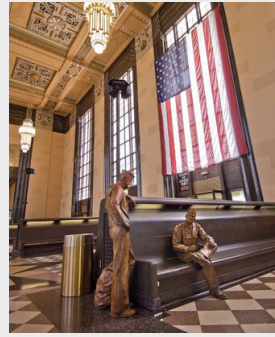


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2021 GROUP TOUR PROFILES

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NEBRASKA FACTS:

Population: 1,934,408

Omaha: 478,192

Lincoln: 287,401

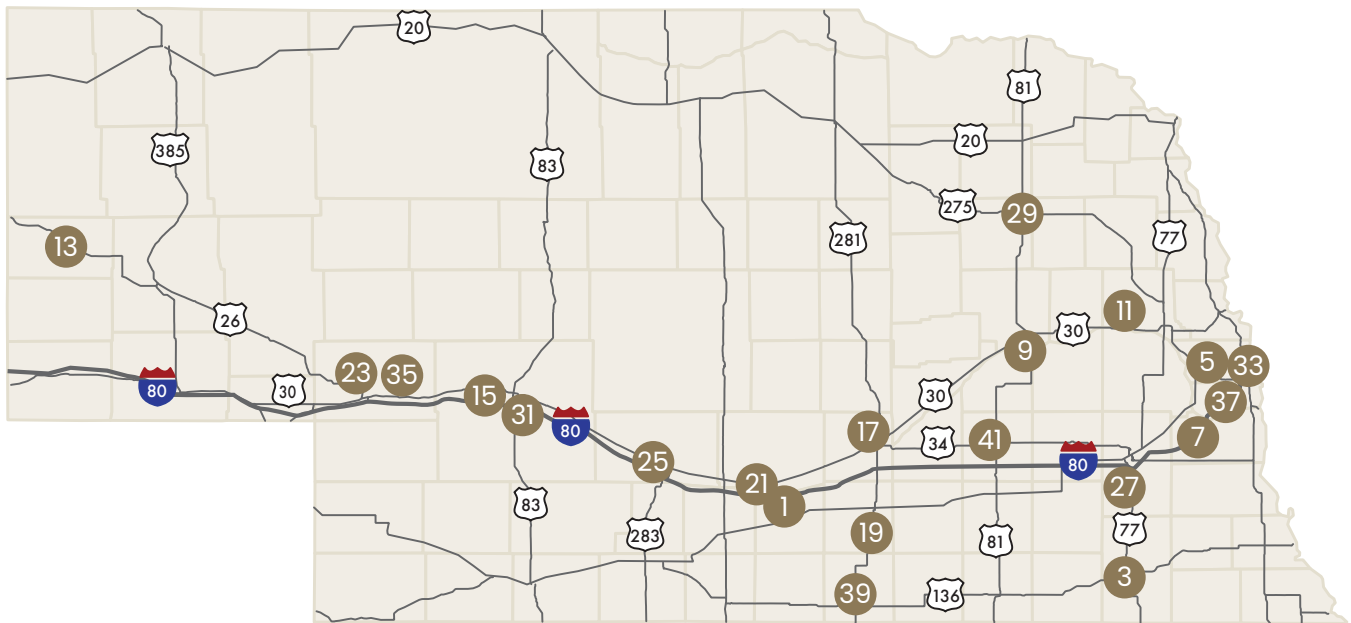
Grand Island: 51,267

GETTING HERE:

US I-80 runs from the western border to the eastern border of the US.

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Beatrice, NE



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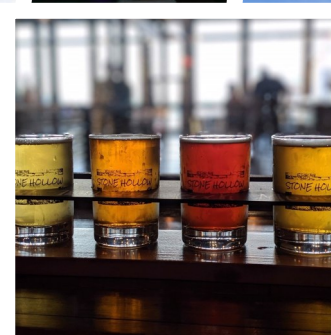
Burlington Train Station



