundred Confederate and Union Soldiers are buried, including General M. Jeff Thompson aka "Swamp Fox."

### 11:30 – 1:00 pm

Lunch

### 1 – 2:30 pm

Mount up and head to the "Stables" of the **Pony Express Museum**. The famous mail delivery service

started within these very walls on April 3, 1860. Your guide will give a personalized tour of exhibits covering the creation, running and demise of the Pony Express.

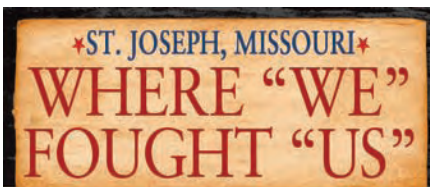
### 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Step back in time at the **Patee House Museum** and **Jesse James Home**. The Patee House was the original hotel that housed the headquarters for The Pony Express in 1860 and was the finest hotel west of the Mississippi. Civil War "Formal Balls" were held in the Ballroom. Today, it offers a "hands-on" look at St. Joe's history. Stroll down **Old Main Street** (every storefront has an item that does not fit the era – you have to find it!), climb aboard a steam engine and visit the little house where Jesse James was shot and killed. End your tour on the "Wild Thing Carousel".

### 4:00 pm

Head for Home or stay the night at a **St. Joe Hotel**.

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### howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in nebraska...

**Gothenburg, Sod House Museum** – Site includes a sod house, a barn housing photographs and memorabilia, and wooden windmills in an old farmstead setting. Don’t miss the life-size sculpture of a bison and American Indian on horseback made from barbed wire.

**Kearney** – The Great Platte River Road Archway is an adventure that will transport you back in time to an era when covered wagons, hand-pulled carts, and trains first criss-crossed the prairies. The staff, dressed in authentic clothing of the period, will welcome you with smiles and a warm “howdy” when your bus pulls in. Plus, head to the Fort Kearny State Historical Park, built to protect Overland Trail travelers. It was a stage station, home station for the Pony Express, outfitting depot for Indian campaigns and home of the Pawnee Scouts. The stockade, parade grounds and blacksmith shop have been rebuilt.

**Minden, Harold Warp Pioneer Village** – The Pioneer Village complex comprises 28 buildings on 20 acres housing over 50,000 irreplaceable items of historical value. 12 historic buildings, with a Frontier Fort, a real Pony Express Station, and a house made out of sod. Mosey around the general store, chock full of goods from yesteryear. Ride a priceless steam carousel; see 17 historic flying machines and marvel at 100 antique tractors.

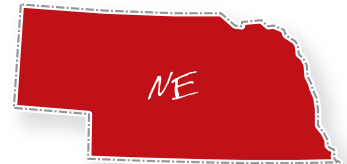
**Neligh, The Antelope County Pioneers** – One bus stop - three facilities: See the main museum, housed in an old county jail, a reproduction log cabin and the Pioneer Church.

We invite the public to visit and enjoy our museum. We have an excellent collection of artifacts representing the early history of the county and an extensive document and photograph collection.

**Ogallala, Front Street and Cowboy Museum** – Recreation of 1880s Main Street. They have gathered some local antiques, artifacts and detailed some of their more colorful cowboy stories to share with y’all. Western stage show Memorial Day weekend thru mid-Aug. Museum, gift shop, steakhouse and saloon.

**Omaha, First National’s Spirit of Nebraska’s Wilderness and Pioneer Courage Park** – The Park of bronze sculptures begins with a wagon train heading west, causing a heard of bison to stampede. The bison emerge onto Dodge Street where they flush a flock of Canada geese. The geese take flight and conclude with their flying into the First National Tower. Together, there’s more than 100 individual bronze pieces integrated within an urban environment that covers more than six city blocks.

**Red Cloud, Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation** – Dedicated to the Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist who wrote so descriptively about the pioneers. Tour 7 restored historic buildings including Burlington Depot, Episcopal Church, Catholic Church, Garber Bank Building, Harling House, her beloved Opera House and the Cather childhood home.



### 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

#### november

- **Gingerbread Festival: “A Season of Memories”**  
Nov 20-Jan 1, Omaha 402-453-9372
- **Holiday Lights Festival**  
Nov 25-Dec 31, Omaha 402-345-5401
- **“Light of the World” Christmas Pageant**  
Nov 27, Dec 5 & 12, Minden 308-832-1811

#### december

- **Singing Christmas Tree**  
December 4-5, 11-12 & 18-19, Grand Island 800-658-3178
- **Stuhr Museum’s Award Winning: “Christmas Past & Present”**  
Dec 4 & 10-12, Grand Island 308-385-5316
- **23rd Annual Christmas Tree Walk**  
Dec 4-12, Kearney 800-652-9435
- **15th Annual Christmas Tree & Wreath Festival**  
December 5-12, Alliance 308-762-2384
- **“Every Christmas Story Ever Told”**  
December 7-12, Grand Island 308-382-2586
- **15th Annual Christmas at the Cathedral**  
December 10-12, Omaha 402-496-0602

#### january

- **Cabin Fever Antique Show**  
January 8-9, Lincoln 402-432-1451
- **PRCA Championship Rodeo**  
January 28-29, Lincoln 402-441-8744
- **6th Annual Chilympiad**  
January 30, Milligan 402-629-4446

#### february

- **Sandhill Crane Spring Migration**  
mid-February thru mid-April, Grand Island 800-658-3178
- **Annual Nebraska Wines Festival**  
February 13, Milligan 402-629-4446
- **Cowboy Poetry & Music Jam at Bowring Ranch**  
February 27, Merriman 308-684-3428

#### march

- **True/False Film Festival**  
March 3-6, Columbia 800-652-0987
- **2011 Rivers & Wildlife Celebration’s Wild Experience**  
March 19, Kearney 402-472-8741
- **National Quilting Day Festivities**  
March 19, Lincoln 402-483-0453
- **Lancaster Antique Show**  
March 26-27, Lincoln 402-432-1451

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## 2010 Winter Activities in GRAND ISLAND!



