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Sometimes old ways of doing things don't stand the test of time and when that happens it's an opportunity for a change. We've experienced this scenario with a variety of products and services over the last two decades, including the resource you're holding onto.

Group Travel Destinations went through a metamorphic change last year with the goal of providing more relevant and timely information to our readers. We think we accomplished that with hyper-local regional content, a better display of what to do, where to stay and what to see across seven U.S. regions.

For this year's guide, three of our travel editors scoured the country in search of tourism developments to help you stay on top of your game. At the same time, hundreds of group-friendly suppliers are showcased with profiles, Site InSpections and sample itineraries.

I'm proud to say we experienced a phenomenal uplift in "GTD" from a consumption standpoint last year. Group Travel Destinations is often the first publication folks pick up at trade shows and conferences, attesting to its long shelf-life and resource-rich materials.

Based on what I know you'll find in the 2020 edition, I have no doubt Group Travel Destinations will be a handy deskside companion as you create impeccable itineraries in the coming year.

Happy Traveling,

Jeff Gayduk  
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Hudson Yards



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Exciting new discoveries await groups throughout America's northeastern corner



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## Connecticut

**MYSTIC** – The *Mayflower II* has completed its multi-year restoration at Mystic Seaport Museum's shipyard using techniques from the 1600s. The 60-year-old ship will be on display at the museum through April 2020 before setting sail for Boston and Plymouth for the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' arrival in America.



Mystic Seaport's Thompson Exhibition Building features **J.M.W. Turner: Watercolors from Tate**, the most comprehensive exhibition of Turner watercolors ever displayed in the U.S., through February 23, 2020. The final section of the exhibition, "Turner and the Sea," was curated especially for Mystic Seaport. It is a selection of 17 watercolors, oils and the British artist's sketchbook of scenes of the sea – shipwrecks, a beached boat, coastal views and purely atmospheric images. An intricate, large-scale work made of salt by Japanese artist Motoi Yamamoto will be on display from April to October 2020, while **Discovering Antarctica**, an exhibition celebrating humankind's discovery of the last continent, will run from December 2020 to November 2021.

**STRATFORD** – **Area Two**, a sour, barrel-aging and experimental brewery from Two Roads Brewing Company, opened on 10 acres with a tasting room, seasonal patio and rooftop beer garden. In addition to lambic-style sour beers and beers aged in barrels obtained from distilleries and wineries, it serves kombucha on tap. Also offered are food trucks and assorted cheeses and artisanal crackers from Fairfield Cheese Company.

## Maine

**STATEWIDE** – Maine is turning 200 in 2020. To mark two centuries of statehood, visitors will be able to take part in events throughout the state, from festivals to parades and community celebrations, between March and October. A special feature honoring Maine's maritime heritage

is the Summer Coast Festival (July 16-19, 2020), when hundreds of ships will sail from Portland and up the coast.

**PORTLAND** – **Mythmakers: The Art of Winslow Homer and Frederic Remington** will feature iconic works of the American artists from July 1-September 27, 2020, at the Portland Museum of Art. Touted by turn-of-the-20th-century critics as "self-taught" and "home grown," both men displayed a distinct sense of American identity rooted in action, vigor, self-reliance, independence and relationship to the wilderness. Homer is best known for depicting rocky Eastern coastlines, while Remington developed his own vision of the American West.

## Massachusetts

**BOSTON** – **Time Out Market Boston**, showcasing some of the city's best chefs and restaurateurs, has opened on the ground floor of a vintage building in the heart of the vibrant Fenway neighborhood. Spread across 25,000 square feet, it includes 15 eateries,



two bars, a demo kitchen, retail shop and a video wall. Food choices range from lobster rolls and clam chowder to Middle Eastern fare, deli sandwiches, gelato, donuts and vegan dishes.

**High Street Place**, a food hall seating 500, just opened in the shared atrium space between 160 Federal St. and 100 High St. in Boston's Financial District. It features a large-format projection screen and an area for live music performances.

**EVERETT** – **Encore Boston Harbor**, the country's most expensive resort development of 2019, features a 210,000-square-foot casino, 15 dining and lounge venues, 671 guest rooms, a spa and a four-season, six-acre Harborwalk featuring pedestrian and bike paths, picnic park, gazebo, viewing decks, waterfront dining and green space with floral displays. The gaming area is divided into two levels, with high ceilings and red Murano glass chandeliers transplanted



The new Providence River Pedestrian Bridge



Cod, spotlighting renovations, visitor experiences and behind-the-scenes opportunities. The renovations include an expanded space to accommodate more visitors; an up-close-and-personal view of the quintessential kettles with photo opportunities; and a picturesque patio for guests to sit back and take it all in and enjoy some chips.

**PLYMOUTH** – The town of Plymouth and other Massachusetts communities will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower voyage and founding of Plymouth Colony in 2020 with special events, festivals, educational programming and exhibitions throughout the year. **Plymouth 400** will highlight the cultural contributions and American traditions that began with the interaction of the Wampanoag and English peoples, a story that significantly shaped the building of America. Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton presents **Another Crossing: Artists Revisit the Mayflower Voyage**, an exhibition (May 2–August 30, 2020) recognizing the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower crossing and its significance to American and world history.

**SALEM** – The **Peabody Essex Museum (PEM)**, one of the oldest and fastest-growing museums in the country, just opened its new three-story, 40,000-square-foot wing. The \$125 million expansion, a component of the art museum's \$650 million Connect Campaign, features 15,000 square feet of new gallery space, a light-filled atrium, an entry for school and group tours, linkages to existing galleries and a garden. The new wing and adjacent renovated galleries will feature fresh installations of the museum's collections and new commissioned work by contemporary artists. PEM has become one of the nation's largest art museums located outside of a major urban center.

from their original home, Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. The first floor features more than 3,100 slot machines and 143 table games. An 88-table poker room is on the second level. Dining highlights include Sinatra, a signature Wynn Resorts tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes. A water transportation system provides shuttle service from Boston to the resort, which is situated on the Mystic River.

**HYANNIS** – **Cape Cod Potato Chips** has re-opened its Hyannis Factory Tour in Cape

## New Hampshire

**BRETTON WOODS** – **Omni Mount Washington Resort**, offering New Hampshire's largest ski area, unveils the state's first eight-person gondola during the 2019–2020 ski season. The historic hotel also is building a new guest room wing and an on-mountain dining and event venue.

## Rhode Island

**PROVIDENCE** – The state's capital city is home to a new vegan food hall, **Plant City**. Housed in the two-story building are six vegan food businesses, including four restaurants, a cafe and retail market. The 225-seat food hall is the brainchild of chef/restaurateur Matthew Kenney, a wellness entrepreneur known for vegan and raw cooking. Plant City is located right across from the new **Providence River Pedestrian Bridge**, which makes the East Side more accessible by foot and bicycle from the city's bustling Jewelry District. A new self-guided walking tour map of the Jewelry District is available.

**WATCH HILL** – The **Center for Wine and Culinary Arts at Ocean House**, a newly created, 3,000-square-foot education and entertaining space, is an intimate place to take wine and cooking classes. It draws inspiration from an early 1800s Connecticut tobacco barn, from which various parts of the structure – including its wide plank walls, flooring and post-and-beam structures – were reassembled to create an elegant venue with historic charm and top-of-the-line technology.



## WHAT TO SEE



### Berkshire Tour Company

Berkshire's longest-operating and most experienced group tour planner can help travelers with their needs in the Berkshires and all of New England. Berkshire Tour Company offers lovely tours that include visiting the rocky coast of Maine; the Moose Trax of New Hampshire, where guests can see moose in their natural habitat; the trains of New England, which travel inland and through gorgeous mountains; and the Cape Cod seashore.

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### Museum of Russian Icons

Opened in 2006, the Museum of Russian Icons, a nonprofit museum in Clinton, Massachusetts, inspires the appreciation and study of Russian culture by collecting and exhibiting one of the world's largest collections of Russian icons—sacred paintings used for veneration in the Orthodox tradition. With more than 1,000 icons and related artifacts spanning six centuries, the museum offers a unique and personalized experience rich with art, history and culture.

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### Shelburne Museum

Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont is an unparalleled experience of American history, art, and design. Designed to allow visitors the pleasure of discovery and exploration, the museum includes 39 distinct structures on 45 acres, each filled with beautiful, fascinating, and whimsical objects. The Pizzagalli Center for Art and Education provides a fresh, modern setting for special exhibitions that connect and consider four centuries of American art and design. Other temporary exhibitions are scattered throughout the museum grounds.

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### Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk

This aquarium, located in the South Norwalk section of Norwalk, Connecticut, contains more than 75 live exhibits featuring more than 2,700 marine animals of 300 species. The aquarium is home to harbor seals, river otters, sharks, jellyfish, turtles and many other animals living in recreations of their natural Long Island Sound habitats. The aquarium also has an IMAX Theater with a screen six stories tall and the equivalent of eight stories wide.

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### Mohegan Sun

Mohegan Sun, created in 1996 by the Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, offers some of New England's finest dining, hotel accommodations, retail shopping, live entertainment and sporting events. Boasting three world-class casinos, Mohegan Sun is also host to two luxurious spas, world-class meeting facilities, a state-of-the-art poker room and three major entertainment venues with seating from 350 to 10,000. People from across the globe come to see live concerts with some of today's top headliners, as well as major sporting events, including the WNBA's Connecticut Sun.

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### Mount Washington Cog Railway

The Mount Washington Cog Railway in New Hampshire is a narrated three-hour roundtrip train ride to the summit of Mount Washington on a historic railway. The ride is around one hour each way, and patrons have 60 minutes to explore the summit of Mount Washington, including the Sherman Adams Visitor Center. Inside the Visitor Center is a museum, post office, small snack bar and 360-degree views of the surrounding areas including up to five states, Canada and the Atlantic Ocean.

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## INSIDE

### Delaware

**OCEAN VIEW** – The first phase of **Delaware Botanic Gardens at Pepper Creek** just opened on the Delmarva Peninsula. It celebrates the coastal plain with a sustainable garden that inspires visitors to preserve Delmarva's native landscape. One garden is built among farmhouse ruins. Guided tours are available, and a section of the parking lot is reserved for tour buses.

**WILMINGTON** – **DE.CO** is a new food hall in downtown Wilmington. Eight restaurant stalls, an atrium bar and private event space are set in the historic, Art Deco-style DuPont Building. Food choices range from chicken and waffles to artisan pizza and Indian street food.

### District of Columbia

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – After a 37-month closure, the iconic **Washington Monument** has reopened with a new elevator system and visitor center as part of a \$10.8 million project. The National Park Service has begun a \$25 million renovation of the 95-year-old **Lincoln Memorial**, adding new services and design to enhance the visitor experience, including activating the space below the monument. Completion is expected prior to the centennial of the memorial's dedication in 2022. A 15-month project to restore the roofs, repair the stone and clean the marble at the **Thomas Jefferson Memorial** is expected to be completed by May 2020. Also on the National Mall, the **Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial** is slated for dedication on May 8, 2020 – the 75th anniversary of V-E Day. Featuring a stainless steel tapestry and heroic-sized bronze sculptures, the shrine honoring America's 34th president, spans four acres between the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum and the Department of Education. The **National World War I Memorial** is scheduled to be completed in late 2021 in Pershing Park across from The Willard InterContinental Hotel. Construction continues on the **National Native American Veterans Memorial** on the grounds of the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, with an opening scheduled for November 2020. The \$1 billion Project Journey underway at **Reagan National Airport** will result in new security checkpoints with 28 additional screening lanes and a new 14-gate concourse. The checkpoints and concourse with jet bridges and concessions are scheduled to open in 2021.



### Maryland

**BALTIMORE** – Visit Baltimore will host the **American Bus Association Marketplace**, the premier business event for the group travel industry, January 29-February 2, 2021. Maryland plans to offer pre- and post-tours in various parts of the state.

**COLUMBIA** – Shows for 2020-2021 at **Toby's Dinner Theatre** include *Kinky Boots*, January 10-March 22, 2020; *Shrek the Musical*, March 27-June 7; *Monty Python's Spamalot*, June 12-August 23; *Godspell*, August 28-November 1; *Elf the Musical*, November 6, 2020-January 10, 2021; and *Something Rotten!*, January 15-March 21, 2021.

### New Jersey

**EAST RUTHERFORD** – The first phase of **American Dream** mega-mall has been unveiled at the Meadowlands Sports Complex. It eventually will include more than 300 retail and entertainment venues, plus a food court, kosher food hall and 23 full-service restaurants. There will be an indoor Nickelodeon amusement park, indoor water park, ice skating rink and a ski slope that uses snowmaking equipment, plus a SEA LIFE Aquarium, LEGOLAND Discovery Center, an observation wheel and two 18-hole miniature golf courses.



### New York

**NEW YORK CITY** – **Hudson Yards**, the largest mixed-use private real estate development in American history, is open for business on the west side of midtown Manhattan. The complex of glass buildings includes offices, residences, shops, restaurants and a hotel. The new neighborhood's tallest building, at 101 stories, will have the Western Hemisphere's highest outdoor observatory (Edge). Hudson Yards' focal point is the plaza's 15-story Vessel, a climbable sculpture laced with 154 staircases and 80 landings that offer views of the city from different



New exhibits enhance the Empire State Building experience.



vantage points. The **Empire State Building** just introduced a second-floor gallery that immerses guests in digitally enhanced exhibits ranging from the building's construction to its place in pop culture. The *World's Most Famous Building* exhibit has more than 70 screens that show the skyscraper's starring roles in movies, TV shows, commercials,

cartoons, comic books and video games. Also spotlighted are celebrities who have visited the 86th-floor observatory. The American Kennel Club's **Museum of the Dog**, formerly in St. Louis, has returned to AKC headquarters in Manhattan, not far from Grand Central Terminal. The updated museum has interactive stations, including Find Your Match, in which a kiosk matches your face to a dog breed, and Meet the Breeds, a touchscreen that lets guests explore the history and traits of different breeds. The museum also features paintings, figurines and sculptures. **Empire Outlets**, New York City's only outlet shopping destination, has opened on Staten Island, just steps from the Staten Island Ferry Terminal. An outdoor mall on five levels, it features familiar retail names like Brooks Brothers, Columbia, Jockey, Old Navy, Crocs, Levi's, Guess, Nike, H&M, Nordstrom Rack, Banana Republic and American Eagle.

**COOPERSTOWN** – The hobby of collecting baseball cards is the focus of *Shoebbox Treasures*, the newest permanent exhibit at the **National Baseball Hall of Fame**. On display in "The Cards Your Mother Threw Away" are vertical files featuring more than 2,000 cards. The "Holy Grails" display features 10 of the rarest and most sought-after cards. One station lets visitors pose for their own baseball card photo and email it.