Cedar Creek Pottery



Carnegie Building



Stone Hollow Brewery



Yesterday's Lady

Historic

- ◆ Homestead National Monument, a National Park Service Site
- ◆ Gage County Museum inside the former 1906 Burlington Train Station
- ◆ Chief Standing Bear Trail
- ◆ 1900-era one room school house in Wymore
- ◆ Great Plains Welsh Heritage Centre
- ◆ 1904 Carnegie Building
- ◆ Gage County Courthouse, a National Register of Historic Places site

Fun

- ◆ Award-winning Community Players live theater, featured above
- ◆ Stone Hollow Brewing Company
- ◆ The Mechanical Room (speakeasy)
- ◆ Beatrice Speedway
- ◆ Tall Tree Tastings, a Nebraska tasting room
- ◆ Rolla Rena Skate Center

Unique

- ◆ Fashion through the decades at Yesterday's Lady
- ◆ Handmade pottery at Cedar Creek Pottery
- ◆ Beatrice Bakery Company; Home to Grandma's Fruitcake
- ◆ Traubel's Popcorn Stand

- Conveniently located 35 miles south of Lincoln, NE on Highway 77
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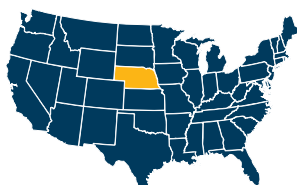
Our Step-On Certified Guided Tours

Designed for larger groups, this tour begins at the Boys Town Visitors Center, where a step-on guide will greet and join you. From there, you'll enjoy a driving tour through the Village and see where our children live, play, work, go to school and pray. Depending on the time of day, your group can sit down to a hearty breakfast or relax over a delightful lunch. And check out our Gift Shop for a unique gift or souvenir.

The suggested tour length is 2 hours. But regardless of how much time your group has to spend at Boys Town, our staff can create a tour package that will help you make the most of every minute. Group pricing is available.



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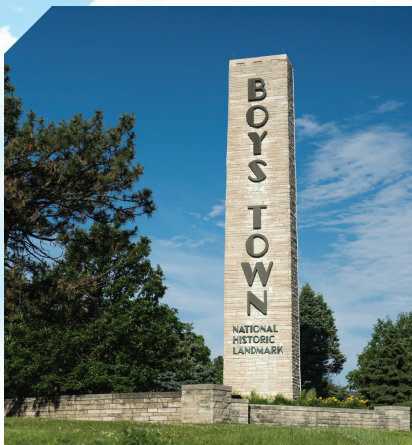


Chicago 479 miles
Minneapolis 392 miles
Denver 532 miles
Kansas City 196 miles

For help with planning a tour, call **1-800-625-1400**. Or book your tour online at **[boystown.org/tours](https://www.boystown.org/tours)**.

#boystownvillage





Popular Attractions

» Hall of History Museum

Post a photo of yourself with our Oscar or get on board the “Flex” bus in our award-winning interactive museum detailing Boys Town’s past, present and future.

» Historic Father Flanagan House

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» Churches (Chambers Chapel and Dowd Chapel)

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» Visitors Center Gift Shop and Café

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BOYS TOWN

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Cass County Overview

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Tour Ideas

- Cultural
- Historical
- Agricultural
- ADVENTURE
- Mystery

Packages

Consider any of the above ideas to get things started. To make sure the experience is what you are looking for we can customize your tour with surrounding area attractions also. Omaha, Lincoln, Sarpy County and Nebraska City.

Services for Tour Operators

- Itinerary Planning
- Lodging/Dining Group Rates
- Calendar of Events
- Personalized Site Visits
- Step-on Guide Available
- Complimentary Gift



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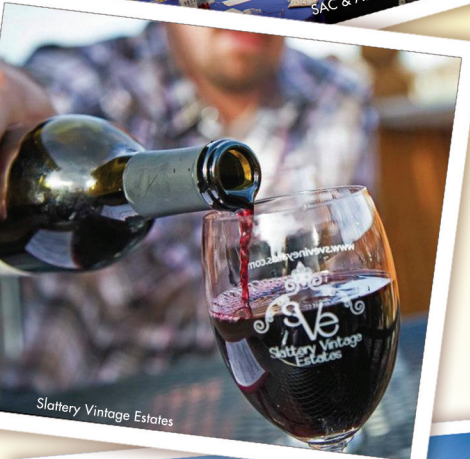
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CASS COUNTY NEBRASKA