### Singing Christmas Tree

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For more information and to book your tour contact Tricia at 800-658-3178 or tbeem@visitgrandisland.com.

### Stuhr Museum's Award Winning: 'Christmas Past & Present'

Lamplight tours of authentic historic homes and businesses in Railroad Town. Each with period holiday decorations and traditions plus music, cider and good cheer for all! Another holiday season favorite is a tree decorating competition, Fantasy of Trees, with over 40 themed Christmas trees competing for People's Choice in the Stuhr building. December 4, 10 & 11, 6pm-9pm & December 12, 2pm-5pm. Special Group/Senior rate \$7.00.

## VIEW Grand Island!

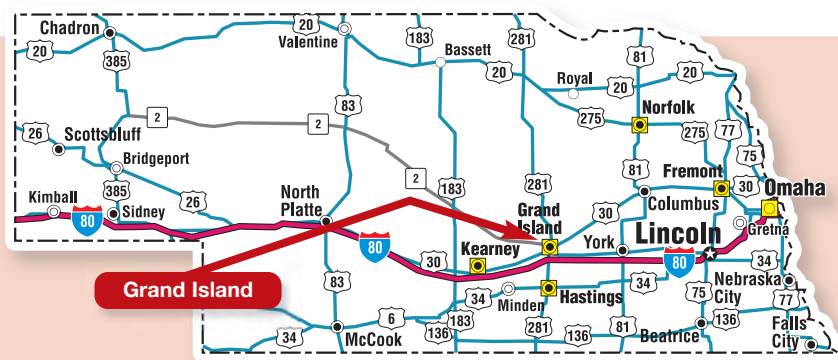
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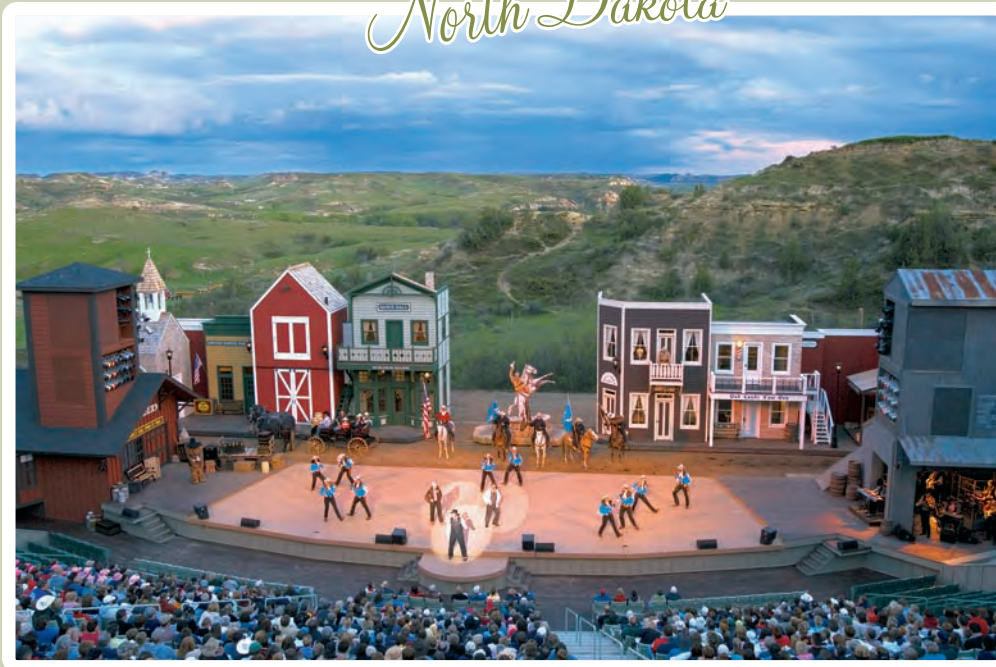
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## Medora

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### howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in north dakota...

**Bismarck, Annual United Tribes International Powwow** – Held annually in the Lone Star Arena at United Tribes Technical College. Enjoy this impressive Pow-wow, representing over 70 tribes, with over 1500 dancers and drummers, and drawing over 20,000 spectators - a must-see event! On ABA's list of 100 best events!

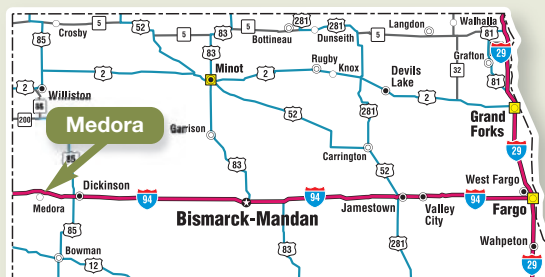
**Jamestown, Frontier Village and World's Largest Buffalo Monument** – Guide your group into a prairie town from the early days of the west. They have re-created the town by bringing 24 original buildings from the frontier villages to this site and filled them with antiques and artifacts to let you experience what life was like for those that lived on the prairie. Feed the buffalo in the village, and if it is the season is right, you will be able to see the baby bison. You can also take a stagecoach ride & see the World's Largest Buffalo Monument, with live ones grazing right beneath it.

**Killdeer, Badlands Trails Rides** – For a trip that is a little more adventurous, take your group for a ride along the trails. You will be treated to a guided horseback trail-ride through the spectacular scenery of the North Dakota badlands on a western adventure. They will match you with the right horse and the right trails and provide riding tips.

**Mandan, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park** – Visitors can relive what the Fort was like for General Custer and his command in 1875. We invite you to take a step "back to 1875" as uniformed soldiers and laundresses conduct living history guided tours through the reconstructed Custer House and Central Barracks. Come out to Fort Abraham Lincoln and relive the legacy!

**Washburn, Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center** – Located along the Lewis & Clark Trail, discover the legacy of these two frontiersmen, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. You can experience the heroic and human sides of these explorers and their friendship with the area's Native Americans. The center has recently expanded, with a new exhibit gallery telling the story of Fort Clark and the fur trade and steamboat era. A spacious rest area is provided, along with a gift shop to take home part of the Lewis & Clark Trail experience.