## Pennsylvania

**CHADDS FORD** – *Vote for Women: A Visual History* (February 1-June 7, 2020) at the Brandywine River Museum of Art commemorates the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. On display will be drawings, illustrations and posters expressing the message of the suffragists, plus costumes, clothing, sashes and emblems worn by the women activists.

**HERSHEY** – In the summer of 2020, **Hersheypark** is opening Hershey's Chocolatetown, the

most transformative expansion in the park's history. One attraction will be Candyonium, the park's 15th coaster and its longest, tallest and fastest (up to 76 mph). Chocolatetown also will feature a themed, full-service restaurant, a confectionery kitchen, ice cream parlor and Starbucks coffee shop.

**PHILADELPHIA** – Renovation of the **Independence Visitor Center**, the official visitor center of greater Philadelphia and gateway to Independence National Historical Park, features upgrades such as a 42-foot, interactive digital wall that displays content visitors can explore via touchscreen, the first Hershey's Kitchens location in Philadelphia, an eight-minute film featuring sites and attractions, the official gift shop of Philadelphia and a mezzanine-level, outdoor terrace with unparalleled views of Independence Mall for capturing the perfect selfie. The **Philadelphia Museum of Art** presents the exhibition *Off the Wall: American Art to Wear* through May 17, 2020. Focusing on the period of 1967 through 1997, the exhibition features over 100 one-of-a-kind works by more than 50 artists employing a wide range of techniques, including free-form crochet, hand knitting, machine knitting, macrame, leather work, beadwork, embroidery, applique, hand painting and resist dye. Under development is The **Museum of Sports**, which would be located in the heart of the South Philadelphia sports complex, where the city's four professional teams play. It would celebrate sports across the United States with a particular focus on Philadelphia. Opening in 2020 on Independence Mall, the \$60 million **Faith and Liberty Discovery Center**, an initiative of the American Bible Society, will explore the relationship and role of faith and liberty in fostering core American values through film, interactive media, imagery and artifacts.

**VALLEY FORGE** – Renovation of the **Valley Forge National Historical Park Visitor Center** is set for completion in late 2020. It will offer new interpretive exhibits and a high-definition orientation film chronicling the 1777-1778 winter encampment during the Revolutionary War. A temporary visitor center is serving guests during the construction project.



## Virginia

**FORT BELVOIR** – The **National Museum of the United States Army** will open June 4, 2020. A project of the U.S. Army and nonprofit Army Historical Foundation, it will be the first museum of its kind to document the Army's 244-year history. Admission will be free. Fort Belvoir is 20 minutes from the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

## WHERE TO GO



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The Kinzua Sky Walk at Kinzua Bridge State Park in Mt. Jewett, Pennsylvania, was voted one of the 10 most scenic skywalks in the world. Visitors will also enjoy exploring the nearby Allegheny National Forest with scenic overlooks along the Longhouse National Scenic Byway. The forest features lush, green forestland in the summer and amazing fall foliage during October. History comes alive at Zippo/Case, Penn Brad Oil, Eldred WW II museums. The Marilyn Horne Museum and Exhibit Center, features memorabilia, costumes and musical scores from the world-famous opera star. Family-owned restaurants and shops add to the experience.

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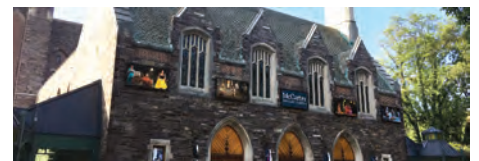
## WHAT TO SEE



### The National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

This historic and religious site welcomes people from all walks of life to discover the inspirational story of the first American-born saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton. Available at the site is a free museum and introductory 12-minute film about her life. If you visit, include time for the Shrine's Historic Homes Tour, where a guide will take you inside the homes from 1750 and 1810 where Elizabeth Ann Seton lived and worked.

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## MID-ATLANTIC REGION



### AACA Museum

At this world-renowned museum located in Hershey, PA, discover various displays and exhibits that give you an insight on American culture and history through the lens of vintage automobiles. Displaying over 100 American vintage vehicles, including cars, buses, trucks and motorcycles that span almost a century, you'll see why it's been named "Readers' Choice for Best Museum." With new exhibits added frequently, like the upcoming "Age of Aquarius: Cars of the Counterculture & Beyond," you'll come across a range of vintage automobiles in unique scenes and settings.

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Dine and delight in lively shows at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre in the Amish Country of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. For over 30 years, the Dutch Apple has served small and large groups seeking grand entertainment and mouthwatering meals. It hosts more than 150,000 guests annually. The theatre seats 328 for shows like Grumpy Old Men, Guys and Dolls, The Little Mermaid, Saturday Night Fever and more for the 2020 season. Groups of at least 16 people receive special offers and discounts.

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### Friends of Flight 93 National Memorial

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## Jamestown Settlement & American Revolution Museum at Yorktown

Take a journey of historic proportions at Jamestown Settlement and the new American Revolution Museum at Yorktown – two Virginia living-history museums that explore the story of America's beginnings, from the founding of the first permanent English colony in 1607 to the Revolution and the establishment of a new nation almost two centuries later. Discover artifact-filled exhibition galleries and take part in activities in outdoor living-history areas to learn about life in the 17th and 18th centuries.

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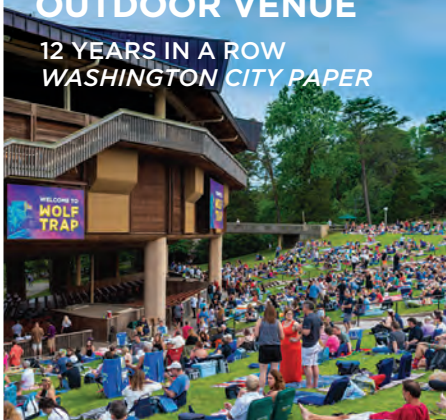
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## MID-ATLANTIC REGION



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**Jamestown Settlement and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown will entertain and enlighten your group**

Those seeking to learn about a pivotal period in American history can journey back in time at Jamestown Settlement and the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown – two living-history museums in Virginia that tell the story of our country's beginnings.

## JAMESTOWN SETTLEMENT

Jamestown Settlement is a year-round venue where visitors can learn about the real people and events of America's first permanent English colony. Located near the site of the original colony, Jamestown Settlement tells the story of 17th-century Virginia, from the arrival of English colonists in 1607 to the cultural encounters that planted the seeds of a new nation.

The world of Jamestown comes to life through expansive refreshed permanent exhibition galleries, rare artifacts, award-winning films and interactive experiences, including a new 4-D theater where *Bacon's Rebellion* is chronicled with state-of-the-art special effects. Begin your visit by enjoying the dramatic film *1607: A Nation Takes Root*, which traces the evolution of the Virginia Company, examines the relationship between the English colonists and the Powhatan Indians and chronicles the arrival of the first recorded Africans in 1619.

After touring the expansive indoor exhibit space, head outdoors to experience hands-on history in re-created settings alongside costumed historical interpreters as they

describe and demonstrate daily life in early 17th-century Jamestown in an educational and entertaining fashion. Visit the re-created Powhatan Indian village to learn about the world of Pocahontas and join in activities that she too would have taken part in. Climb aboard a re-creation of one of the three ships - *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery* - that sailed from England to Virginia in 1607 and learn about the colonists' grueling four-and-a-half-month voyage. Participate in periodic demonstrations of 17th-century piloting and navigation before heading to explore life-size re-creations of the colonial James Fort, where visitors can try on armor and watch daily matchlock musket firings.

## AMERICAN REVOLUTION MUSEUM AT YORKTOWN

The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown opened in 2017 and tells the story of our nation's founding, from the twilight of the colonial period to the dawn of the Constitution and beyond. The museum, through comprehensive indoor exhibits and outdoor living history, offers a renewed national perspective on the Revolution, conveying a sense of its epic scale, transformational nature and complexity of the country's Revolutionary heritage.

The 22,000-square-foot permanent exhibition galleries engage visitors in the tumult, drama and promise of the Revolution, with immersive environments, interactive

exhibits, nearly 500 period artifacts and innovative films, including an experiential theater that transports visitors to the *Siege of Yorktown* with wind, smoke and the thunder of cannon fire.

In the 170-seat museum theater, the movie *Liberty Fever* draws visitors into the world of Revolutionary America, setting the stage for the museum experience. The introductory film is narrated by an early 19th-century storyteller who has traveled the country gathering stories about the American Revolution and shares his accounts using a moving panorama presentation of the time period.

The storyline of the Revolution leaps to life in outdoor areas that enthrall groups as they take an active role in living history with the help of historical expertise from costumed interpreters. In the re-created Continental Army encampment, visitors can learn about the life of a soldier, take in daily demonstrations on medical treatment, camp life and cooking, and feel the rumble of the cannon with artillery firings in the amphitheater. Another re-creation is a Revolution-era farm, based on a real-life 18th-century family, where visitors are invited to try their hand at preparing 18th-century recipes, learn how to process plant fiber for cloth and play period games.

## JAMESTOWN-YORKTOWN FOUNDATION

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# Colonial Williamsburg Brings the 18th Century to Life

With customized group experiences, Virginia's colonial capital has something for everyone

**F**orget the textbooks. At Colonial Williamsburg, history comes to life. The world's largest living history museum, Colonial Williamsburg is a living, breathing 300-acre city featuring restored and reconstructed trade shops, homes and community hubs. Meet well-known and everyday colonists in the colonial capital where the ideas of independence and revolution evolved. There are a variety of options for groups of all sizes, interests, and ages to explore the dawn of America. Choose a package or customize your own experience with help.

## Historic Area

History comes to life through the people you meet on the streets of Colonial Williamsburg. Go ahead, ask them questions. Meet Nation Builders like Thomas Jefferson, Martha Washington or James Armistead Lafayette, an enslaved man who earned his freedom as a spy. Watch some of the best craftspeople in the world at work in 22 trade shops as they create the nails, wool, linen, buckets and more that contribute to a functioning city.

Enjoy colonial-inspired cuisine at the historic taverns. At R. Charleton's Coffeehouse, mingle with colonists immersed in the Stamp Act period and discuss news, politics, and business over 18th-century-style coffee. Meet

archaeologists, architects, and researchers and find evidence of Williamsburg's story through an in-depth look at the buildings, furnishings, trades, landscapes and the people who have inhabited Williamsburg over hundreds of years.

Immerse yourself: get your feet dirty in brick clay at a brickyard, get a head-to-toe clothing demonstration, explore 18th-century gardening techniques in the bountiful Colonial Garden, and try other hands-on activities. In the evening, step into the courthouse and take part in *Cry Witch*, the judicial proceedings of "The Virginia Witch," and weigh the accusations of Grace Sherwood transforming into a cat, damaging crops and causing the death of livestock.

## Focus Tours

Personalize your trip with the customized group tour. From the Revolutionary War, government, women, daily customs, industries, to even the mindset of Colonial Americans, ask the historical interpreters and scholars almost anything when you request a customized guided tour.

## Adult Program

The adult group tour program is perfect for day-trippers, groups on tight schedules or those who want a structured experience.

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## Accommodations

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**MONTGOMERY** – Construction has begun on a \$50 million **whitewater park and outdoor fun center** on the outskirts of downtown Montgomery. The main attraction is a 25-acre central park featuring rafting and kayaking along a man-made whitewater course that twists through restaurants, shops, a beer garden and outdoor concert venue. The opening is planned for 2022.

### Arkansas

**BENTONVILLE** – The **Montgomery** brings visual, performing and culinary arts into a creative, communal space. General admission is free. The opening is set for February 22, 2020.

**PINE BLUFF** – Almost 80,000 square feet of gaming at the new **Saracen Casino Resort** has a planned opening Valentine's Day 2020.

**WEST MEMPHIS** – **Southland Park** has announced a \$250 million casino and hotel expansion at its long-time dog track and "racino."

**HOT SPRINGS** – **Oaklawn Racing and Gaming** is bringing a \$100 million expansion project, including a new hotel. More than 28,000 square feet additional gaming space will open in January 2020 with the hotel set to open in late 2020.

**FORT SMITH** – The **U.S. Marshals Museum** building and Hall of Honor, which memorializes fallen marshals, has opened. The completion of the visitor experience exhibits is anticipated for the first quarter of 2021.

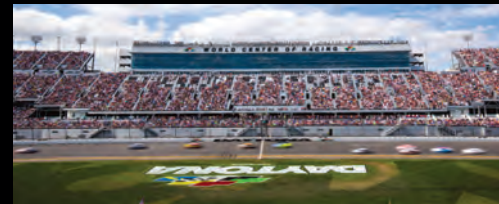


### Florida

**DAYTONA BEACH** – **Daytona International Speedway** has completed a \$400 million renovation and offers a year-round 30-minute All-Aces or VIP Speedway Track Tour. A walk across the pedestrian bridge is a million square feet of shops, restaurants and hotel accommodations.

**ORLANDO** – Coming in January 2020 in the Canada Pavilion of **Epcot** at Walt Disney World Resort is an update of the popular O Canada! 360-degree show. **Awesome Planet**, a new film highlighting the diversity of the planet, also opens January 2020. At the France Pavilion, Remy's Ratatouille Adventure and Le Creperie de Paris both open in summer 2020. **Cirque du Soleil** will open spring 2020 at Walt Disney World's Disney Springs. Opening spring 2020, Ice Breaker will be **SeaWorld Orlando's** first launch roller coaster.

**TAMPA BAY** – Iron Gwazi will be North America's tallest coaster and it's coming to **Busch Gardens Tampa Bay** opening 2020.



### Georgia

**MARIETTA** – **Six Flags Waterpark** will open 2020 with a new five-story water slide, The Plunge, which features two-person rafts on a 500-foot course of giant turns. **Six Flags Over Georgia** in nearby Austell will open with two new rides in the Gotham City section, the Catwoman Whip and Poison Ivy Toxic Twister.

### Kentucky

**BARDSTOWN** – **Heaven Hills Distillery** is investing millions in a revamped visitor experience set to open in 2020. They are expanding their educational and retail spaces, plus building a new rooftop bar that will feature cocktails and bourbon tastings.

**LEXINGTON** – The **Breeders' Cup World Championships** will return to Keeneland Race Course November 6-7, 2020. This will mark the second running of the event at Keeneland (the first was in 2015).





## Louisiana

**NEW ORLEANS** – Disney Cruise Line's Disney Wonder is coming to New Orleans in 2020. **Royal Caribbean** will offer year-round cruises from New Orleans on the 2,744-passenger Majesty of the Seas from January 2020 through April 2021. A new, \$1 billion world-class terminal complex is underway at **Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport** and scheduled to open spring 2020.