Unique experiences close to Omaha and Lincoln



SAC & Aerospace Museum



Slattery Vintage Estates



Mahoney - Lodge



Bakers Candies



The Hop Yard



Union Orchard

Types of Tour Opportunities

- Guided Walking
- Veterans
- River Canoe and Tubing
- Agri-tourism Experiences
- Famous Nebraska Author
- AdVENTURE Experiences
- Dining/Catering
- Mystery Theater
- Coffee House
- SAC & Aerospace Museum
- Unique Shopping
- Behind the Scenes/VIP Tours
- Lee G. Simmons Wildlife Safari
- Bakers Candies
- Antique Outlet with Dining
- Beer and Wine
- Unique Hands on Entertainment

Wildlife Safari Park



Bess Streeter Aldrich House



Carol Joy Holling

The Drive

Cass County Nebraska is just minutes away from Omaha and Lincoln with access from Interstate 80, Interstate 29 and Highway 75



Mahoney - Wall Climbing



Lofie Theatre

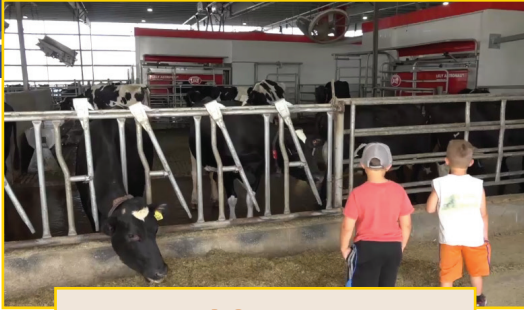
DESTINATION TRAVEL TO CASS COUNTY

Des Moines, IA	2 h 35 min (168.1 mi)	via I-80 W
Kansas City, MO	2 h 44 min (177.5 mi)	via I-29 N
Denver	7 h 22 min (525.0 mi)	via I-76 E and I-80 E
Topeka	2 h 26 min (149.9 mi)	via US-75 N
Tulsa	6 h 9 min (368.1 mi)	via US-75 N and US-75 N
Minneapolis	6 h 7 min (412.5 mi)	via I-35 S and I-80 W

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- History Tours
- Event Promotion
- Restaurant Discounts & Reservations
- Catering
- Retail Discounts

Hotels & Motels

Columbus, NE

Hotel/Motel	# of Rooms	Meeting Facilities
Columbus Inn	40	
Days Inn & Suites	70	✓
Econo Inn	39	✓
Hampton Inn	80	✓
Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites	90	
Ramada Columbus & Rivers Edge Convention Center	140	✓
Sleep Inn & Suites by Choice Hotels	95	
Sundown Motel	22	
Super 8 Motel	63	
Victorian Inn	36	

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Fremont, Nebraska is a launch point for hiking, camping, waterskiing, fishing, even air-boating, and is anchored by a historic downtown.

Fremont's roots are anchored in its Historic Downtown and it is as vibrant as it was when the city was first established in 1856. In 2018, Fremont's Main Street was included on a USA Today list of "charming Main Streets" across the country. The list featured a Main Street from each state in the country, highlighting Fremont's MainStreet as the representative for Nebraska. As pointed out by the USA Today entry, much of Downtown Fremont's charm can be found in the melding of preserved history and constant efforts to grow and evolve the area with cutting-edge businesses and events. While some people make the trip to downtown looking for a piece of the past at one of the many antique shops that have led to the area being dubbed "Northeast Nebraska's Antique Capital", some will also browse through the numerous unique boutiques and shops.