**Watford (north unit entrance), Theodore Roosevelt National Park** – Roll your bus into the Grand Canyon of the North, only half as deep and a lot more complex. It has great opportunities for take-your-breath-away hiking, biking and scenic viewing. Visit the Long X Trading Post Visitors Center on this end, showcasing the ranching and trail driving lifestyle of the 1880s. The 70,000-acre park and its rugged topography honor Theodore Roosevelt, who ranched in the Badlands and later established the national park system.



## north dakota cities

BISMARCK-MANDAN, BOTTINEAU, BOWMAN, CROSBY, DEVILS LAKE, DICKINSON, FARGO/MOORHEAD, GARRISON, GRAFTON, GRAND FORKS, JAMESTOWN, LANGDON, MEDORA, MINOT, RUGBY, VALLEY CITY, WAHPETON, WEST FARGO, WILLISTON

## calendar of events

### november

- **Festival of the Season**  
November 26-Dec 25, Minot 701-838-4445
- **14th Annual Sertoma Christmas in the Park**  
Nov 27-Dec 31, Bismarck 800-767-3555
- **Dickens Village Festival** November 26-28, Dec 3-4, 10-11, Garrison 800-799-4242

### december

- **Christmas in the Park 2010**  
December 1-31, Grand Forks 701-795-1115
- **Fargo Moorhead Holiday Lights in Lindenwood Park** December 1-31, Fargo 701-261-3412
- **Medora's 15th Annual Old Fashioned Cowboy Christmas** December 3, Medora 701-623-4829
- **41st Annual Celebration of Christmas Music** December 4, Crosby 701-965-2266
- **Christmas Memories** December 4-5, West Fargo 701-282-2822

### january

- **Winter Wonderland 2011**  
January 21, Bismarck 701-258-1975
- **Trinity Mardi Gras**  
January 28-30, Dickinson 701-483-6092
- **Winter Wheels Car Show**  
January 29, Jamestown 800-222-4766

### february

- **Cabin Fever Days**  
February 4-13, Jamestown 701-252-3982
- **Norski Days in Fort Ransom**  
February 5-6, Fort Ransom 701-973-4481
- **Winter Adventure**  
February 12, Stantton 701-745-3300

### march

- **All Shook Up** Mar 1, Grand Forks 701-777-4090
- **Fargo Film Festival**  
March 1-5, Fargo 701-239-8385
- **Prairie Quilt Festival**  
March 17-20, Minot 800-264-2626
- **Taste of Hazen** Mar 21, Hazen 888-464-2936

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## directory & map

### attractions

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

### convention & visitors bureaus and chambers

- Fargo-Moorhead CVB**  
Fargo..... **800-235-7654**



## 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, Spirit of the West Festival

Travel back in time, be entertained, and shop the many vendors during this three-day event held in September. The goal of the Festival is to keep the history and spirit of the cowboys and old west alive. Complete with trail rides, live performers and chuck wagon cook offs! Whether you're attracted by the history of the west, western collectibles, or the lore of the cowboy, there's something for everyone at the Spirit of the West Festival. (See location on map, page 43)

### howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in south dakota...

**Custer, Crazy Horse Memorial** – Crazy Horse Memorial, world's largest mountain carving in progress. Experience American Indian museums and visit with American Indian artists at work in the educational/cultural center and see sculptor's log studio-home and workshop.

**Deadwood** – The famous and the infamous have called Deadwood and the Black Hills home over the last several centuries. Lewis and Clark, Wild Bill Hickok, Wyatt Earp, George Armstrong Custer, Poker Alice, the Sundance Kid, Calamity Jane, and many others, follow their footsteps as you explore the beauty and history of this one-of-a-kind Wild West town. Check out Deadwood's Wild Events. These wild parties take over Main Street and the fun doesn't end when the sun goes down.

**Hot Springs, Black Hills Wild Horse Sanctuary** – Explore one of America's greatest private wilderness areas! Travel back in time and view the rugged natural beauty of America as it was 100 years ago and see hundreds of wild mustangs roaming free. View Native American Ceremonial Sites and the Lakota Sundance Ceremony, held in June. See glimpses of the weathering remains of early pioneer homesteads and travel past a restored one-room Coffee Flats schoolhouse.

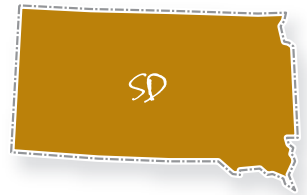
**Keystone, Big Thunder Gold Mine** – They have recaptured the excitement and romance of this bygone era. Find yourself traveling back in time as you tour the authentic 1890's gold mine and learn about the mining experience and explore the museum with knowledgeable guides. Have a birthday party for someone in your group - including gold panning (with guaranteed gold!), cake, and party favors.

**Murdo, 1880's Town** – Walk down Main Street of this 1880 town and explore more than 30 buildings authentically furnished with thousands of relics. Enjoy the rolling terrain of a sprawling homestead and envision life on the prairie. View memorabilia from the late Casey Tibbs, a champion rodeo bronc rider, and many props, such as the wagons that were used in filming the movie "Dances with Wolves".

**Rapid City, Flying T Chuckwagon** – For over 30 years they have been serving up some serious cowboy grub. Your group will delight in the atmosphere and real west experience in the heart of the Black Hills. From the site of the famous Western Cattle Trail, the Flying T serves up fun and food for all, specializing in a hearty western meal with all the trimmings. Following dinner, professional musicians entertain you with old time music, cowboy ballads, country swing, & bluegrass favorites.

**Rapid City, Circle B Ranch** – Step back in time as you stroll along the wooden sidewalks of the Old West town, browse in the Wild Horse Gift Shop, or sip a cold sarsaparilla in the Circle B Stage Stop. Take your group on their Black Hills Wild West Adventure. Saddle up and get ready to explore the Wild West of South Dakota's Black Hills. The rich history features larger than life personalities from pioneers, lawmen and outlaws to American Indians and cowboys.