**DARROW** – Opening spring 2020, **Great River Road Museum and Interpretive Center** is Houmas House Plantation and Gardens' latest addition inviting visitors to learn about 1800s-era steamboats and their contribution to Louisiana's culture.

## North Carolina

**KITTY HAWK** – **Kitty Hawk Kites** is now teaching people how to fly a museum-quality replica of the 1902 Wright Glider at Jockey's Ridge State Park in Nags Head. This location is actually the site dedicated to commemorating the historic soaring record, which Orville set in October 1911, of 9 minutes 45 seconds.

**WAYNESVILLE** – **Leap Frog Tours** is introducing unique offerings such as nature tours, art tours, and yoga and wellness options.



## South Carolina

**ROCK HILL** – World-class water slide racing is coming to **Carowinds** theme park in summer 2020 when Boogie Board Racer, the longest mat racing slide in the Southeast, debuts at Carolina Harbor waterpark. Also new in 2020 is Grand Carnivale, a nighttime international festival and street party celebrating global culture in grand scale, with signature beverages and a special menu.

**MYRTLE BEACH** – Plans have been approved for **Gateway Galleria**, a mixed-use complex on Seventh Avenue North and Ocean Boulevard in downtown Myrtle Beach. The \$20 million project will include a four-story, 75,000-square-foot complex that will house over 40 visitor condos and a bottom floor filled with restaurants, fitness and retail. A completion date has yet to be determined.

**GREENVILLE** – **Unity Park** is set to change the landscape of downtown Greenville in 2021. The GHS Swamp Rabbit cycling trail with a pedestrian bridge over the Reedy River will surround the 60-acre gathering spot. Unity Park will have playground areas, water features, six acres of designated flat greenspace, a memorial, and an 80-foot-high observation tower.



## Tennessee

**MEMPHIS** – A multiphase plan is underway to modernize **Memphis International Airport**. In addition to moving walkways, wider corridors, larger boarding areas, higher ceilings and natural lighting, there will be new retail and dining options.

**MADISON** – After spending more than a year without a home, a long-running concert series, radio broadcast and TV series is putting down "roots" in Madison. **Music City Roots** will build a new venue at historic Amqui Station. The Roots Barn is set to open in fall 2020, with a planned seating capacity of 750, or 1,000-plus for standing.

**NASHVILLE** – The **National Museum of African American Music** is opening early 2020 as part of downtown Nashville's \$450 million Fifth + Broadway development. It will feature five permanent galleries honoring the genres of jazz, blues, hip-hop, gospel and R&B in addition to a 200-seat theater and visiting exhibits.

**PIGEON FORGE** – The **Island in Pigeon Forge** flying theater attraction, a state-of-the-art ride system featuring national wonders and landmarks, is set to open early 2020. The Mountain Mile, with retail, amusements and dining, will be anchored by the Mountain Monster coaster and four different rides.

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### Greater Birmingham CVB

Birmingham has a storied history that is still on display today, from vaudeville-era theaters to the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute, which features richly detailed exhibits that reveal slices of life in Alabama from the late 1800s to the present. The city also boasts an impressive cuisine scene, featuring award-winning chefs and the hottest up-and-coming talent that offer new twists on Southern classics, down-home soul food and European-inspired creations.

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### Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism

Centrally located, Arkansas is a beautiful, affordable destination for group tours. It's an easy drive from neighboring Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Texas and Oklahoma. Once you arrive you will find many reasons why the Natural State works well as a group travel destination. Immerse yourself in art, history and culture in museums or get away from it all on tranquil trails and secluded lakes. Exciting sample itineraries are available.

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### Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Secluded and peaceful with winding mountainside streets, Eureka Springs, Arkansas has flair like no other town. Streets are lined with Victorian homes hugging cliff sides, and the entire downtown area is on the National Register of Historic Places. Eureka Springs has block after block of one-of-a-kind shops, boutiques, fine art galleries, craft emporiums, spas, museums and chef-owned restaurants. Festivals and events span everything from blues and opera to car shows, antiques and the arts.

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### Fort Smith CVB

Fort Smith, Arkansas, has been described as "Where the New South Meets the Old West." This frontier border town embraces its colorful heritage with historic attractions like the Fort Smith Museum of History and Miss Laura's Visitors Center, which was once a famous Western bordello. With prior arrangements, groups can enjoy Miss Laura giving a tour of the famous establishment. The U.S. Marshals Museum is currently being built in Fort Smith and will honor the 230-year history of the nation's oldest law enforcement agency.

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### Little Rock CVB

Arkansas's capital city is a vibrant, growing, historic center brimming with festivals and events year-round. Walk in the footsteps of history at Little Rock Central High School National Historic Site, take a deep dive into politics at the Clinton Presidential Center, watch a show at Murry's Dinner Playhouse or explore Little Rock's acclaimed dining scene. Stroll through the city's many charming neighborhoods and discover Little Rock's brand of new southern style.

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## Jefferson Parish

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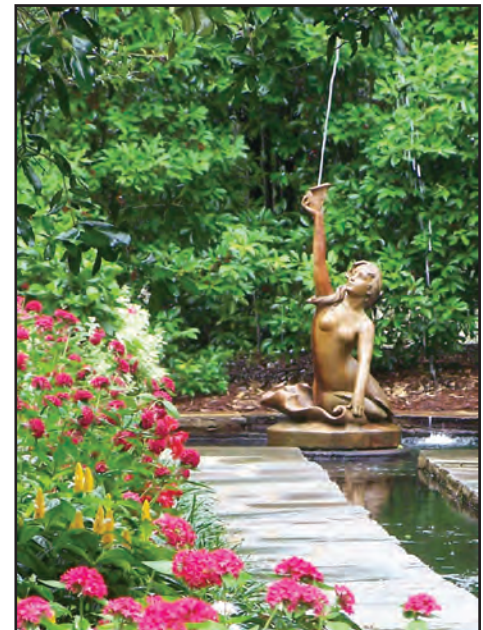
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### Billy Graham Library

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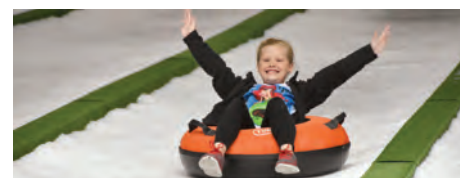
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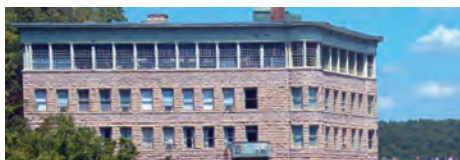


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### Arizona

**PRESCOTT**—The new **Western Heritage Center** is a unique collaboration of more than 25 museums, historical societies and other related organizations to promote Arizona's western heritage. Independent exhibits featuring the Rough Riders, ranching, railroad, film history, mining, and more will also be included. Later this year, interactive touch screens

will encourage visitors to learn more about each organization's history and mission, while also offering directions to their locations.

Located in the northwest expanse of the Valley, **Castle Hot Springs** was Arizona's first luxury resort. For centuries, the Castle Hot Springs area was a medicinal healing habitat for the Yavapai and Apache Indians. In 1896, Castle Hot Springs opened as a resort getaway for wealthy tourists seeking solitude and the springs' recuperative powers.

A local partnership, with multi-generational roots in Arizona, purchased the property in 2014 and began restoring remnants of the original resort, which was severely damaged in a 1976 fire. The updated resort consists of 32 luxury accommodations, including Spring Cottages, which have piping directly from the hot springs. The resort also includes an organic farm that produces more than 150 varieties of rare fruits and vegetables for the restaurant and bar. The hot springs is fed from a 10,000-foot underground cistern that produces over 300,000 gallons of pure 120-degree mineral water per day.

**SCOTTSDALE**—Opening in the fall of 2019, **Great Wolf Lodge Arizona** will make a splash in the hospitality and tourism scene by bringing its impressive 85,000-square-foot indoor water park to the Phoenix metropolitan area. Highlights of the 350-room resort will include a 27,000-square-foot family entertainment center known as the Great Wolf Adventure Park, several dining options, family-friendly suites in a variety of styles including KidCabin suites, and nearly 6,500 square feet of flexible conference space. The hotel will be built in the Talking Stick Entertainment District next door to Salt River Fields, the Arizona Diamondbacks' and Colorado Rockies' spring-training home.

### New Mexico

**ALBUQUERQUE**—After breaking ground last October, **Urban Air Albuquerque** is expected to open in summer 2019. This new attraction is a more than \$10 million project, and will offer indoor skydiving, an indoor trampoline park, indoor roller coaster, climbing walls, and a ropes course.

**SANTE FE**—**Sorrel Sky Gallery** has opened a "Rock Art Garden" on the gallery's second floor. This revolving, open-air exhibit features the work of sculptor Star Liana York. Her Ancient Impressions series is based on images she observed while hiking and riding through the canyons of the Southwest. Moved by the powerful beauty of the cave paintings and pictographs, she created her own interpretations in her Rock Art Mares, Stallions and Minis.





## Oklahoma

**OKLAHOMA CITY**—White Water Bay, Oklahoma City's largest water park, is getting a tropical makeover as it transforms from White Water Bay to **Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Oklahoma City**. It will feature an island-inspired experience and offer enhancements throughout the park, including upgraded dining and retail locations, expanded seating, fresh tropical paint, and a bold new entrance. A new two-tiered mat water racing slide will be splashing into the park as the lineup of thrills expands.

Wahoo Racer features six side-by-side racing lanes, each with its own pattern of twists, hills, and maximum airtime. Lying head-first on a specially designed water toboggan, you'll push off on a splashy high-speed dash for the finish line, sliding around 300 feet of twists, turns, 360-degree loops, and open-air stretches at 40 feet per second. In fall 2019, **Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center** will open a spectacular new arts education and cultural resource on a 4.6-acre site. In addition to providing a world-class facility for exhibitions, performance and education and a breathtaking addition to the OKC skyline, the new campus will become a "creative commons," a place for communities to gather, create and experience art. A Studio School will tell the stories behind the art of now and teach the skills to create what's next. Incorporating programming from community partners, Oklahoma Contemporary will be a hub for artistic experiences of all kinds and offer the city an event space like no other.

**TAHLEQUAH**—Cherokee Nation recently hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the **Cherokee National History Museum**. The museum is the newest addition to the tribe's tourism offerings and is located within one of its most iconic structures, the Cherokee National Capitol building. The Cherokee National History Museum shares the history and culture of the Cherokee Nation within 4,000 square feet of permanent exhibit space that features Cherokee lifestyle from pre-European contact through the Trail of Tears and the revitalization of the tribe after the American Civil War.



## Texas

**SAN ANTONIO**—**SEA LIFE Aquarium**, the world's biggest aquarium brand, is opening a new location at the San Antonio Shops at Rivercenter in May. SEA LIFE San Antonio will feature a tropical ocean tank with a walk-through underwater tunnel, taking visitors on a seamless journey under the sea.

**FORT WORTH**—**The Sinclair** is a newly opened boutique hotel that is opening its doors in May, featuring a refined western style with a sophisticated, casual atmosphere. This urban chic 1930s hotel is surrounded by a vibrant city scene with nightly outdoor entertainment, shopping and modern dining.

**HOUSTON**—Plans to move forward with the final design and construction of a \$105 million project to transform the **Astrodome** into an event center have been approved. The Astrodome was the world's first multi-purpose, domed sports stadium and known as the Eighth Wonder of the World. After opening in 1965, the stadium also became the first major sports venue to install artificial turf, hence the name AstroTurf. Proposed plans will repurpose the space an event center and raise the floor to create below-ground parking. Developing over the next three years, the beloved **Houston Farmer's Market** will transform into an 18-acre destination for locals and visitors. Bringing together food purveyors and unique retail vendors, the space will continue to serve as a community hub with programming and events. To help achieve this goal, James Beard Award-winning chef Chris Shepherd and his business partner Kevin Floyd have been tapped to serve as food and beverage consultants for the project.



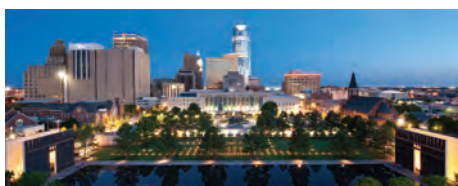
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### Galveston Railroad Museum

Located along the Texas Gulf Coast, the Galveston Railroad Museum tells the story of the city's railroading past. A vast collection of locomotives, freight and passenger cars are on display, including two Santa Fe Warbonnets. Model train displays amaze visitors. All of the museum's buildings provide opportunities for visitors to learn about the history of Texas' railroads and the role they played in helping to shape the state and country as a whole. Come enjoy our seasonal train rides.

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### La Posada de Santa Fe

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### Hualapai Lodge


Situated on the longest remaining stretch of the original historic Route 66, the Hualapai Lodge is the primary starting point for travelers looking to explore the raw Grand Canyon landscape via whitewater rafting, hiking, fishing, hunting and more. Hualapai culture envelopes you at the Hualapai Lodge, which features 54 cozy rooms, an array of generous amenities, authentic Hualapai artwork, a gift shop with Hualapai art and gifts for purchase, and family-style dining at the Diamond Creek Restaurant.

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## INSIDE

### Illinois

**CHICAGO** – The **Obama Presidential Center** is expected to open in 2021 in historic Jackson Park on the South Side of Chicago, not far from where Barack and Michelle Obama lived and where the first lady grew up. It will include three buildings—a museum, forum and library—that will form a campus surrounding a public plaza for performances, markets and fairs.

Exhibits will tell the Obamas' story within the context of civil rights and African-American, Chicago and U.S. history. *Wired to Wear*, an expansive exhibition dedicated to the future of wearable technology, is running through May 2020 at the **Museum of Science and Industry**. Guests learn how merging technology into clothing will transform what we wear into devices that will make us healthier, stronger and smarter. Examples include a customizable digital backpack, an airbag for cyclists and a jet suit that can travel at more than 30 miles per hour and ascend to 12,000 feet. **Broadway in Chicago** shows for 2020 include *My Fair Lady*, March 24–April 12; *Once Upon a One More Time*, April 14–May 17; *Dear Evan Hansen*, July 7–September 27; *Six*, July 8–October 25; *The Devil Wears PRADA*, July 14–August 16; *Jesus Christ Superstar*, August 11–23; *Come From Away*, August 25–September 6; *Disney's Frozen*, October 21–January 3, 2021; and *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*, December 17, 2020, to February 21, 2021.

**EAST MOLINE** – **The Bend**, a new development along the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities region of Illinois and Iowa, is home to a Hyatt Place/Hyatt House, The Rust Belt concert venue, an outdoor amphitheater, event center, restaurants and Midwest Ale Works microbrewery.