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Fremont, NE
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<http://outdoornebraska.gov/fremontlakes/>

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www.fremontfamilyymca.org

FREMONT FAMILY YMCA
10 N Lincoln Ave. - Fremont, NE
402.721.6952

Fremont is home to the second largest YMCA in the country. The 200,000-sq. ft. the facility consists of: four full-sized gymnasiums; aquatics center with two pools and hot tub; five indoor tennis courts; Olympic-sized ice arena; 10,000-square foot wellness center; air-conditioned fitness studio; three racquetball courts; fully-equipped gymnastics center; 1/10-mile walk/jog track; and a climbing wall.
www.fremontfamilyymca.com

FREMONT AREA ART ASSOCIATION
92 West 6th Street - Fremont, NE
402.721.7779

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www.92west.org



**LOUIS E. MAY
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Fremont, NE
402.721.4515

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www.maymuseum.com

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SIDNER ICE ARENA
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402.753.0200

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www.fremonticearena.com



SPLASH STATION
3809 E Fremont Dr.
Fremont, NE
402.727.2619

Fremont's water park will be opened for another summer of fun! Located at Johnson Park near Fremont Middle School, Splash Station features a body slide, a speed slide, a zero-depth entry pool with a train-themed play features, a lap/wave pool, splash area and plenty of deck and green space. Public swim hours are 11am-7pm daily (May-August).
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that settled the west!



Scotts Bluff National Monument

On the drive to the monument, you're on the historic Oregon Trail that pioneers once traveled by covered wagon more than 100 years ago. The sandstone landmark stands over 4,600 ft. above sea level. See original wagon ruts, hear pioneer tales from costumed interpreters, taste "hard tac" (a staple on the trail), drive up the 1.6-mile path to the Bluff's Summit for guided hikes, photos and breathtaking views of the Western Nebraska landscape.

Tour time: 2-3 hours.



Legacy of the Plains Museum

America's roots run deep at Legacy of the Plains. On the Oregon Trail, the Museum and campus feature impressive collections of pioneer and early community artifacts, blacksmith shop, sod house, antique tractors and implements on an 80-acre working farm. Come live the timeless stories of the Nebraska prairie. Group itineraries may include "Farm to Table" lunch served indoor/outdoor on the working farm or an evening Oregon Trail chuck wagon cookout.

Tour time: 2 hours.



Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area

The Wildcat Hills were formed from ancient river deposits of rock, sand, and silt carried from the Rocky Mountains some 60 million years ago. Day trips include nature-wildflower walks, winding through the shallow canyons and bluffs, bird-wildlife watching and picnics at one of three stone picnic shelters. Amateur and expert marksmen can show their skills at the newly completed shooting range for handguns, rifle and archery.

Tour time: 1 hour.



Old West Balloon Fest & Annual Events

Tour groups get up early for breakfast at the launch site to see the dawn spectacle of 20+ hot air balloons taking flight in the Western Nebraska skies or enjoy the dusk balloon glow showcasing colors of balloons illuminating the night skies. The arts and cultures of the high plains engage clients during year-round annual events; Oregon Trail Days, Celtic and Greek Festivals, car shows, harvest days quilt tours, holiday markets and crafts shows.

Tour time: Half-day to full-day, depending on the event.



Chimney Rock

Visible to wagon trains from several days away, the Chimney Rock 120-foot spire was unlike anything Oregon Trail pioneers had ever seen. A stop in the Visitors Center at the National Historic Site or viewing the rock from nearby Chimney Rock Cemetery with an interpretive guide offers a view most travelers never get to see. Wagon ruts and remains of original sod houses can be seen at the most famous landmark of the Oregon Trail.

Tour time: 1 hour.



Robidoux Trading Post

Welcoming visitors since 1849, the reconstructed Robidoux 1851 Trading Post was used by emigrants traveling to Oregon, fur trappers, traders and gold rushers. Walk on the Post's dirt floor, see period-specific furs, traps, beads and cookware traded at the post. Costumed guides lead the drive to nearby Dunn pioneer graves, one of only seven marked burial sites along the Oregon Trail. Signs mark the exact location of the trail where ruts have been eroded and some wagon swales are still visible.

Tour time: 1 hour.