**Wall, Wounded Knee Museum** – The Museum brings history to life, telling the unforgettable story of the last major military operation by the US in its long battle to subdue the Native populations of North America. Your group will learn about the events leading up to the massacre from the perspective of both the United States and the Lakota Nation.



### south dakota cities

ABERDEEN, BELLE FOURCHE, BERESFORD, BRIDGER, BROOKINGS, CHAMBERLAIN, CRAZY HORSE, DEADWOOD, DE SMET, FLANDREAU, GARRETSON, KEYSTONE, LAKE CITY, MITCHELL, MOBRIDGE, PLATTE, PIERRE, RAPID CITY, ROSLYN, SELBY, SIOUX FALLS, STURGIS, WATERTOWN, WEBSTER, YANKTON

### calendar of events

#### november

- **Winter Wonderland At Falls Park**  
Nov 20-Jan 2, Sioux Falls 800-333-2072

#### december

- **Centerville Country Christmas**  
December 4, Centerville 605-563-2291
- **Christmas Festival**  
December 4-5, Custer 605-673-2443
- **Decades of Christmas**  
Dec 4-5, 11-12, Deadwood 605-578-1928
- **Annual Fezzwig Festival at Prairie Berry Winery**  
December 5-6, Hill City 605-574-3898
- **Christmas Nativities from Around the World**  
December 9, Watertown 800-658-4505
- **Country Fair Arts & Crafts Show/ Christmas Show** December 11-12, Rapid City 800-487-3223

#### january

- **Downtown Winter Crazy Days**  
January 14-17, Sioux Falls 800-333-2072
- **Sisseton Winter Show**  
January 21-22, Sisseton 605-698-7627
- **Winter Wonderland Weekend**  
January 21-23 & February 11-13, Wilmot 605-938-4707
- **Black Hills Stock Show & Rodeo**  
January 28-February 7, Rapid City 605-355-3861

#### february

- **"Harvey"**  
February 3-6, 11-13, Yankton 605-665-4711
- **Broadway Series: Wizard of Oz**  
February 11-12, Rapid City 800-468-6463
- **Winterfest of Wheels**  
February 11-13, Sioux Falls 800-333-2072

#### march

- **Mardi Gras Weekend**  
March 4-5, Deadwood 800-344-8826
- **Badlands Quilters Getaway**  
March 11-12, Wall 605-279-2665
- **St. Patrick's Day Weekend**  
March 17-19, Deadwood 800-999-1876

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**Cathy Buchheim, Sales Manager**  
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As the leaves begin to turn so does the temperature, which may start you thinking of holiday activities. Your daytrip or extended excursion planning begins here.

### Sioux Falls Itinerary

Begin your day by getting a handle on your holiday shopping list. The holiday red carpet is being rolled out and each signature decoration is being put in place in order to help you find that little special something for everyone on your list. Be sure to bring an extra suitcase because with approximately 200 stores under one roof, the Empire Mall is the largest shopping complex between Minneapolis and Denver. You are sure to get your fill. Bus group welcomes can be arranged through the mall office, contact them for further details.

Relax as you dine at one of our 500 restaurants, there are options to suit any taste. If a local taste is what you had in mind, the Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau has a list of restaurants of local flair.

There is something for everyone here! From Broadway musicals to concerts to local theater and holiday shows. The Washington Pavilion has an 1,800 seat performance hall to fulfill any holiday wish list.

To top the evening off right, drive through Winter Wonderland in Falls Park. This enchanting winter attraction lets you enjoy the sights and sounds as you celebrate the spirit of the season.

With the arrival of winter and holiday seasons, Sioux Falls offers a variety of activities ranging from outdoor recreation to performances. Come see what we have to offer. For a complete listing of events, visit [www.SiouxFallsEvents.com](http://www.SiouxFallsEvents.com)

Check out our website for more itinerary adventures or call Cathy at 800-333-2072 or email [cbuchheim@siouxfalls.com](mailto:cbuchheim@siouxfalls.com).




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### Winter Wonderland at Falls Park

Falls Park is located on the banks of the Big Sioux River. *Winter Wonderland* at Falls Park (see picture upper right) runs from mid-November to the first week in January each year. The park becomes a spectacular "Winter Wonderland", with breathtaking lights throughout the entire park. Don't miss this enchanting winter attraction.

### Performances & Theatrical Productions

Sioux Falls offers something for everyone! From Broadway musicals to concerts to local theater, check out our upcoming schedule for holiday shows, dinner theater and more! Home to the 1,800 seat Mary W. Sommervold Great Hall at the Washington Pavilion and the Orpheum Theater with seating for nearly 700.

### Great Bear Recreation Park

Home to skiing, snowboarding, and tubing fun for everyone. Located just 3 miles east of Sioux Falls, they offer 14 downhill trails, 1 quad chair lift, 2 handle tow lifts, a terrain park, and Eastern South Dakota's only tubing park and lift. With the latest snowmaking techniques, a

recently remodeled chalet, and a qualified ski school staff, Great Bear is the place to experience the exhilaration of winter!

### Other Outdoor activities

Are you looking for a unique outing for a hot time at a cool place? Sioux Falls is well known for its parks and has six beautiful ice skating rinks around the city. Each ice rink has a warming house, concessions, and skate rentals. Another popular venue is the Sherman Park hockey rink! It is available for open use when not being used by scheduled groups.

Did you know that Sioux Falls has three Nordic ski trails within the city limits? All trails offer a variety of skill levels, scenic wooded areas, and a surefire way to get some exercise. The Great Bear trail location also offers lessons for the beginning skier.

Snowshoeing is a very easy and enjoyable way to get outside during the snowy winter days. All you need is a sense of adventure and good boots. If you do not have your own snowshoes, you can borrow them from South Dakota State Parks. The parks have snowshoes that fit anyone from youth to adult, and they are free to check out for a day or a weekend.