### Indiana

**INDIANAPOLIS** – Visitors of all ages can take a virtual trip to Greece via new long-term exhibitions at **The Children's Museum of Indianapolis**. Rare antiquities and actor interpreters will help bring history to life in *Treasures of Ancient Greece*, which looks at how the ideas of the ancient Greeks formed the basis of current practices in science, politics and medicine. *Take Me There: Greece*, one of the largest exhibitions on contemporary Greece ever mounted in the United States, lets guests explore the country through food, music and dance, and home life.



**FORT WAYNE** – The state's second-largest city has returned to its historical riverfront with the opening of **Promenade Park**, a development that renews Fort Wayne's three rivers—the St. Marys, St. Joseph and Maumee—as a regional destination for recreation, arts and culture. The park joins the rivers with downtown Fort Wayne. Interactive elements include a treetop canopy trail that stretches between the Wells Street and Harrison Street bridges. The park also has an interactive water feature, amphitheater and dining garden.

### Minnesota

**STILLWATER** – Completion of the **Zephyr Theatre** is planned for 2020. Housed in the former Zephyr train depot along the shores of the St. Croix River, the 330-seat, three-story auditorium will host at least six shows produced by its own professional theater company each season and also will present occasional music concerts, dance performances and touring productions.



### Missouri

**BRANSON** – **Silver Dollar City** in 2020 will celebrate its 60th anniversary with Mystic River Falls, a \$23 million investment that will feature the tallest raft ride drop (82 feet) in the Western Hemisphere. It will be the highlight of a new themed area of the park called Rivertown, which also will include Rivertown Smokehouse, a restaurant specializing in barbecue. Providing 450 seats along the banks of the Mystic River, it will be the park's largest eatery.

**INDEPENDENCE** – **The Harry S. Truman Library and Museum** is undergoing its first major renovation in more than 20 years and the largest since the museum opened its doors in 1957. Slated for completion in late summer or early fall of 2020, the \$25 million project is planned to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the start of Truman's presidency.

**KIMMSWICK** – New owners of the historic **Delta Queen Steamboat**, based in Kimmswick, plan to resume overnight voyages on inland waterways in 2020. After the paddlewheeler undergoes an extensive renovation at a shipyard in Houma, Louisiana, overnight voyages will operate on the Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, Cumberland, Kanawha and Arkansas rivers.



Mystic River Falls at Silver Dollar City, Branson, Missouri

**ST. LOUIS** – The **St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station**, slated to open in late 2019, will be the centerpiece of a \$187 million family entertainment complex in downtown St. Louis. The aquarium (with more than 13,000 animals from freshwater and marine environments around the world) and other attractions are being built under the 500,000-square-foot train shed at Union Station, a National Historic Landmark. The site will include a 200-foot-tall observation wheel with 42 gondolas, carousel, 18-hole mini golf course, ropes course and three restaurants.

**SPRINGFIELD** – The new **History Museum on the Square**, located on historic Route 66, celebrates Springfield's past. Galleries spotlight the city's status as the birthplace of Route 66 and the first Wild West shootout, an event that happened right outside the museum and involved Wild Bill Hickok.

## Ohio

**CAMBRIDGE** – The **National Museum of Cambridge Glass** in 2020 will offer groups a new Roaring '20s-themed tour in observance of the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the 18th Amendment and Prohibition.

**CINCINNATI** – The **Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust & Humanity Center** is the latest addition to the Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal. Video interviews with local survivors, activated by touchscreens, recall heartbreaking scenes of violence, deportation, family separation, public humiliation, and life in Auschwitz and other concentration camps. Black-and-white film footage chronicles the rise of Nazism in Germany, Nuremberg Trials and other historical events.

**CLEVELAND** – Fans can pick up real instruments, learn to play, jam with friends, make a video of their performance and brand their band with custom merchandise in the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's** new interactive exhibit, *The Garage*. The space includes 12 dedicated instrument stations featuring guitars, drums and keyboards and a brief instructional video. Fans can select songs to perform from a selection that includes music from classic rock, soul, grunge and hip hop. *The Garage*, which takes over the museum's second floor, is a part of the Rock Hall's ongoing



transformation. The Hall's new *Play it Loud* exhibit features some of rock's most celebrated and recognized instruments, including Lady Gaga's custom piano. The **Cleveland Museum of Art** will host an exhibition titled *Picasso and Paper* from May 24-August 23, 2020. The exhibition features nearly 300 works spanning the artist's entire career and offers new insights into Picasso's creative spirit and working methods. The **Cleveland History Center** in 2020 will open an exhibit titled *Women in Politics* to mark the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. The exhibit will explore the early days of the suffragette movement, successful fight for the 19th Amendment, birth and growth of the League of Women Voters, and election of northern Ohio women to positions of power.

The new \$6 million visitor center at **Cuyahoga Valley National Park** includes a new railway station and interactive exhibits.

**COLUMBUS** – The **Columbus Zoo & Aquarium** in 2020 will open a state-of-the-art sea lion habitat that will include large water bodies with a deep rocky pool and a beach-like wave pool. The deep pool section features a show space with amphitheater seating for 300 people and an underwater viewing window. There will be approximately 10 shows a day.

## Wisconsin

**MILWAUKEE** – **Potawatomi Hotel & Casino** in Milwaukee just unveiled its latest expansion project with the grand opening of a new 119-room hotel tower. This brings the total number of guest rooms to 500, making the Potawatomi the second-largest hotel in Milwaukee. A ballroom, meeting space and the Ember Salon & Spa are also part of the property's \$80 million project. The new tower matches the 19-floor hotel that opened in 2014.

**FORT ATKINSON** – The **Fireside Theatre's** 2020 season begins with *Saturday Night Fever*, December 31-February 23, and will be followed by *Guys & Dolls*, February 27-April 12; *A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement* (The Church Basement Ladies series), April 16-May 31; *What Happens in Vegas*, June 4-July 19; *Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella*, July 23-September 6; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, September 10-October 25; and *Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn*, October 29-December 27.



## Carbondale Tourism

Carbondale is the outdoor playground of the Midwest. Carbondale was named in Outdoor Magazine's top 200 places for sportsmen, so it is perfect for rock climbing, hiking, biking, hunting, fishing, boating, and geocaching, all among the rolling landscape of the Shawnee Hills. Adventure seekers shouldn't miss Illinois' largest expanse of wooded land, the Shawnee National Forest, that offers wilderness trails, archaeological sites, waterfalls, drives along the National Scenic Byways, swimming, bicycling and much more.

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## Chicago Southland

Adventures abound in Chicago Southland. Representing 63 municipalities, this bustling area is never short on group-friendly activities. Students will revel in performance opportunities and interactive activities, and they can witness the making of glass art at the Lotton Art Glass Gallery. Reflect on biblical teachings at the deeply moving Shrine of Christ's Passion. Exciting equestrian competitions take place at HITS Chicago – Balmoral Park, while the brand new Accelerate Indoor Speedway and Events awaits go-kart lovers and axe-throwers.

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## Quincy Area Convention & Visitors Bureau

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Lake County, Illinois is known for amazing group tour destinations, many times offered on extended and mystery tours. The area is home to The Tempel Lipizzans, Cuneo Mansion, Wandering Tree Estate, Long Grove Historic Village and Confectionery Co., Volo Auto Museum, Ravinia Festival and dining venues such as The Shanty, Chessie's train car and more. These unique experiences are creatively bundled as "Stallions, The Shanty and Chardonnay", "Chocolate Lovers Trail", and "Trains, Plains & Automobiles".

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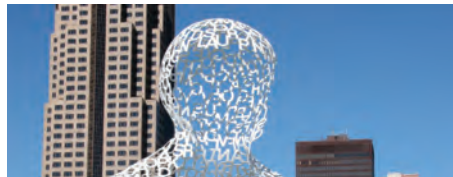
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### St. Cloud CVB

In this easy-going city, discover all the outdoor adventures Greater St. Cloud has in store for your group. Start by strolling the Beaver Island Trail along the Mississippi River, and through rows of perfectly-tended flowers at Munsinger Clemens Gardens. Retreat to the picturesque golf courses, ride a bike along the Wobegon Trail or hike through the Quarry Park and Nature Preserve. Whether you're interested in touring local craft breweries, need recommendations on routes, dining, or are in search of a historic exploration, St. Cloud CVB can point you in the right direction.

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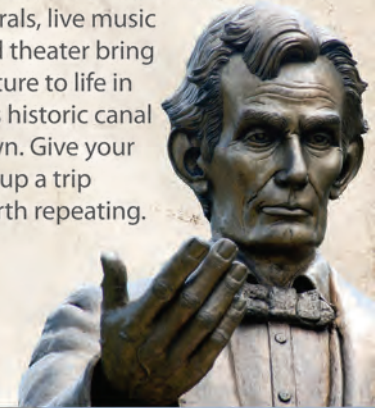
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## WHERE TO GO



### Visit Owatonna

With four beautiful seasons, there is something for everyone to explore in Owatonna, MN. Located on the crossroads of 2 major roadways and 1 hour south of Minnesota's metro, you'll fall in love with the historic flavor and small-town feel the minute you step foot into our unique piece of northern paradise. From international dining experiences, architectural masterpieces and globally recognized history; Owatonna is the perfect getaway for visitors of all interests.

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### Visit Winona

Cradled between towering bluffs and the Mississippi River, Winona is the premier group travel destination in Southeastern Minnesota thanks to its abundance of festivals, museums, and unique experiences along with incredible scenic beauty and endless outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all abilities. Situated just off I-90 but hidden in the spectacular Mississippi River Valley, Winona is the perfect choice for groups, whether as the final destination or a delightful stopover on the way.

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### Worthington Area Chamber of Commerce & CVB

Worthington is located in Minnesota's southwest corner, at the intersection of state highways 59 and 60 and Interstate 90. One of Worthington's greatest natural assets is 880-acre Lake Okabena, set in the center of the city and surrounded by many parks and recreation areas. Worthington offers something for everyone. We have museums with art, history and car memorabilia, a lake, parks and trails, unique shopping and restaurants, and festivals. The bureau assists group tour planners and operators in finding places to visit, sleep, eat and shop in southwest Minnesota.

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### Branson Convention & Visitors Bureau

Located in the beautiful Ozark Mountains, Branson is a premier vacation destination centrally located offering world-class entertainment and an award-winning theme park. Groups visiting in 2020 and beyond can expect to see new shows, attractions, festivals, restaurants, lodging amenities, retail shops, outdoor recreational activities and more as Branson continues to grow and expand its wealth of vacation opportunities for folks of all ages.

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### City of Independence

Blaze the same trails as the pioneers did hundreds of years ago when they traveled over land on the Oregon Trail and experience the Midwest gem that is Independence, Missouri. History buffs will fall in love with the seemingly endless array of activities, including the Pioneer Trail that highlights the important monuments of the city, the sites that played a key role in the life of Independence native and former President Harry S. Truman, and the extensive array of information available at the Midwest Genealogy Center.

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### Explore St. Louis

St. Louis is a place where history and imagination collide, and the result is a Midwestern destination like no other. Easy to get to and easy to get around in, the area is filled with an eclectic array of shops and restaurants that contribute to St. Louis' unique charm and multi-cultural flair. The Gateway to the West offers exceptional music, arts and cultural options, as well as such renowned – and free – attractions as the Saint Louis Art Museum, Zoo, and Science Center, the Missouri History Museum, Citygarden, Grant's Farm, Laumeier Sculpture Park, and the Anheuser-Busch brewery tours.

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### Greater Saint Charles CVB

Nestled in the historic Missouri River Valley and located 30 minutes from downtown St. Louis, Saint Charles is a city of charm and tradition perfect for group outings. The Historic Main Street District is a 10-block nationally registered historic site with over 100 shops and 25 restaurants. Within the district are the First State Capitol Building, Lewis and Clark Boathouse and Nature Center and the Foundry Art Centre. For a fine arts experience, Lindenwood University hosts touring plays and concerts as well as its own student productions.

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### Jefferson City CVB

With a skyline that includes the majestic Missouri River and Missouri State Capitol, "America's Most Beautiful Small Town" boasts beautiful nature and history. Groups can stop by Lewis & Clark Trailhead Plaza to learn about the duo's expedition to the Pacific, browse the charming storefronts on High Street and discover Missouri's natural history at the Runge Nature Center. Be sure to arrange a State Capitol tour to admire the murals of Thomas Hart Benton and explore the Missouri State Museum.

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### Joplin CVB

Joplin, tucked in the corner of southwestern Missouri, offers both a tranquil small-town lifestyle and an active urban area featuring a host of entertaining options. Visitors looking to drive iconic Route 66 can explore the Sunshine Lamp District, which is home to dozens of shops, restaurants and art galleries clustered together. Groups seeking an outdoor adventure should consider a visit to Grand Falls, the largest continuously running waterfall in Missouri.

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### Missouri Division of Tourism

Missouri is home to fabulous urban areas like St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield, which offer all the culture, entertainment, nightlife, sports and fine dining you would expect. Visitors can capture a piece of America's cultural past with a cruise down Route 66, staying in historic renovated motor courts, admiring roadside attractions and enjoying down-home cooking. Those who love the outdoors fall in love with Missouri, with its crystal-clear float streams, trails that run from civilized to rugged and world-class fishing.

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### Pulaski County Tourism Bureau

Pulaski County offers a multitude of activities and attractions. For history buffs, it has a rich history in the Trail of Tears, Civil War, Military and Route 66. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy hiking, cave diving, hunting and an archery range, and those who love the water can savor relaxing float trips. Professional assistance with itinerary planning and step-on guides for themed trips for your group.

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### Springfield, Missouri, Convention and Visitors Bureau

Known as the "Birthplace of Route 66," Springfield, Missouri is the perfect destination for groups looking to experience a historic slice of America's Mother Road. Vintage hotel rooms, historic theaters, craft breweries, and a brand new history museum await your visitors. Springfield is also home to Bass Pro Shops and the incredible new Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium — voted the best aquarium in the country by USA Today readers.

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### St. Joseph CVB

The original starting point for the Pony Express, St. Joseph is home to 17 museums, 12 annual festivals, amazing architecture listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Kansas City Chiefs' summer training camp. You'll also find great outdoor recreation throughout 48 parks, 26 miles of beautiful parkway and countless outdoor concerts. Experienced staff at the CVB can help you plan a special tour unlike any other.

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### Akron/Summit CVB

Visitors can enjoy the eclectic collection at the Akron Art Museum or catch a performance at the Akron Civic Theatre. The area's other can't miss features include the Akron Zoo, Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, Hale Farm & Village and Cuyahoga Valley National Park/Scenic Railroad. Greater Akron is filled with delicious food, including Swenson's Drive-in, which offers old-fashioned car-side service, and Chill Ice Cream, featuring a variety of tasty treats.