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8 The Right Price
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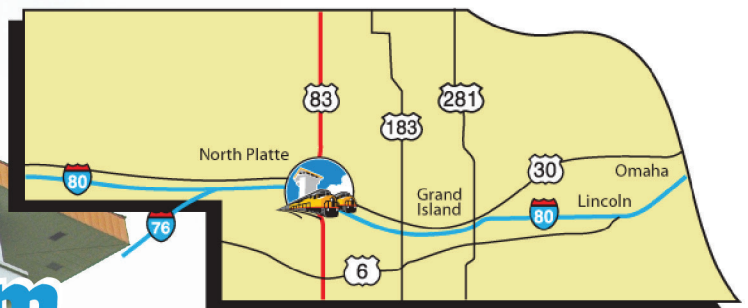
9 Great Restroom Stop
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Grand Island

Nebraska

Grand Island's attractions and events will keep you engaged throughout your entire stay in our city.

In Grand Island you will find Fonner Park, where the springtime tradition of Thoroughbred horse racing thunders around the track, the Nebraska State Fair entertains, and national livestock shows show off the agricultural roots of our community. Grand Island is also home to the Husker Harvest Days farm show, Stuhr Museum and the University of Nebraska's Raising Nebraska – a modern agricultural showcase.

Grand Island is connected by the popular downtown Railside District with its abundant dining and shopping. The free and festive atmosphere of the Hear Grand Island concert series fills Railside with music of every genre during the summer.



Stop-through, year-round

Stuhr Museum

Every museum tells a story, but the 200 acre Stuhr Museum puts you in the story. This living history museum has been praised as the "best preserved pioneer town" (*True West*) and tells the story of people settling on the plains. It offers spectacular architecture, a recreated railroad town staffed by historic interpreters during the summer and holidays, Native American displays, and much more.

3133 W Highway 34, Grand Island
308-385-5316 • StuhrMuseum.org
info@StuhrMuseum.org

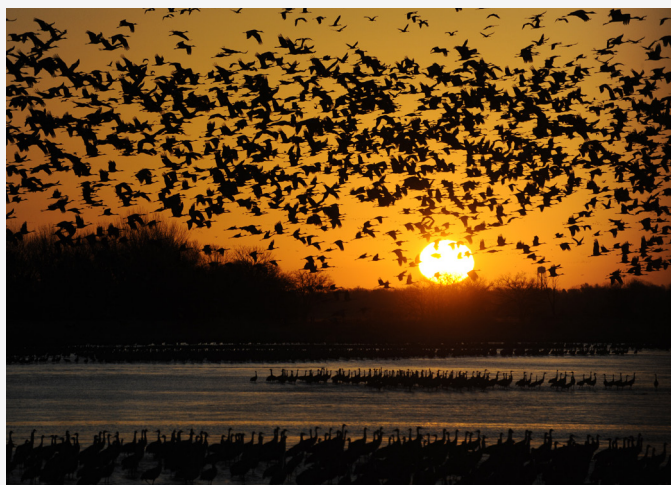


End-destination, every March

Sandhill Crane Migration

The world's largest crane roost, as documented by Crane Trust scientists, is just outside of Grand Island. It fills up every spring in the Central Platte River Valley when the central flyway hosts nearly 1,000,000 sandhill cranes in a roughly 90-mile span of the river. Jane Goodall visits almost every year, and National Geographic pegged it as the second greatest North American migration.

9325 S Alda Rd (Interstate 80 exit 305)
308-382-1820 • CraneTrust.org
info@CraneTrust.org



Grand Island

Nebraska



Stop-through, year-round

Railside District

Grand Island's historic downtown, the Railside District, has experienced a renaissance over the past decade. Unique shopping, dining, and entertainment opportunities are all within a few block stroll when you're Railside. Highlights include a 1937 art deco theater, breweries, live outdoor music during the summer months, and Instagrammable murals.

201 W Third St, Grand Island
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director@ArriveRailside.com



Stop-through and end-destination, year-round

Fonner Park campus

Fonner Park plays host to many events throughout the year that are primed to be a part of your tour. Concerts at the Heartland Events Center and the Nebraska State Fair entertain every year. The 60+ year tradition continues in Grand Island when the gates open for live Thoroughbred horse racing every February through May at Fonner Park.