For more information please call 800-333-2072 or visit [www.siouxfallscvb.com](http://www.siouxfallscvb.com).



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### attractions

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

900 Governors Drive – Pierre, SD 57501  
[www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov)  
Explore South Dakota's history—list your home on the National Register of Historic Places, read our publications, study in our research room, and visit our museum. Guided group tours available.

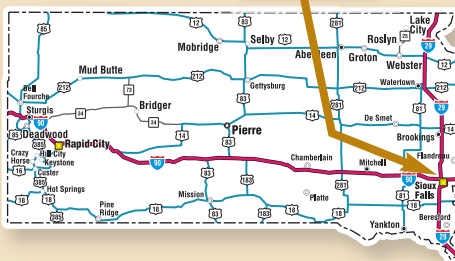
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**Department of Tourism & State Development**  
Pierre ..... 800-S-DAKOTA

**Sioux Falls Convention & Visitors Bureau** ..... 605-336-1620  
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Sioux Falls, South Dakota's largest city is located at the junction of I-90 and I-29... abundant shopping, local flavor restaurants, vibrant downtown, accommodating hotels and historic Falls Park! Need Assistance?? Tour Itineraries, step-on-guides—we've got it!

### Sioux Falls



## South Dakota history comes alive at CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER

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. It 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. It also has a gift shop featuring South Dakota-made products.

One of the featured items displayed in the museum, is "Kittie," a fully-restored stagecoach that ran daily between Deadwood, SD and Medora, ND in the 1880s. The 36-hour journey cost passengers \$21.50. Believe it or not, the air-conditioning is on!

There is a small admission fee for the museum gallery. Tour Groups are discounted, and children under 18 and members of the State Historical Society are free. To check the center's hours and for more information call 605-773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov).

*South Dakota*  
**CULTURAL HERITAGE CENTER**

State Museum and Archives  
900 Governors Drive  
Pierre, South Dakota  
605-773-3458 • [history.sd.gov](http://history.sd.gov)  
Group rates available



## upper peninsula cities

CALUMET, CURTIS, CRYSTAL FALLS, ESCANABA, IRON MOUNTAIN, IRON RIVER, IRONWOOD, GLADSTONE, GRAND MARAIS, HOUGHTON, MARQUETTE, MENOMINEE, MUNISING, NEWBERRY, ONTONAGON, ST. IGNACE, SAULT ST MARIE, WAKEFIELD, WATERSMEET

## calendar of events

### december

- **Newberry Merry Christmas Celebration**  
December 2, Newberry 800-831-7292
- **Jack Frost Festival of Lights Parade**  
December 3, Ironwood 906-932-1122
- **Mending Fences**  
December 3-5, Escanaba 906-789-7468
- **Old-Fashioned Christmas**  
December 8-11, Chassell 906-523-4612
- **"Mending Fences"**  
December 9-11, Escanaba 906-789-7466
- **Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree**  
December 17-19, Harris 877-ISL-SHOW

### january

- **12th Annual Tahquamenon Country Sled Dog Race**  
January 8, Newberry 800-831-7292
- **SISU Ski Fest**  
January 14-15, Ironwood 906-932-1122
- **Heikki Lunta Festival**  
January 15-16, Teal Lake 906-486-8084

### february

- **Michigan Ice Fest**  
February 4-6, Munising 906-387-5710
- **90th Annual Michigan Tech Winter Carnival**  
February 9-13, Houghton 888-688-1885
- **Snowfest**  
February 17-20, Les Cheneaux 906-484-3935
- **Winterfest**  
February 17-20, Munising 906-387-5710
- **UP 200 Dog Sled Race**  
February 17-22, Marquette 906-228-3072
- **Players de Noc presents: "The Drowsy Chaperone"**  
February 25-27 & March 2-5, Escanaba 906-789-7468

### march

- **2nd Annual CopperDog 150 Race**  
March 4-6, Calumet 800-338-7982
- **Great Lakes Art Showcase**  
March 27-29, Houghton 906-487-2067

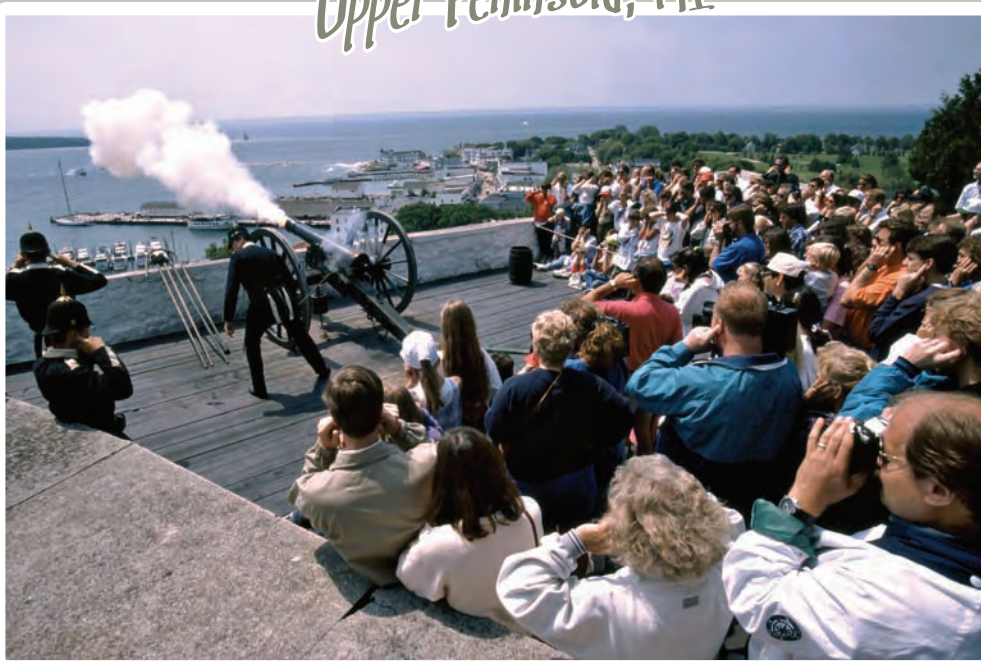
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Upper Peninsula Travel & Recreation Association Iron Mountain **800-562-7134**