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### Canton/Stark CVB

In northeast Ohio, guests can explore national historic sites, museums and attractions. Canton is best known as being home to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, but it also hosts a vibrant arts and music culture. Visitors can explore the downtown Canton Arts District, Canton Classic Car Museum, Beech Creek Gardens (which feature a butterfly house) and the 1,489-seat Canton Palace Theatre, built in 1926. Outdoor enthusiasts can find a series of 20 different caches that have been placed across Stark County for the Cache4Coins Geo Tour.

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### Destination Cleveland

Cleveland contains a slew of world-class activities and attractions for overnight group trips and inquisitive students. From grabbing a seat to an immersive film experience of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame induction ceremonies to taking an interactive approach to art at the Cleveland Museum of Art, groups can quickly fill an itinerary. The city also contains top-notch sporting events in baseball, football and basketball and also offers a bevy of group-friendly dining and hotel options.

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# Take a Tour of Frank Lloyd Wright's Life

Architect created masterful houses and structures, many which can be visited including two sites in the recent UNESCO's World Heritage Frank Lloyd Wright Serial Inscription

Few have made an impact on American architecture like the legendary Frank Lloyd Wright, who designed more than 1,000 structures with a distinct style focusing on organic architecture living in harmony with the environment.

Today, visitors can tour many of Wright's creations thanks to the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust, whose mission is to engage, educate and inspire the public through the interpretation of Wright's design legacy. The Trust features 50 employees and 650 volunteers who serve an audience of 150,000 site visitors and 1 million virtual visitors from around the world each year. The Trust offers five tours in the Chicago area where guests can get an up-close view of Wright's masterful creations. Here are those tours:

## Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio

**Frank Lloyd Wright's** exceptional home (built in 1889) and studio (1898) complex served as his private residence and workplace from 1889 to 1909—the first 20 years of his professional career. Wright used his home as an architectural laboratory, experimenting with design concepts that contain the seeds of his architectural philosophy. Wright added the studio in 1898 and it was there he designed more than 140 structures, including such famous buildings as the Robie House, Larkin Building and Unity Temple. Guided museum tours and self-guided walking tours of the Frank Lloyd Wright Historic District are offered daily.

## Unity Temple

**Unity Temple** (built between 1905 and 1908) is Wright's only surviving public building from his Prairie period. Limited by a modest budget and an urban site (it is located a short walk from Wright's studio), Wright created a bold design and used unconventional materials to produce one of his most significant accomplishments. Unity Temple was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1970. Unity Temple is part of UNESCO's World Heritage Frank Lloyd Wright Serial Inscription. Guided and self-guided tours are offered Monday through Saturday.

## Frederick C. Robie House

The **Robie House** on the University of Chicago campus is considered one of the most important buildings in the history of modern American architecture. It was created by Wright for his client Frederick C. Robie, a forward-thinking businessman. Designed in Wright's Oak Park studio in 1908 and completed in 1910, the building is both a masterpiece of the Prairie style and renowned as a forerunner of modernism in architecture. The Robie House was designated by the American Institute of Architects as one of the 10 most significant structures of the 20th century. A major renovation of the interior was recently completed and the house is part of UNESCO's World Heritage Frank Lloyd Wright Serial Inscription. The guided museum tour Robie House: A Modern Home, is offered Thursday through Monday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## The Rookery Building/ Light Court

Set in the heart of Chicago's financial district, Daniel Burnham and John Root's **Rookery Building** is a Chicago landmark, containing a luminous central light court remodeling by Wright. Designed by Burnham and Root in 1885 and completed in 1888, the 11-story Rookery was the tallest building in the world at the time of its completion. In 1905, Wright was commissioned to update the interior design and plan of the light court and lobbies. Guided tours of the Rookery Light Court are offered Monday through Friday.

## Emil Bach House

The intimately scaled **Bach House** (built in 1915) adopts the vocabulary of the Prairie house, but looks toward future stylistic directions in Wright's work. This house was built for Emil Bach, president of Chicago's Bach Brick Co. Described as "semi-cubist," its plan is a modification of Wright's "fireproof house." On the main floor, the living room and dining area project out from a central fireplace. The Bach House was designated a Chicago landmark in 1977 and was placed on the U.S. Register of Historic Places in 1979. It was meticulously restored to its original appearance in 2013. Guided museum tours are offered Tuesday and Wednesday, May through September.



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## WHERE TO GO



### Experience Columbus

As the 14th largest city in the U.S. and named on the New York Times' list of 52 Places to Visit in 2019, there's a lot to see and do in Columbus. From pouring your own custom-scented candle and hand-feeding a giraffe to experiencing the brand-new National Veterans Memorial and Museum on the downtown riverfront, Columbus has something to offer for any group. As a leader in experiential tourism, Columbus knows that getting groups in the middle of the action and behind the scenes is of utmost importance.

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### Holmes County Tourism Bureau

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### Steubenville Visitor Center

Steubenville, in eastern Ohio, boasts numerous significant sites including Historic Fort Steuben, a fully reconstructed 19th-century frontier fort; the First Federal Land Office; and many churches with stunning stained-glass windows. Known as "The City of Murals," Steubenville has 24 larger-than-life portrayals of people and events painted on downtown buildings. In November, visit the Nutcracker Village, which contains more than 150 life-sized nutcrackers, an Advent Market, and holiday music, activities and events.

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### Tuscarawas County CVB

Historic Tuscarawas County has a wealth of activities for travelers. The county is home to Schoenbrunn Village, the first Protestant settlement in Ohio, as well as Ohio's only Revolutionary War fort (Fort Laurens). Visitors can also enjoy the World's Largest Cuckoo Clock in Sugarcreek and the Dennison Railroad Depot Museum, a National Historic Landmark. With more than 20 museums and historic sites, the county has something for every budding historian.

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### Wayne County CVB

Known as the "Gateway to Amish Country," Ohio's Wayne County and the surrounding area is home to the world's largest Amish population. Shop at one-of-a-kind retail stores such as Lehman's Hardware, P. Graham Dunn Gallery, Simply Smuckers and Everything Rubbermaid. From the Ohio Light Opera's nationally recognized theater in the summer to the Wayne Center Ballet Company's *Nutcracker* in the winter, there is something to satisfy every taste year-round.

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### Circle Wisconsin

Wisconsin is a state surrounded by two great lakes, a mighty river and 15,000 lakes in between. Touring the state, you'll find world-class museums, all forms of entertainment and beautiful scenery, from rolling rural vistas to urban surprises. The state is filled with breweries and wineries and has some of the best Native American casinos in the nation. Visitors can take time to explore the state's Native American culture, from a buffalo overlook to the logging industry.

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### Manitowoc VCB

The town of Manitowoc attracts thousands of visitors each year who want to explore the USS Cobia World War II submarine moored along the Manitowoc River. The area is also known for the historic Rogers Street Fishing Village, which features relics of famous shipwrecks and a lighthouse that was built in 1886. Visitors can explore 20 miles of spectacular Lake Michigan coastline featuring stunning parks, beaches and marinas and historic downtowns.

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### VISIT Milwaukee

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### Wisconsin Dells CVB

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# The French Lick Resort — The Hidden Wonder of the World

For over a century, the French Lick Resort has been attracting tourists for its European elegance, extravagance, refined amenities and leisure activities

Nestled among the hills of the Hoosier National Forest resides a classic American destination, the French Lick Resort. Containing two nationally historic hotels, the French Lick Resort is where history and luxury emanate throughout. Discover all the rich history of the West Baden Springs Hotel and the French Lick Springs Hotel for an ideal getaway where each room and suite have a story.

## The Epitome of Sophistication

For 50 years, the **West Baden Springs Hotel**, modeled after the grandest spas of Europe, boasted the world's largest free-span dome that stretches 200 feet. This world-class facility was once dubbed "Eighth Wonder of the World" when it opened in 1902. Named best historic resort by Historic Hotels of America, this timeless hotel combines value, comfort and convenience to create a luxurious setting with a range of modern amenities suitable for small or large groups. Feel at home in the opulent rooms that offer a flat screen TV, refrigerator, air conditioning and free wifi. **The atrium** is set with plush seating, tables and chairs and filled with live musicians. The room is decorated with period furniture and the library is packed with books and comfortable spaces. The grounds are filled with formal gardens and trails, making for an Old World-style elegant experience.

Enjoy the Afternoon Tour and Tea before relaxing in the atrium to the sounds of nightly live music. Discover various dining options

including an impressive experience for up to 10 as you watch the Table One chef prepare a custom meal served on Versace dinnerware.

At night, witness the architectural wonder become enchanted when colored lights fill the atrium—an attraction bringing in tourists since its opening. Enjoy the peace of riding in a horse-drawn carriage and visit the ice cream shop that contains a multitude of fun flavors. During your visit, be sure to check out French Lick Winery, a relaxed vineyard featuring a tasting room and a café with Italian fare, and Spirits of French Lick, where you can tour a distillery and enjoy award-winning spirits and cocktails and savor fresh, homemade Italian cuisine in the relaxed atmosphere of the tasting room.

In addition, Indiana Landmarks offers historical tours of both hotels daily. From the intricate tiled floor below your feet to the spectacular dome overhead, you'll learn all about the history and preservation of the grand structure in a historical tour of the hotel. Choose from an array of hotel packages including birthdays, romance, holidays and historical packages and more.

## An American Classic

From the West Baden Springs Hotel, take a quick trolley ride to the **French Lick Springs Hotel** where you can enjoy family-friendly activities that make this an ideal destination for celebrations or relaxing getaways. This classic American hotel, established in 1845,

has something everyone can enjoy whether it's championship level golf, a trip to the spa in the spa wing, hiking, biking, swimming, bowling or shopping in the promenade. Although more affordable and family-oriented, you're not treated any less than royalty. Let the valet take your keys as live musicians on the front porch playing ragtime music greet you. Take a step back from daily routines and go horse-back riding in the stables, play at the Vegas-style casino, and browse casual and formal dining options.

## French Lick Scenic Railway Dinner Train

For a fine dining experience, board the **French Lick Scenic Railway** and take a 20-mile day tour through the rolling hills of the Hoosier national forest, the 2,200-foot Burton Tunnel (Indiana's second longest tunnel), and past limestone outcroppings. You can enjoy a three-course meal on the newly added dinner train while soaking in all the beauty of southern Indiana. Enjoy a meal of your choice from the menu when you book in advance. The railway excursion also hosts other themed train rides for special events and holidays including the popular **Polar Express Train Ride™**.

## VISIT FRENCH LICK WEST BADEN

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## WHAT TO SEE



### 360 Chicago

Soaring 1,000 feet above Michigan Avenue is one of the city's most iconic attractions – 360 CHICAGO. 94 floors up, 360 CHICAGO offers breathtaking views of Chicago's skyline, lakefront and neighboring states. It's the only place to enjoy TILT – Chicago's greatest thrill ride. This unique marvel tilts guests out from the 94th floor, providing the most exhilarating views of the city. Relax at our bar & cafe, offering local favorites, large cocktail selection, and the city's best views 1,000 feet high. Discover our interactive kiosks in five languages. There's no better way to experience the real Chicago.

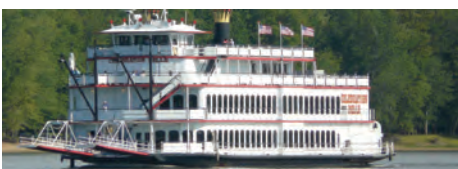
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### Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of our nation's 16th president. Through a combination of scholarship and high-tech showmanship, visitors are immersed in the life of Lincoln. Visitors will see ghosts come to life, roam through the Lincoln White House, experience booming cannons and come face to face with priceless Lincoln artifacts. Kids will enjoy Mrs. Lincoln's Attic, a special area that encourages imagination with hands-on activities.

212 N. 6th St., Springfield, IL 62701  
Patty Knepler, 217-524-7219  
Patty.knepler@illinois.gov  
www.presidentlincoln.illinois.gov



### Celebration River Cruises

Welcome aboard the Celebration Belle, a family-owned, 750-passenger riverboat, located in Moline, IL. Celebration River Cruises offers a variety of cruises including 4-hour Themed Lunch Cruises, All Day Cruises on the river, Captain's Dinner Cruises and more. All meals are freshly prepared onboard. Dance to the fabulous live entertainment or sit outside and enjoy the beautiful scenic view on one of the two outside observation decks. Cruise options in Moline, IL (Quad Cities), Dubuque, IA and Prairie du Chien, WI.

2501 River Drive, Moline, IL 61265  
Susan Yarolem, 309-764-1952, Ext. 204  
susan@celebrationbelle.com • www.celebrationbelle.com



### Discover Frank Lloyd Wright's Chicago

The Frank Lloyd Wright Trust is the gateway to Frank Lloyd Wright's work in the Chicago area, offering tours and programs at Wright's Home and Studio and Unity Temple in Oak Park, IL; Frederick C. Robie House in Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood; Emil Bach House in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood; and the Rookery Light Court in the Chicago Loop. This non-profit organization engages, educates and inspires the public through interpretation of Wright's design legacy.

The Rookery, 209 S. LaSalle St., Suite 118  
Chicago, IL 60604  
Christine Trevino, 312-763-2566  
ctrevino@flwright.org • www.flwright.org



### Group Theater Tix

Get a taste of authentic Chicago culture by adding a local production to your itinerary. Group Theater Tix is Chicagoland's favorite group sales agency for off-Loop entertainment. For 16 years and counting, they've specialized in securing discounted seats and show buyouts for a variety of productions including plays, musicals, workshops, ballets, comedy shows, Broadway shows and more. Streamline the process of planning the perfect tour and ask about full itineraries that include unique restaurants and transportation referrals.

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### Shoreline Sightseeing

Shoreline Sightseeing offers group rates for 20 or more on its guided Architecture River Tours, named as TripAdvisor's most booked travel experience in America for 2019. Group rates also available on Classic Lake Tours, Fireworks Tours and on many of special event evening cruises, including Brew Cruises and Wine Tasting Cruises. A Shoreline group tour is ideal for family outings, clubs, special occasions, school classes, wedding festivities and professional get-togethers with colleagues or friends.

Navy Pier and Michigan Avenue Bridge  
600 E. Grand Ave. and 401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611  
Amy Hartnett, 312-373-3758, Ext. 1  
groups@shoresightsighting.com  
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## MIDWEST REGION



### Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

Dine and marvel at theatrical masterpieces at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Situated in northwest Indianapolis, this luxurious theater has entertained groups of 20 to 450 for nearly 50 years. Professionally produced plays and Broadway musicals are offered year-round, including *Les Misérables*, *Grease*, *The Sound of Music*, and *Mary Poppins*. With tiered seating in an intimate setting, you're never more than six rows from the stage. Enjoy the buffet, freshly prepared in-house, and full bar service is available at your table. Plenty of lodging accommodations are located just minutes away.

9301 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268  
Michelle Miller, 317-876-0503  
groups@beefandboards.com • www.beefandboards.com



### Derby Dinner Playhouse

Derby Dinner Playhouse in Clarksville, Indiana sets the stage for dinner and a show. The playhouse serves up a traditional home-style buffet and plenty of smiles with its renowned productions of popular plays and musicals. Show-stopping desserts and a full bar are staples of the culinary experience at the theatre. Overnight hotel packages and recommendations to local attractions are provided to groups looking to spend time in the Louisville, Kentucky area before or after the dinner show.

525 Marriott Drive, Clarksville, IN 47129  
Missy Braun, 812-288-2632, Ext. 113  
groups@derbydinner.com • www.derbydinner.com



### Glenn Miller Birthplace Museum

The mission of the Glenn Miller Birthplace Society is to celebrate the music and memory of Alton Glenn Miller, America's favorite musical patriot. The annual Glenn Miller Festival, held the second weekend in June, now in its 45th year is a music-filled weekend with concerts, dances, picnics, historical displays, presentations and much more.

122 W. Clark St., Clarinda, IA 51632  
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712-542-2461 • www.glennmiller.org



Enjoy Elements of Art in the Chicago Southland. On this three-day tour, your group will experience art at The Shrine of Christ's Passion, Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park, The Art Institute of Chicago, Millennium Park and more.

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## The Elements of Art in Chicago Southland & Beyond

### Day 1

Begin your **Chicagoland Art Tour** at **The Shrine of Christ's Passion**, an interactive half-mile winding pathway that begins with the **Last Supper** and **Garden of Gethsemane**. Take the journey through the **Passion of Christ** as you view 40 life-sized bronze sculptures, each an exquisite work of art.

Come and experience one of the nation's most distinguished collections of contemporary sculpture at the **Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park**. **Governor State University's Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park** is recognized as a destination for seeing remarkable sculpture in a unique setting in which the beauty of the rolling prairie landscape surrounds the soaring artistic masterworks.

Minutes from the sculpture park are the **Lotton Art Glass Gallery** and the studios of **Charles Lotton**. His business began in 1970 in his backyard, as Charles taught himself the art of glassblowing. Today, you can find Charles experimenting with some of the most breathtaking colors in the world.

To finish off the day, your group will be able to make its own piece of art at **Art 4 Soul**. "At Art 4 Soul we share the visions and talents of many artists from refined to funky and functional to fantastic," said owner Dodi Wians. Choose from a variety of projects including, but not limited to mosaics, ceramic pieces, unique jewelry, block printing or acrylic painting.

### Day 2

Start the day in Chicago at Navy Pier's **Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows**. The Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows is a permanent display of 150 stained glass windows housed in an 800-foot-long series of galleries along the lower level terraces of Festival Hall. Open since February 2000, it is the first museum in the

United States dedicated solely to stained glass windows. It showcases both secular and religious windows and is divided by artistic theme into four categories: Victorian, Prairie, Modern and Contemporary.

Next, escape to **The Art Institute of Chicago** and delight in treasured collections that have lured visitors to the museum from all over the world. Journey through Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas as renowned works of art, spanning 5,000 years, inform and inspire you. The **Modern Art Wing** is now open. This spectacular new expansion features the museum's outstanding collections of modern and contemporary art, architecture and design, and photography.

**Millennium Park** is an award-winning center for art, music, architecture, and landscape design. The 24.5-acre park features the work of world-renowned architects, planners, artists and designers. Among Millennium Park's prominent features are the Frank Gehry-designed **Jay Pritzker Pavilion**, the most sophisticated outdoor concert venue of its kind in the United States; the interactive **Crown Fountain** by Jaume Plensa; the contemporary **Lurie Garden** designed by the team of Kathryn Gustafson, Piet Oudolf and Robert Israel; and Anish Kapoor's hugely popular **Cloud Gate sculpture** on the AT&T Plaza.

### Day 3

Before heading home, stop at the **Indian Boundary Prairies**. More than 250 species of plants thrive at the prairies, including endangered ones such as the prairie white fringed orchid. The Indian Boundary Prairies are an important sanctuary for butterflies and other animals. More than 350 insect species are known to inhabit the prairies along with the smooth green snake, eastern milk snake and 11 other species of amphibians and reptiles.



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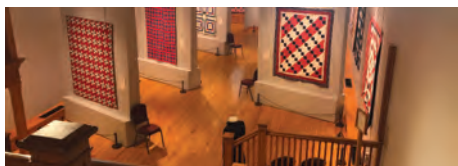
## WHAT TO SEE



### Herbert Hoover Presidential Library and Museum

On the grounds of the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, in West Branch, IA, lies one of 14 presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration. The library welcomes an array of groups, including field trips, STEM trips, summer camp, and more. Begin your visit at the permanent galleries in a rotunda and learn about “The Great Humanitarian’s” public service admiring the unique displays. The exhibits in the Museum galleries tell the life and times of Hoover from his birth, to his life as an engineer, Secretary of Commerce, President of the United States and his post-presidential work.

210 Parkside Drive, West Branch, IA 52358  
Hoover Museum, 319-643-5301  
hoovertours@nara.gov • www.hoover.archives.gov



### Iowa Quilt Museum

The Iowa Quilt Museum welcomes quilters, quilt lovers, history buffs, and all appreciators of American art and culture. Located on the town square in historic Winterset, Iowa, our unique space occupies a storefront that was for many years a JC Penney local branch. The museum offers changing exhibits—four per year—of American quilts both vintage and new. While in Winterset, visit two fabulous quilt shops, a variety of boutique stores, and an array of other attractions.

68 E. Court Ave., Winterset, IA 50273  
Megan Barrett, 515-462-5988  
director@iowaquiltmuseum.org  
www.iowaquiltmuseum.org



### Matchstick Marvels

See monuments brought to life with more than 7 million matchsticks (yes, matchsticks) at Matchstick Marvels in Gladbrook, Iowa. Since 1977 artist Patrick Acton has created more than 70 models of both historical and fictional significance that groups will enjoy discovering throughout the museum. Among the marvels you will see are the US Capitol, the USS Iowa Battleship, a brontosaurus, a bald eagle, and the Space Shuttle Challenger. With a tour you will receive two complimentary admissions for your driver and escort.

319 Second St., Gladbrook, IA 50635  
JoAnn Ruopp, 641-473-2410, glbktheater@iowatelecom.net  
www.matchstickmarvels.com



### National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library

The National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in Cedar Rapids, Iowa allows groups to dive deep into Czech and Slovak history. Encounter rotating exhibitions that will take you through the lives and challenges of immigrants, soldiers, families and artists. Visitors will also see replica items—think puppets, a Communist watch-tower and police car. The attraction reveals important facts about Czechoslovakia’s attempt to gain freedom from the Soviet Union.

1400 Inspiration Place SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
Carrie Kriz, 319-362-8500, ext. 194  
ckriz@ncsml.org • www.ncsml.org



### Riverboat Twilight

Looking for a truly authentic piece of Americana? What better way to experience the majesty of the country’s mighty Mississippi River and its iconic sights than to hop on board the Riverboat Twilight. Groups can book discounted tours ranging up to two full days, all of which travel within Iowa and offer incredible sights at every turn. The two-day cruise is chock full of onboard entertainment and delicious meals and is sure to provide a relaxing experience for passengers of all ages.

Front Street Pier, LeClaire, IA 52753  
Carrie Stier, 800-331-1467  
info@riverboatwillight.com • www.riverboatwillight.com



### Holland Tulip Time

Every year for nine spectacular days, Holland, Michigan comes alive in brilliant shades encompassing all the colors of the rainbow. Over five million tulips reach their peak bloom in May, and the town celebrates with a festival unlike any other. Dutch garb, hundreds of klompen dancers, tasty treats, carnivals and of course millions of captivating tulips are on display for visitors and locals alike. This nearly 100-year-old tradition makes May a perfect time to plan a visit to Holland and the surrounding region.

42 W. 8th St., Holland, MI 49423  
Annika Smeenge, 616-396-4221, Ext. 112  
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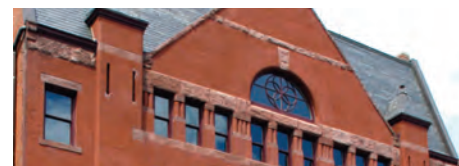
## MIDWEST REGION



### Tibbits Opera House

Step back in time and experience the power of opera inside this iconic theater, which stands as the second oldest in the state of Michigan. It has stood the test of time and continues to offer visitors an unparalleled experience with a wide variety of performances year around that provide something for all ages. Group rates are available as well as customizable tours that make this the perfect reason to stop and explore the charming town of Coldwater.

14 S. Hanchett St., Coldwater, MI 49036  
Tirsha Odisher, 517-278-6029  
boxoffice@tibbits.org • www.tibbits.org



### The Grand Opera House

Those who visit The Grand Opera House in Dubuque, Iowa are in for a grand time in a magnificent theater venue. The Grand Opera House is always producing the classics, whether it’s *The Nutcracker*, *The Lion King* or a tribute to Frank Sinatra. While seated close to the stage, your group will get an amazing view of the actors and orchestral accompaniments from any angle. Conveniently located near more than 10 hotels and attractions, the theater is an ideal complement to your itinerary.

135 W. Eighth St., Dubuque, IA 52001  
Michelle Blanchard, 563-588-1305  
boxoffice@thegrandoperahouse.com  
www.thegrandoperahouse.com/group-rates



### Great River Shakespeare Festival

For over 16 years the Great River Shakespeare Festival has been Minnesota’s premier Shakespeare festival. Season 17 will feature “The Tempest” and “The Taming of the Shrew” by William Shakespeare as well as an adaptation of “Great Expectations” and the hit one-man play, “Every Brilliant Thing”. The festival offers special events for groups such as backstage tours, panel discussions with the actors, and more - all in the beautiful river town of Winona. Contact GRSF to coordinate your visit to the festival as well as to other area attractions - such as the nationally renowned Minnesota Marine Art Museum.

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# Stories Come to Life at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum

Groups discover the life of the nation's 16<sup>th</sup> president through immersive exhibits and displays

"Scholarship and showmanship." Two words that describe Abraham Lincoln as well as the world-class historical center devoted to him. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (ALPLM), opened in 2004, and is one of the newest presidential centers. Despite its novelty, it has already become one of the nation's most popular centers thanks to its extensive collection and interactive displays.

The ALPLM houses an unmatched collection of Lincoln-related artifacts, along with a comprehensive assembly of Illinois history. The **Treasures Gallery** houses a rotating assortment of items related to the Lincolns' lives, including family photographs, intricate dishware, and priceless crystal. In the **Union Theater**, groups are surrounded by layered digital projection screens that immerse them in the film "Lincoln's Eyes," a dramatic telling of the hope, vision, sorrow and resolve of Abraham Lincoln.

Children get a hands-on experience in **Mrs. Lincoln's Attic**. They can try on traditional clothing from Lincoln's time, including his suit, his wife Mary's dress, or the uniform

of a Civil War soldier. The **Ghosts of the Library** presentation introduces groups to Lincoln, his life, and his family through the unique use of Holavision. This holographic technology allows "ghosts" to interact with real-life actors to tell tales from the past.

While the permanent exhibits and shows continue to draw visitors from across the country, the ALPLM also welcomes acclaimed temporary collections that encourage people to return again and again. **Spies, Traitors, Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America** - a critically acclaimed, national touring exhibit from the International Spy Museum comes to the ALPLM. *Spies, Traitors, Saboteurs* reveals nine major events in history when Americans were threatened by enemies within United States borders. This exhibit depicts how the government and the public responded, highlighting the evolution of U.S. counterintelligence and homeland security efforts, as well as examining the challenge of securing our nation without compromising the civil liberties upon which it was founded. For this exhibit run only, the professional historians, researchers and storytellers at the

ALPLM are also creating an exclusive new segment called "Spies in the Civil War" revealing a fascinating, largely untold history of the war between the states. The exhibit opens Friday March 27, 2020 in the Illinois Gallery at the ALPLM.

There is so much to see and do at the ALPLM, groups will have more than enough to keep them entertained. In fact, organizers may want to add another day to the agenda to allow plenty of time to explore everything the library and museum has to offer.

Groups interested in visiting the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum can contact the Springfield Convention and Visitors' Bureau. The team will help reserve a groups' trip and provide useful information to organizers to help them make the most of their visit.

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

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Director of Marketing and Guest Experience  
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[PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov](http://PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov)



## Mall of America

Inside Mall of America, you'll find more than just your typical shopping experience. Entertainment, culinary delights and even roller coasters are just a few of the highlights of this spectacular mall – the largest of its kind in the United States with more than 520 stores. Mall of America offers incredible deals to groups including complimentary VIP Shopping Packages, tax-free shopping on clothing and shoes, discounts at restaurants and attractions, and more.

60 E. Broadway, Bloomington, MN 55425  
Samantha Sommers, 952-883-8499  
samantha.sommers@moa.net  
www.mallofamerica.com



## Minnesota Marine Art Museum

Home to masterpieces by Turner, Monet, Renoir, Van Gogh, Cassatt, Gauguin, Picasso and many more, the Minnesota Marine Art Museum invites you to explore the ongoing and historic human relationship with water through their collection. MMAM also presents historical and contemporary exhibitions throughout the year and hosts educational experiences for thousands of people each year.

800 Riverview Drive, Winona, MN 55987  
507-474-6626, hello@mmam.org  
www.mmam.org



## Mark Twain Boyhood Home and Museum

Nestled in the heart of historic downtown Hannibal, MO, the museum comprises seven buildings, six of which are on the National Register of Historic Places, that inspired much of Mark Twain's work. See first-hand the Boyhood Home where Sam Clemens, the future Mark Twain, grew up and where Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn were inspired. Explore the home for the inspiration of Becky Thatcher, and J. M. Clemens Justice of the Peace Office, where Sam's father held court. Visit the two-story Museum Gallery featuring interactive exhibits, the Norman Rockwell Gallery and treasured Clemens family artifacts.

120 N. Main, Hannibal, MO 63401  
Group Reservations, 573-221-9010, Ext. 409  
reservations@marktwainmuseum.org  
www.marktwainmuseum.org



## Missouri Star Quilt Co.

What began as a small family-business has flourished into a must-see for any quilter. Located in Hamilton, Missouri, the Missouri Star Quilt Co. is owned by YouTube "Sewlebrity" Jenny Doan and her family and draws patrons from every corner of the world. Shop 12 uniquely themed fabric shops, attend a retreat, or choose from a variety of sewing and quilting classes. With the company bringing in some of the best designers and quilters in the industry, this destination is a quilter's paradise.