# 5-Star Wilderness® ITINERARIES Upper Peninsula, MI®



## Mackinac Island, Fort Mackinac

Towering 150 feet above the majestic **Straits of Mackinac** is a fort once occupied by 18th-century British Redcoats and 19th-century American soldiers. It overlooks **Marquette Park**, which at one time served as a garden for soldiers. Inside the fort walls are 14 original buildings, including the oldest building in Michigan, all filled with interactive displays and period furnishings. This military compound holds significant history spanning several centuries. Step inside and hear bugle music, rifle fire, and a cannon blast. Dance to a 19th century tune, drill with soldiers, play Victorian children's games. It's the 1880s. Imagine it. And then walk inside and live it. (See location on map below)

## howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in michigan...

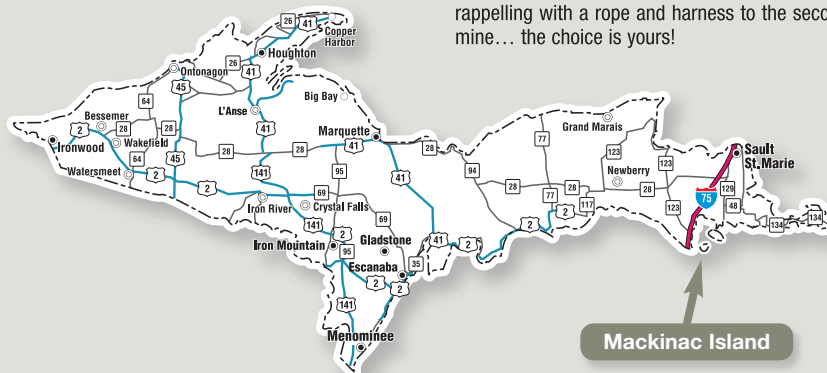
**Copper Harbor** – In the mid 19th century, **Fort Wilkins** was a U.S. Army post on the northern frontier. Experience what life was like for the fort's residents and for the light keepers at nearby Copper Harbor Lighthouse.

**Fort Wilkins Historic State Park** offers day use facilities and features a restored 1844 military outpost and one of the first lighthouses on Lake Superior. Restoration work and development began in the 1930s. Costumed interpreters demonstrate the history of the Keweenaw Peninsula Fort.

**Garden, Fayette Historic Townsite & State Park** – The voices and laughter of long-ago residents almost echo through the streets of this deserted 1880s company town. Once a bustling industrial community that manufactured charcoal pig iron from 1867 to 1891, Fayette offers visitors the unmatched

serenity of a Lake Michigan harbor, white cliffs and verdant forests. This well-preserved museum village features 20 structures including charcoal kilns, machine shop, office, hotel, town hall, company store, superintendent's house, and employees' homes. A modern visitor center, museum exhibits and walking tours recall another time when Fayette was a noisy dirty company town with an immigrant population that shared daily hardships, joys and sorrows.

**Greenland, Adventure Mining Company** – While visiting the Copper Country your group is invited to experience the best in underground mine tours with a tour through the historic Adventure Copper Mine. Located at the base of the Keweenaw Peninsula, they offer three guided underground tours of one of the best-preserved copper mines in Michigan. Walk through part or all of the tunnels on the first level or try your hand at rappelling with a rope and harness to the second level of the mine... the choice is yours!



# Travel Wisconsin ITINERARIES Wisconsin®



## Cadott, Cabin Ridge Rides

Your hosts will greet your bus when it arrives at Cabin Ridge Rides. The adventure begins with a horse drawn ride taking you deep within 400 acres of natural woods. Listen to the calming sounds of nature, chattering squirrels, and songbird melodies. Upon reaching the cabins you will be treated to a delicious meal in the gas lit lodge or on the shaded decks of Cabin Ridge. Next up is the "Concert in the Woods" by the acoustic contemporary folk group *Danville*. You will enjoy their four-part harmonies accompanied by a variety of musical instruments including guitars, mandolin, acoustic bass, harmonica, or maybe even a kazoo! Their songs as well as their stories about love, family, baseball, children, memories, and relationships will move you from tears to laughter.

Local Irish historian Judy Gannon Gilles makes history come alive by portraying her grandmother Ella in 1945. Your day winds down with a relaxing wagon ride out of the woods where you will end up at Judy's gift shop. (See location on map, page 49)

### howdy partners! discover more of the wild west in wisconsin...

**Danbury, Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park** – Located on 80 wooded acres along the Yellow River. Tours by period-dressed guides are offered from opening weekend in late May until the season's closing in September. The park is a living history site with reconstructed fur trade posts at the actual site that was active from 1802 to 1805. Adjacent to the Fort is an authentically re-created Woodland Indian Village. While there, visit the Museum & Gift Shop, Quebec-style Clay Oven, Outdoor Amphitheater, The Blacksmith Shop and more.

**Elkhorn, Watson's Wild West Dinner Theater and Western Museum** – Welcome to Watson's Wild West, a western experience you won't forget! This replica of an 1880s general store features thousands of artifacts and memorabilia from the 1880s cowboy era. Some of the treasures include: authentic 1800s firearms and artifacts; ornate spurs and clothing, saddles, and mounted buffalo, elk and deer. The bathroom wallpaper is made of "wanted" posters, traveling show ads and newspaper clippings. Enjoy panning for gold at the Tumbleweed Mine, Sarsaparilla sliding down the bar, and a gift shop.

**Greenbush, Wade House** – 1860's stagecoach inn built to serve stagecoach traffic along the road between Fond du Lac and Sheboygan. Hear the story of frontier entrepreneur Sylvanus Wade and his family during the Civil War years. See the recently reconstructed Herring sawmill, one of the few working, water-powered sawmills of its kind in the nation.