114 N. Davis St., Hamilton, MO 64644  
Meg Gazaway, 888-571-1122  
meg@missouriqltco.com  
www.visitmsqc.com



## Nicholas-Beazley Aviation Museum

The Nicholas-Beazley Aviation Museum features interactive exhibits, some designed especially with young people in mind; videotaped personal stories; restored aircraft; aviation-related exhibits; memorabilia.

1985 S. Odell, Marshall, MO 65340  
Christi Bentley, 660-886-2630  
mccnbam@mmuonline.net  
www.nicholasbeazley.org



## Saint Louis Art Museum

Located in the heart of historic Forest Park, the Saint Louis Art Museum is one of the nation's leading comprehensive art museums, with collections that include works of exceptional quality from virtually every culture and time period. Permanent collections include paintings by van Gogh and Rembrandt, while rotating exhibits showcase contemporary artists. Beyond the collection, the museum offers unique shopping and dining experiences to help make your visit more enjoyable.

One Fine Arts Drive, Forest Park  
Saint Louis, MO 63110  
314-655-5469, tours@slam.org  
www.slam.org

## MIDWEST REGION



## Ya Ya's Alpaca Farm

Located 45 miles south of Kansas City in Cass County, Ya Ya's Alpaca Farm is a unique spot for animal lovers young and old. Let them show you their passion for alpacas in a guided 90-minute education farm tour fit for families, kids and groups. Learn, feed and photograph their 35-plus alpacas. Browse the store for great alpaca products and receive a demonstration of the machines used to make alpaca fiber products. The 50-seat air-conditioned/heated auditorium is perfect for holding small events.

30200 E. 275th St., Garden City, MO 64747  
Karl Blandin, 816-213-7555  
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## Cincinnati Railway Company

The Cincinnati Railway is a luxurious excursion offering an exclusive and relaxing, service-oriented travel experience in vintage rail cars. The Cincinnati Railway Company operates two independently owned 1950s rail cars, the Moonlight Dome and Birch Grove Sleeper, used for private charters on regularly scheduled Amtrak routes. With both cars being based in Chicago, you can connect to virtually all regularly scheduled Amtrak trains. Accommodating groups as small as two or as large as 24, this railway excursion is a once-in-a-lifetime vacation for family and friends.

11013 Kenwood Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45242  
Brian Collins, 513-791-7245  
info@cincinnati-railway.com • www.cincinnati-railway.com



## Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, situated in Northeast Ohio, takes you through 26 miles of Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP). Providing interactive, educational and entertainment programs onboard and accessibility to CVNP, the railroad attracts more than 200,000 tourists from around the world each year. CVSR runs from Independence, OH to Akron, OH, allowing passengers to experience the breathtaking scenery, historic towns, majestic wildlife, deep forests, rolling hills and open farmlands. Along the route groups can discover nearby attractions, restaurants and accommodations.

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# Explore the Great Rivers and Routes of Southwest Illinois

This one-of-a-kind region showcases historic Route 66 and the extraordinary Great River Road

Southwest Illinois is home to a myriad of unique attractions and charming towns. It is also the only location in America where two of our nation's legendary roadways merge alongside the confluence of three great rivers.

Road trippers seeking to savor one of the most scenic drives in the country can journey down historic Route 66 from Virden to just outside St. Louis, where they will encounter a slew of attractions from the classic to the quirky that make Route 66 famous. Adventurers can also shift gears and merge onto the Meeting of the Great Rivers National Scenic Byway, where they will experience the shimmering brilliance of the junction of the Missouri, Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Here are some memorable stops travelers can make along the way:

## Route 66

When you're cruising down Route 66 and hunger strikes, visit one of the oldest American restaurants on the legendary highway. The **Ariston Café in Litchfield** opened its doors in 1924 and is one of the oldest continually-operational Route 66 restaurants. Another venerable stop is **Doc's Soda Fountain in Girard**, which was established in 1884. The original soda fountain was added in 1929 and today, Doc's offers old-fashioned sodas, breakfast, lunch, dinner, pies and ice cream.

**Henry's Rabbit Ranch in Staunton** is a roadside wonder that lets travelers take a trip back to yesteryear with its collection of highway and trucking memorabilia and historic vehicles including a collection of Volkswagen Rabbits. Henry's is also home to actual rabbits, some of who have been trained to perform tricks. Another fun stop is the **Pink Elephant Antique Mall in Livingston**, a mall that boasts larger than life sculptures including a pink elephant, the iconic Muffler Man, Uniroyal Gal and even the Twistee Treat, which is also an antique diner. The mall also features two floors of antiques with a wide range of merchandise from more than 50 vendors, a retro ice cream shop and a fudge and candy shop.

For an Instagram-worthy group photo, the **World's Largest Catsup Bottle in Collinsville** provides a perfect backdrop. A 170-foot-tall refurbished water tower, the Catsup Bottle was built in 1949 and is recognized the world over as an excellent example of 20th century roadside Americana.

## Great River Road

On a guided tour at the **Lewis and Clark State Historic Site** in Hartford, travelers can follow the trail taken by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark who explored the western United States from 1803 to 1804. This location is

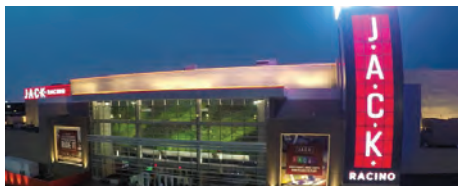
National Trail Site No. 1 on the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail and is at the southern end of the meeting of the Great Rivers Scenic Route. For a spectacular view of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers and the surrounding village of Hartford, visitors can ascend the **Lewis & Clark Confluence Tower** that stands 180 feet tall.

Not to be outdone, the new **Grafton Sky Tour** aerial lift at Aerie's Resort and Winery enables guests to soar over the Mississippi bluffs and enjoy breathtaking views. At the resort, visitors can tour the winery and enjoy wine tastings, fine dining and live entertainment. Another outstanding stop near Grafton is **Pere Marquette State Park**, an 8,050-acre protected area along the Illinois River that is the largest state park in Illinois.

Visiting the historic **Village of Elsah** is akin to taking a journey back in time. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Elsah's impeccably preserved buildings and quiet surroundings give visitors a glimpse of the past thanks to its quaint stone houses, lush gardens, cozy inns and homestyle eateries.

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### JACK Thistledown Racino

JACK Thistledown Racino is a historic entertainment destination with 1,440 VLT's, live thoroughbred and simulcast racing. Nestled in the Cleveland suburb of North Randall, Ohio, JACK Thistledown food and beverage offerings include signature restaurant Millcreek Grille, Nonna Pazza pasta bar, Cleo's sports bar, two quick-serve food outlets, a lounge and two indoor bars. Founded in 1925, JACK Thistledown is home to the Ohio Derby and is a mainstay on America's thoroughbred horseracing circuit.

21501 Emery Rd., North Randall, OH 44128  
 Julian Basak 216-662-8600  
 JTDBus@jackentertainment.com  
[www.jackentertainment.com/thistledown/busgroups](http://www.jackentertainment.com/thistledown/busgroups)



### Fireside Dinner Theatre

The Fireside Dinner Theatre is one of the Midwest's most popular entertainment destinations. It is also the only Actor's Equity dinner theater in Wisconsin. The Klopick family is proud to celebrate more than 55 years of hospitality in the charming and historic city of Fort Atkinson. Guests are invited to browse through spectacular gift shops, relax in the lounge with a refreshing drink, enjoy a superb dining experience and finally, enjoy a live professional show in the intimate theater-in-the-round.

1131 Janesville Ave. Fort Atkinson, WI 53538  
 Jean Flynn, 800-477-9505  
[jean@firesidetheatre.com](mailto:jean@firesidetheatre.com)  
[www.firesidetheatre.com](http://www.firesidetheatre.com)



### Jelly Belly Visitor Center

The Jelly Belly Visitor Center in Pleasant Prairie offers free train tours through its warehouse where guests learn about the Jelly Belly jelly bean making process in video presentations along the way. The train also travels by candy displays, giant hanging Jelly Belly beans, and historic candy making machines. At the end of the tour, each guest receives a free bag of Jelly Belly jelly beans.

10100 Jelly Belly Lane, Pleasant Prairie, WI 53158  
 Joy Basco, 262-947-3891  
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## Ride the Rails in Style

Your once-in-a-lifetime vacation starts with The Cincinnati Railway Company

With picturesque landscapes and bustling cities, America is a majestic country tailor-made for exploration. And what better way to traverse these lands than by rail?

The **Cincinnati Railway Company**, with cars based in Chicago, features luxury railcars perfectly created for travel throughout the United States. It operates two independently owned classic 1950s rail cars (named the Moonlight Dome and the Birch Grove) that are used for private charters and are as eye-catching as they are comfortable.

### A Return to the Past

Once the preferred method of travel for most Americans, passenger rail offered a relaxing, service-oriented travel experience. While those peaceful trips have mostly vanished in today's fast-paced world, you can still return to those halcyon days thanks to The Cincinnati Railway Company. The company's investors, who are passionate about private passenger rail and the nostalgia that accompanies it, purchased some of the past's finest railcars and tirelessly worked to restore these gems of railroad engineering. These restorations have not only made these cars more aesthetically pleasing than they were back in the 1950s, they are also more comfortable.

### Alluring Vintage Trains

By offering a **Dome Car** and a companion **Sleeping Car**, The Cincinnati Railway Company

can accommodate groups as small as four and as large as 24. A custom charter excursion can be designed to meet almost any need.

**Moonlight Dome** is a 1947 all-stainless-steel streamliner dome car. It is one of only a handful of streamliner domes available for charter in the United States. Moonlight Dome was recently totally remodeled and upgraded, making it one of the premier dome cars in the nation. The car's three two-bed suites are the largest in the industry, featuring twin fold-down single beds. Each stateroom has a closet and full restroom. Nine passengers can sit comfortably in the spacious rear lounge, which features a flat screen high-definition smart TV and a collection of more than 150 classic American movies to enjoy. It also offers Wi-Fi, dual mini refrigerators and a fully stocked premium bar. Upstairs in the dome area, the train car seats 24 passengers at six four-top tables. Guests can enjoy a **360-degree view of the surrounding countryside** as they dine on the finest foods and drinks or simply sit back and relax as the country passes by outside the window.

**Birch Grove** is a 1950 all-stainless-steel 21-bed streamliner sleeper designed to be the companion car to the Moonlight Dome. Birch Grove features **six up and down birth double bedroom suites and nine single bed roomettes**, which will give guests a peaceful night's sleep. The double bedroom suites have a private toilet and sink and small closet and

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### Modern Efficiency and Classic Comfort

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## WHAT TO SEE



### Mid-Continent Railway Museum

Mid-Continent Railway Museum takes passengers on a 55-minute, 7-mile roundtrip excursion through rural south-central Wisconsin. Uniformed conductors collect tickets and share the history of the railroad and century-old passenger cars during the ride. Onboard dining is also available on select dates. Before or after the ride, visitors can explore the museum filled with dozens of restored locomotives and railcars, most dating to the early 1900s. Bus parking and a free picnic shelter are available.

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### Hilton Garden Inn Detroit Troy

The new Hilton Garden Inn Detroit Troy hotel contains 114 guest rooms, including executive and accessible rooms. Located off I-75, just five minutes from the Somerset Collection luxury mall, the Hilton Garden Inn features a 24-hour business center and 2,106 square feet of event space. The hotel is a quick walk to several restaurants and within 10 miles of the Detroit Zoo and the Troy Historical Village. Guests can also reach downtown Detroit in 25 minutes.

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## MIDWEST REGION



### Ambassador Hotel

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New developments provide fresh ideas for tour planners



## INSIDE

### Colorado

**COLORADO SPRINGS**—After 126 years of operation, the **Pikes Peak Cog Railway** has undergone a major evaluation and is being completely reimagined in 2021 with updated cars and a new **Pikes Peak Summit Complex** that will offer stunning 14,115-foot panoramic views.

**STEAMBOAT SPRINGS**—Guests visiting Steamboat this winter will enjoy the **new gondola**, which will expand uphill capacity from the base area by nearly 40 percent. The new gondola will also provide a more seamless experience with cabins flush to the ground, allowing riders to walk straight on as opposed to stepping up to get into the cabin.

**COPPER MOUNTAIN**—Copper Mountain visitors can explore 273 acres of expert terrain on Tucker Mountain with the new **Three Bears Chairlift** for the 2019-2020 season. This three-person fixed grip lift, topping out at 12,421 feet, will access terrain that was previously accessible via Snowcat or hiking only and provide stunning views of the surrounding area. Copper Mountain has also begun construction on a new 127-room, four-story hotel with anticipated completion as early as 2020. The **Creekside Hotel** will feature an outdoor patio nestled along West Ten Mile Creek complete with fire pits and hot tubs.

### Idaho

**BOISE**—**Zoo Boise** finished a 2.5-acre, \$8.9 million expansion in July 2019. The Gorongosa expansion includes wild African dogs, baboons, Nile crocodiles and hyenas. Proceeds from each zoo admission contribute to a conservation fund supporting endangered species, and over \$2 million has been donated to date.



### Kansas

**MANHATTAN**—Manhattan's 55,000-square-foot **Dream Car Museum** features an eclectic mix of early roadsters, muscle cars and exotics. Cruise on down to Route 66 in the state's far southeast corner to **Decades of Wheels**. The new downtown Baxter Springs complex includes the Café on the Route restaurant, a Route 66-themed arcade, dessert bar and bed & breakfast inn. The Decades of Wheels Museum will showcase collectible cars and motorcycles from the early 1900s to the 21st century.

**ABILENE**—The **Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum** has unveiled 25,000 square feet of new exhibits with technological components, artifacts and new stories that explore Eisenhower's pre-WWII career assignments. One new interactive feature tells the story of "Becoming Ike and Mamie." Another interactive helps visitors understand the impacts of the Cold War during the Eisenhower Administration. Using newly digitized and never-before-seen footage from the National Archives, new mini-theaters offer visitors the opportunity to hear Ike's words firsthand on events and issues from D-Day to world peace.



### Montana

**BIG SKY**—As part of its multi-million-dollar renovation, Big Sky Resort completed lift upgrades in its network to serve the highest vertical in the United States. Challenger Lift is a high-speed triple with conveyor loading. It is 25% faster than the old **Challenger Lift**. Big Sky Resort's new six-place, heated, covered, bubble Powder Seeker Lift is up and running with faster, more comfortable service.





Pikes Peak Welcome Center

## Utah

**SPRINGDALE**—Cable Mountain Lodge recently opened **The Spa at Cable Mountain Lodge**, which offers luxury services to guests after a day of activities in Mother Nature's playground. With Zion National Park at its doorstep and the Virgin River running behind the property, the area's outdoor environment inspired the spa's design and treatments. The facility includes six treatment rooms, private lockers, showers, a lemongrass eucalyptus-infused steam room and whirlpool. A coed relaxation lounge offers a lighted salt wall, moving art, fresh fruit and healthy beverages to create a serene location to rest before and after treatments. Spa treatments draw from the surrounding natural environment and include offerings such as the Emerald Pools Gemstone Massage that draws from healing powers of the area. Guests will discover their energy spectrum profile in this unique treatment, which also includes quartz crystal-infused oils and vibrational energy mists.

## Nebraska

**LINCOLN**—The 49-room **Kindler Hotel** blends the spirit of Lincoln's heritage, neoclassical architecture, and sophisticated accommodations to create a boutique hotel experience Lincoln has never seen. The hotel's event space (a restored historic ballroom) is an ideal backdrop for productive meetings, engaging conferences and spirited celebrations. Boitano's Lounge offers craft cocktails and bar bites developed by Brian Boitano – world renowned Olympic Skater and Food Network star.



## South Dakota

**RAPID CITY**—**City of Presidents**, a series of life-size bronze statues of U.S. presidents along the streets and sidewalks of downtown Rapid City, just added a statue of the 44th president, Barack Obama. Created by local sculptor James Van Nuys, it portrays Obama at his first inauguration, with the president and his daughter Sasha both waving to the crowd. The City of Presidents project began in 2000 to honor the legacy of the American presidency. Each of the sculptures is privately funded, and the pattern of placement was chosen to maintain a coherent structure and eliminate any sense of favoritism or political gain. The statues serve as the gateway to the nation's most famous presidential shrine: Mount Rushmore National Memorial.



## Wyoming

**CHEYENNE**—Wyoming Parks and Cultural Resources opened the **Quebec 01 Missile Alert Facility** just north of Cheyenne in August 2019. This new Cold War attraction will highlight the role played by FE Warren Air Force Base and its nuclear deterrent mission. The site will offer the opportunity to see a military installation that was "hidden in plain sight" and controlled one of the most destructive nuclear weapons ever built by the United States.

After being closed for a four-year restoration and rehabilitation project, the **Wyoming State Capitol** is now open to the public. A beautiful example of Renaissance Revival architecture, the Wyoming Capitol building was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in 1973 and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1987. During the renovation, arches, ceilings and windows were brought back to their original, grand heights. Workers discovered several historical gems, including brass panels from an antique elevator, several covered vault doors, Corinthian-style columns, an original 1888 trompe l'oeil painting and more than 20 original skylights.

## WHERE TO GO



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### Tour Colorado

Colorado is known for its national landmarks, soaring mountains, historic trains and wildlife. Whether your tour includes visiting our national parks, riding our trains, or traveling through the Colorado Rockies, you'll find towns and cities in every corner of our state with farm-to-table restaurants, unique museums and one-of-a-kind shopping. We invite you to visit Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Canon City, Durango, Cortez, Grand Junction, Glenwood Springs, Greeley, Boulder, or Denver where you will find artists, antique shops, brewpubs, distillers and a wide variety of activities.

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### Visit Colorado Springs

Known as Olympic City USA, this vibrant destination is home to amazing outdoor exploration and offers distinctive western charm. Exciting activities, amazing attractions, stunning scenery, art, culture and history provide memorable experiences at every turn. Opening in 2020, the U.S. Olympic Museum and Hall of Fame.

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### Boise Convention & Visitors Bureau

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### Idaho Tourism — Idaho Department of Commerce

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### North Dakota Tourism

Theodore Roosevelt National Park covers more than 70,000 acres and contains approximately 100 miles of trails, wildlife viewing and opportunities for hiking and camping. Fargo is the most populous city in the state and is home to North Dakota State University, featuring the seven-time FCS national champion Bison football team. The International Peace Garden is a symbol of peace among Canada and the United States, Manitoba and North Dakota. It contains acres of uninterrupted prairie and cactus gardens that feature more than 5,000 cacti.

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## INSIDE

### Alaska

**Victory Cruise Lines**, operated by **American Queen Steamboat Company**, is building its third vessel, the 200-passenger **Ocean Victory**. The ship will sail in Alaska on seven- to 10-night voyages through September 2021. Onboard amenities include two restaurants, an open-deck dining area, observation and lectures lounges, piano bar, library, gym, spa and swimming pool with a pool bar and Jacuzzi. The vessel's small size and low draw will allow it to dock in Alaska ports not accessible to larger cruise ships.

### California

**INGLEWOOD** — Scheduled to open prior to the 2020 NFL season, **SoFi Stadium** in Inglewood will serve as the home to the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers of the National Football League. The stadium is scheduled to host Super Bowl LVI in February 2022 and the College Football Playoff National Championship in 2023. The \$4.9 billion stadium covers 298 acres and will hold a capacity of 70,240 for football games.

**LONG BEACH** — In partnership with Cunard Line, the **Queen Mary** in Long Beach has unveiled a new, permanent exhibition, **The Cunard Story**. The exhibition showcases Cunard's 179-year history, its relationship with the *Queen Mary*, its founder's vision, the ships it inspired, global maritime policies and technological innovation. *The Cunard Story* chronicles

the company's legacy through artifacts, photographs and film, and features an "immigration salon" that allows visitors to digitally explore ancestry databases.

**OAKVILLE** — **1881 Napa**, Napa Valley's first wine history museum and tasting salon, has opened in a historic Victorian home in Oakville. Created by Jean-Charles Boisset, proprietor of the Boisset Collection, it has an extensive collection of wine artifacts from Europe and the United States and is next to Oakville Grocery. The two centerpieces of the space—a 48-light Baccarat crystal Zenith chandelier and a reproduction of an 1895 map of Napa County on canvas hanging from the ceiling—provide a dramatic environment for exploring the displays surrounding the tasting room.

**SAN DIEGO** — The **San Diego Zoo** announced a \$69 million new **children's zoo** to be completed in Spring 2021. The new exhibit will give kids greater opportunities to discover the natural world through play and will be designed to help children develop empathy and better understand and identify with wildlife. Families will be able to venture through four ecosystems—communities of plants and animals that have unique adaptations for their environment. More than 100 species will reside on the 2.3-acre space.

**VENTURA COUNTY** — From October 2019 through April 2020, the **Ronald Reagan Presidential Library** will be home to Egypt's Lost Cities. This exhibition contains monumental statues, religious images carved in stone, exquisite jewelry and more; all lost more than 1,200 years ago to the rising tide of the Mediterranean Sea, only to be found two decades ago by underwater archaeologist Franck Goddio.



### Nevada

**BOULDER CITY** — After several successful seasons of springtime operations, **Rail Explorers**, the family-friendly, outdoor-adventure attraction featuring pedal-powered rail bikes, began year-round tours in October 2019. Located in Boulder City, Nevada, Rail Explorers offers exhilarating, guided excursions in two- or four-seat rail bikes along the same tracks used during construction of the dam. All rides start at the Nevada State Railroad Museum and continue downhill to Railroad Pass.





SoFi Stadium will be home to the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers beginning in 2020.

**LAS VEGAS** – The soon-to-be **Las Vegas Raiders** are scheduled to open their new stadium on the Las Vegas Strip prior to the beginning of the 2020 NFL season. Construction of the \$1.8 billion stadium, named **Allegiant Stadium**, began in September of 2017 and is scheduled to cover 62 acres and hold a capacity of 65,000 for football games. The stadium will serve as the home for both the Raiders and the **UNLV Rebels** football program. It will also host the annual Las Vegas Bowl.

The Portland Makers Walking Tour from **The Big Foody** samples a selection of artisanal food and drink in the Central Eastside. Taste Portland Tours has a new Portland Brunch Tour and Forktown Food Tours offers a variety of niche food tours including Gluten Free and Sippin' and Strollin'.

**SEASIDE** – The **Seaside Civic & Convention Center** recently finished a \$15 million renovation. Renovations and upgrades to ballrooms, offices, the lobby, lighting, storage and more are among the major changes, as the facility grew from 46,000 square feet to 55,000 square feet.

## Oregon

**BEND** – **Mt. Bachelor**, one of the largest ski resorts in the U.S., is currently adding to its learning and family terrain with the addition of the new **Woodward Mountain Park**. The additions include three new lifts (two surface lifts and one fixed grip quad) and three different venues, each designed specifically for learners, experimenters and performers. Mt. Bachelor's Sunrise Lodge base area was also remodeled in order to elevate architecture as well as streamline mountain processes.

**EUGENE** – Historic **Hayward Field**, on the campus of the University of Oregon, is scheduled to complete its renovations in 2020. The renovations will be completed in time for Hayward Field to host the NCAA Track & Field meets, the 2020 Olympic Trials for Track & Field and in 2021, the World Championships with athletes from 200 countries. **20x21 Mural Project** is a collaboration between the Lane Arts Council and the Eugene Arts & Business Alliance to install 20 murals around downtown Eugene painted by international artists. These beautiful murals are mostly located in the downtown area can be accessed by car, by bike (and pub cycle that holds 14 people) or walking.

**MEDFORD AND THE ROGUE VALLEY** – **Naumes Suncrest Winery** and **Ryan Rose Tasting Room** have added tasting rooms to their vineyard properties, while one of the Rogue Valley's newest labels, Anchor Valley Wine, has opened a quaint tasting spot in historic downtown Jacksonville.

**PORTLAND** – Visitors can see Portland through the eyes of a local with a variety of new tours.

## Washington

**ENUMCLAW** – The new **Thunder Dome Car Museum** recently opened and features a wide array of classic American muscle cars, vintage sports cars, and exotic imports. The museum features more than 80 classic vehicles spanning five decades of automotive history. Thunder Dome's collection highlights unique Hotrods and muscle cars from a private collection and includes both domestic and foreign manufacturers.

**SEATTLE** – Started in Spring of 2019 and with plans to finish sometime in 2024, the **Waterfront Seattle Program** aims at transforming Seattle's central waterfront. The project includes the removal of both the Alaskan Way viaduct and the replacement of the Elliott Bay seawall as well as the important utility infrastructure and implementation of new Alaskan Way and Elliott Way surface streets.



## WHERE TO GO



### Visit Sacramento

Sacramento is buzzing with possibilities for group tours and has become a hotspot for history, culture and culinary delights. Enjoy the charming architecture of the Old Sacramento Waterfront, admire masterpieces at the Crocker Art Museum and learn about Golden State history in Capitol Park. Younger visitors will enjoy Fairytale Town, where children can explore oversized playsets based on Mother Goose and Peter Rabbit. Sacramento is also known as “America’s Farm-to-Fork Capital” thanks to its proximity to farmland that produces amazing seasonal flavors.

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### Visit Lewis Clark Valley

The Lewis Clark Valley is the hub of Inland Pacific Northwest history and culture and a mecca for outdoor activity. Soak in the majestic scenery of the 8,000-foot Hells Canyon best viewed from the Snake River on a guided jet boat tour, where you learn about tales of the native Nez Perce people, steamboats sinking and remote mining communities. Along the Snake River, run, bike or walk the 20-mile paved pathway.

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### Palm Springs Aerial Tramway

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### The Huntington Library, Art Collection, and Botanical Gardens

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### Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum

At this must-see attraction in Southern California, groups can step aboard the same Air Force One that flew President Reagan over 660,000 miles, see an exact replica of the Oval Office, and visit President and Mrs. Reagan’s Memorial Site. The museum has hundreds of artifacts and dozens of interactive displays for visitors of all ages to explore; 18 galleries pay tribute to America’s 40th president and his accomplishments.

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### The Mob Museum

In downtown Las Vegas, explore the real stories and actual events of organized crime history through interactive exhibits and one-of-a-kind Mob and law enforcement artifacts. The museum invites guests to partake in private guided tours, audio tours, scavenger hunts and Mob Mystery games. Notable exhibits include an interactive Crime Lab, the historic Kefauver Courtroom and The Underground—a Prohibition exhibition featuring a speakeasy and distillery.

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# Sample the Flavors of America's Farm-to-Fork Capital

**Sacramento serves visitors an intricate history and engaging modern attractions**

As the capital of California, Sacramento brings a lot to the table for visiting groups. A delightful mixture of history, culture and cuisine keeps the city buzzing with excitement. No matter what groups are interested in, Sacramento's small-town charm and big-city attractions make it a special place to visit.

Sacramento's calling card comes from the ground. Known as "**America's Farm-to-Fork**" capital, the city prides itself on delivering culinary delicacies made from the best locally sourced ingredients. This is accomplished through Sacramento's proximity to farmland, giving chefs, brewers and vintners access to the freshest proteins, produce and grains.

The **California Agriculture Museum** is a must-see for groups hoping for a sample of the city's history and its culinary roots. The museum's interactive exhibits house a unique collection of tractors and farming artifacts, telling the story of how farm-to-fork developed in the region from the time of the Gold Rush.

**The Old Sugar Mill**, originally built in 1934 as a beet sugar refinery, is now home to 15 wineries pouring varietals from all over the region.

Groups visiting Sacramento can check out food-focused festivals featuring cooking demonstrations and a plethora of tastings.

They can pick up artisan goods at one of the many farmers markets sprinkled throughout the city. Or they can dine at one of the acclaimed restaurants in town, such as Localis, Ella and Grange. There really is no shortage of foodie options.

In between all the scrumptious eats, groups can explore other attractions that make up the foundation of Sacramento. Carve out some time to visit **Old Sacramento Waterfront**, a 28-acre National Historic Landmark District. This area pays tribute to the early days of the Gold Rush with charming old architecture and renowned museums, but also features several contemporary shops, eateries, and entertainment venues.

At the edge of the Waterfront is one of the top attractions in Sacramento: **California's State Railroad Museum**. Dedicated to arguably one of the greatest innovations of the 19th century, this 225,000-square-foot museum houses beautifully restored railroad cars and locomotives. Visitors can peruse an array of exhibits, learn about the railroad's impact on Sacramento's and California's commerce history, and even take a ride on the Sacramento Southern Railroad (only between April and October).

To learn even more about the city's past, groups can head to the **Sacramento History**

**Museum**. The museum's galleries showcase the stories of the pioneers who settled in the region during the Gold Rush, how they lived on the farms, and the impact they had on life in Sacramento today.

Art enthusiasts should not miss the **Crocker Art Museum**, the longest continuously operating art museum in the west. The museum houses the world's foremost display of California art, as well as an extensive collection of Asian, African, and Oceanic pieces. After leaving the museum, the art in Sacramento continues. The city features more than 650 murals dotting walls throughout the streets. Groups can spend some time wandering the city seeking out the paintings left by local and visiting artists.

The options in Sacramento are endless, it's difficult to know where to begin. Visit Sacramento has created a selection of sample group itineraries to help organizers put together their perfect trip, allowing them to pick and choose exactly what they want their group to do when they visit Sacramento.

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