Also home to the Wesley Jung Carriage Museum, housing the state's largest collection of antique carriages and working wagons. Enjoy a Hearthside Dinner, where guests work alongside their hosts to prepare, serve and enjoy an authentic 19th century-style meal, served in the stagecoach inn's historic dining room.

**Reedsburg, Pioneer Log Village and Museum** – The Pioneer Settlement Displays 1890's log homes, library, church and cemetery, blacksmith shop, country school and store, located on 52 acres of pine forest and farm fields. You are invited to bring a picnic lunch or just take a leisurely tour through the village. All buildings have been restored to preserve the heritage of the Reedsburg area. Visitors will enjoy tours through three museum buildings containing farm artifacts, furnished kitchen, living room, and bedroom. There is an apothecary shop and a display of Clare Briggs cartoons.

**St. Croix, Glenna Farms** – Located less than one hour from the Minneapolis area, it's a great day trip to enjoy the beauty of northwest Wisconsin. Nestled among thousands of sugar maple trees, their farm tours are educational and fun for all ages. Tour the maple syrup process, (early settlers called maple syrup "Indian Molasses") take a hayride or pick a pumpkin (in season). Their core business is the production of Pure Maple Syrup, but their gift shop offers many favorite Wisconsin products, including cheese, honey, and several specialty foods and gift baskets.



### wisconsin cities

APPLETON, ASHLAND, BARABO, 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

#### december

- **Christmas Starts 2010**  
December 2-5, Appleton 920-733-8840
- **Christmas Lights in the Park**  
December 4-Jan 1, Turtle Lake 800-811-0338
- **Miracle on 34th Street**  
December 10-19, Racine 262-633-4218
- **White Christmas**  
December 16-19, Eau Claire 715-832-7529
- **Ho-Chunk New Year's Eve Sobriety Pow-wow**  
December 31, Tomah 414-975-9813
- **Big Top Chautauqua New Year's Eve**  
December 31-Jan 1, Washburn 715-373-1194

#### january

- **Loadmaster Classic Vintage Weekend**  
January 7-9, Eagle River 715-479-4424
- **Wine Wonderland**  
January 13, Janesville 608-755-4123
- **MadFest Juggling Festival**  
January 14-16, Madison 608-698-3677
- **Flake Out Festival**  
January 21-23, Wisconsin Dells 608-253-2200
- **Winterfest – Indoor/Outdoor Winter Festival**  
January 28-30, Beloit 800-423-5648

#### february

- **Winterfest & National Snow Sculpting Championships**  
February 2-6, Lake Geneva 800-345-1020
- **Fish Creek Winter Festival**  
February 4-6, Fish Creek 800-577-1880
- **Orchid Quest 2011**  
February 5-6, Madison 608-231-3163
- **Frozen Tundra Wine Fest**  
February 25-26, Kewaunee 888-932-0044

#### march

- **Bayfield Winter Festival**  
March 4-6, Bayfield 715-779-5408
- **Arti Gras**  
March 12-13, Green Bay 920-494-3401
- **Backyard Maple Syruping Workshop**  
Chilton 920-849-7094
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade & Irish Fest**  
March 19, New London 920-982-3891
- **East Africa Safari**  
March 21-22, Madison 608-262-2202

(Contact area CVBs for complete calendars)



# NATOW Nati

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

**W**elcome 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](http://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 Tsyunhekwia 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!



# ve American Tourism Of Wisconsin

## "SAMPLE ITINERARIES"

**N**ative 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**, **Tsyunhehkwá 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

Travel the short distance north on Hwy 32 to the **Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel**. Check into your room and unwind a bit before heading downstairs to the casino for a bite to eat at one of their two-onsite restaurants, **The Springs Restaurant** or the **Flames Sports Bar & Grill**.

#### 1 – 5:30 pm

Are you ready for a little gaming action? **Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel** offers a bit of everything. With 500 machines, slot players are sure to find their favorite game on Carter Casino's 68,000 sq. ft. casino floor. Choose from traditional reel to the latest video machines to hit the market. There's a variety of table games with an exciting mix of **Blackjack**, **Craps**, **Let it Ride** and **Three Card Poker**. Enjoy your favorite game or let their staff introduce you to a new game!

**For more information or to customize these sample itineraries please contact NATOW at 715-851-6648: Or the Tribes directly: Oneida Nation of Wisconsin 800-236-2214: Potawatomi Charter Casino Hotel 800-487-9522: or St. Croix Casinos 800-846-8946 ext. 305**





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Looking for the perfect destination for your next group outing? Then try one—or all—of the three St. Croix Casinos located in the beautiful surroundings of northwest Wisconsin's year-round vacationland. You'll enjoy gaming at its best and a wealth of recreational opportunities at the area's lakes, hiking trails, golf courses, antique shops, theaters and historical sites. When you visit

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### St. Croix Casino Turtle Lake

The largest of the three, it features 1,100 slots, 23 blackjack tables, live craps and roulette, a 12-table smoke-free Poker Room, world-class dining, full beverage service, a 153-room

smoke-free hotel and Event Center. Thousands of ways for you to play. Call 800-846-8946.

### St. Croix Casino Danbury

Offers upscale décor paired with old-fashioned down-home service. Try your luck on 500 hot new slots, blackjack, craps, roulette and high-stakes no-limit poker while you enjoy family-friendly dining, full beverage service, a 47-room attached smoke-free hotel and convention facilities. All new and waiting for you. Call 800-238-8946.

### St. Croix Casino Hertel Express

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The St. Croix Casinos are owned and operated by the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin. We welcome all, 21 and older to play. All three offer a full range of incentives for group tours. Call Group Sales Manager, John Peake, at 800-846-8946, ext. 3054 for details.

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and spa. You'll want to eat at one of the Resort's convenient dining options. The Willowview Restaurant is a value priced restaurant; Benchwarmers Sports Bar serves up "ginormous" sandwiches and appetizers, daily specials and weekend entertainment. And the 19th Hole Bar and Grill provides refreshments and sandwiches.

We are eager to be your destination when planning your group tour of Northeast Wisconsin! Let us be the Hub on your tour of the area. With Green Bay to our North, Sheboygan to our South, Door County to our East and the Fox Cities to our West, we are centrally located with convenient access from major roadways!

We welcomes Motorcoach travelers with a special room rate, complimentary lodging for the Escort and the Driver (with 20 room minimum), step-on hostess, & luggage handling is also available. Plus, over 15,000 square feet of banquet and meeting space for group functions.

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**Potawatomi Carter Casino Hotel** ..... 800-487-9522

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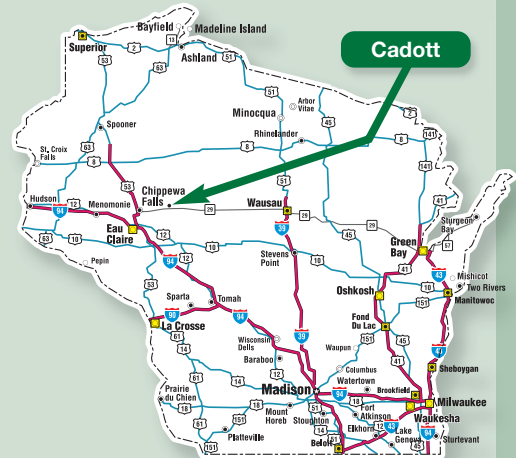
**St. Croix Casinos** ..... 800-846-8946

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### calendar of events

#### november

- **Festival of Lights**  
November 13-Jan 9, Sudbury 705-674-6067

#### december

- **Thunder Bay Christmas on the Farm**  
Dec 1-Jan 4, Thunder Bay 888-705-3646
- **Santa Claus Parade & Festival of Lights**  
December 3, Stonewall 204-467-8377
- **Santa's Parade of Lights**  
December 3, Portage la Prairie 204-857-7778
- **Touch of Christmas/The Living Nativity**  
December 3-5, Steinbach 204-326-9661
- **Canad Inns – Winter Wonderland**  
Dec 3-Jan 2, Winnipeg 204-888-6990
- **Royal Winnipeg Ballet**  
December 26, 29, Winnipeg 800-667-4792

#### january

- **Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba Exhibitions: "Consumed" & "Double Feature"** January 13-Feb 26, Brandon 204-727-1036
- **Manitoba Ag Days**  
January 18-20, Brandon 204-571-6566

#### february

- **Thompson Winterfest**  
February 1-28, Thompson 204-677-7956
- **Bon Soo Winter Carnival**  
Feb 4-13, Sault Ste. Marie 866-899-1607
- **Festival du Voyageur**  
February 18-27, Winnipeg 204-237-7692
- **Bust the Winter Blues Festival**  
February 25-27, Flin Flon 204-681-7542

#### march

- **Hard Days Knights**  
March 25-28, Winnipeg 877-823-8282
- **Circus Incognitus**  
March 27-April 8, Winnipeg 877-871-6897

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### directory & map

#### convention & visitors bureaus and chambers

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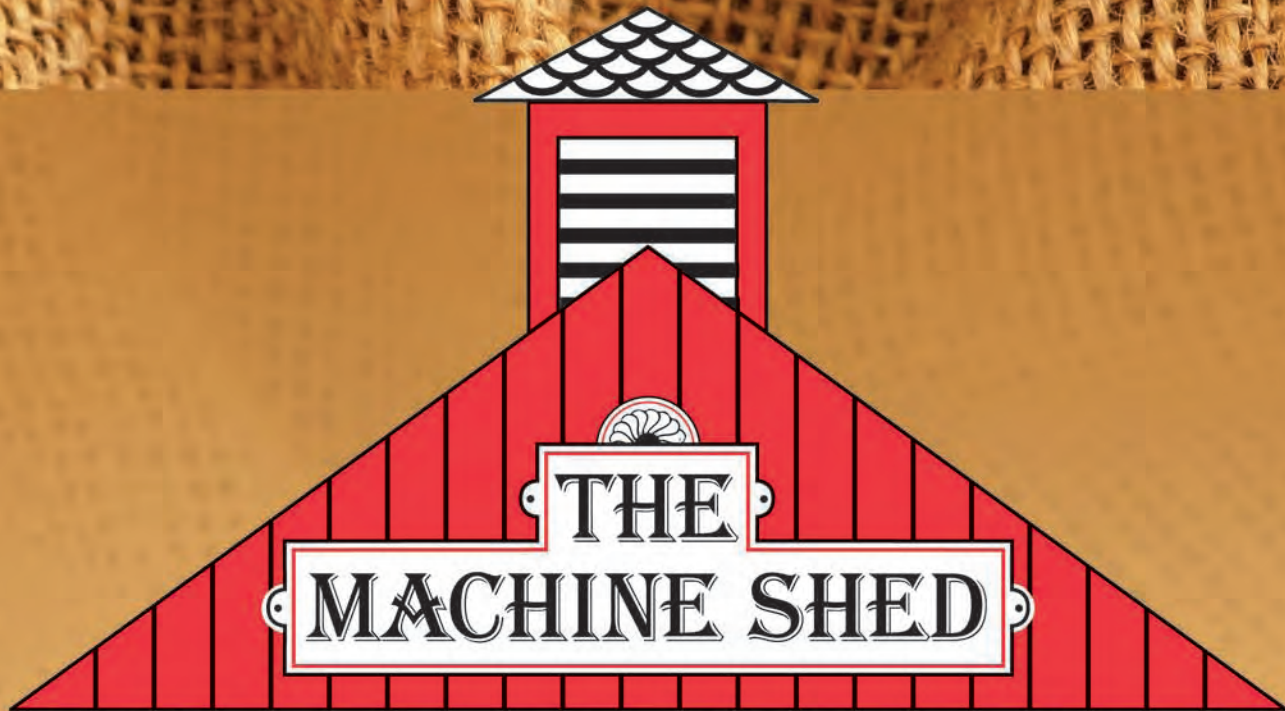
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