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End-destination, year-round

Midwest Ag Showplace

Grand Island, Nebraska is the showplace for agriculture in the midwest. Start at the 25,000 square foot Raising Nebraska, an interactive museum featuring how foods go from field to table. The 200 acre Stuhr Museum features historical agriculture, and the perennial Thoroughbred horse races at Fonner Park bring equine excitement to town every spring. A bevy of other ag-related businesses (Case IH, AGI) and events (Husker Harvest Days, Nebraska State Fair, Rodeo Grand Island) round out the city's calendar and economy.

Call Grand Island Tourism at 308-382-4400.



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Hastings, Nebraska

EXPLORATION & ENJOYMENT at your fingertips!

Hastings is a city with small town charm. We are a friendly and thriving community where relationships, the arts, sports, and history merge with unique experiences and endless opportunities.



Historic Downtown
Hastings is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This is the heart of our city! You will find locally owned shops, restaurants & breweries to enjoy!

As a full service CVB, we are happy to assist you in any stage of your tour, from early planning, to event and hotel reservations. We will make your visit memorable.



Relax, have a picnic, feed the ducks, go fishing, and enjoy the atmosphere of our 20 beautiful parks throughout our city.



Hastings is the "Official Birthplace of Kool-Aid"! A yearly celebration - "Kool-Aid Days" - is held every August. Fun for all ages!



Anjanette Bonham

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Group Tour Ideas and Attractions



Hastings Museum

1330 N. Burlington Ave
402-466-1339
hastingsmuseum.org

The Hastings Museum is the largest municipal museum between Chicago and Denver. Home to the 65-foot-wide super screen theater, the Kool-Aid exhibit, J.M. McDonald Planetarium, and the Adams County Historical Society.



Jackson Dinsdale Art Center Gallery

700 E. 12th Street
402-466-7399
hastingsarts.org

The IDAC is an architecturally innovative showplace for the arts and a superb teaching & learning environment for Hastings College students. The 1,200 square-foot main gallery is visible from the exterior through glass walls, acting as a beacon day and night to highlight the art showcased within. The gallery is open to the public at no cost.



Kool-Aid Factory

518 W. 1st Street
The Official
Birthplace of Kool-Aid

The original factory where Edward Perkins invented Kool-Aid in 1927 is right in the heart of Downtown Hastings! It is not open for public viewing (all exhibits and memorabilia are on exhibit at the Hastings Museum). The Kool-Aid Factory is prominent attraction and a great photo-op!

HASTINGS PROVIDES

- 659 affordable hotel rooms
- Free hotel parking
- Variety of unique shopping opportunities
- Unique dining experiences

DIRECTIONS TO HASTINGS, NE

- Hastings is located 18 miles south of Interstate 80
- Easy entrance from Highway 281, Highway 34, and Highway 8
- 2 hours/15 minutes from Omaha, NE
- 1 hour/30 minutes from Lincoln, NE
- 6 hours from Denver, CO



Bigfoot Crossroads of America Museum & Research Center

1205 E. 42nd Street
402-703-0000

Believers or Non-Believers - this is a must see! This is the ONLY Bigfoot Museum in the state of Nebraska - and it's here in Hastings! The museum is located at the crossroads of Highway 281 and Interstate 80. The experience you will receive will be one-of-a-kind, focusing on historical, educational and scientific research. The museum was showcased as a featured stop in the 2000 Nebraska Passport Program generating lots of visitors!



WWII Naval Ammunition Depot

East US Highway 8
402-463-5838
adamshistory.org

The Naval Ammunition Depot was established in 1942. It covered 49,000 acres, consisted of 1,200 buildings and employed 10,000 workers. It is located just southeast of Hastings. Group Tours are available upon request or can be self-guided following a provided map of the property.



Prairie Loft Center for Outdoor & Agricultural Learning

4705 DLD Road | 402-463-0910
prairieloft.org

Just west of Hastings, Prairie Loft offers hands-on, active, place-based learning activities for people of all ages! They offer programs, workshops, meeting spaces and community events.

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- Personal Welcome
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- Welcome Bags
- Customized Group Itineraries
- Entertainment Assistance
- Catering Assistance



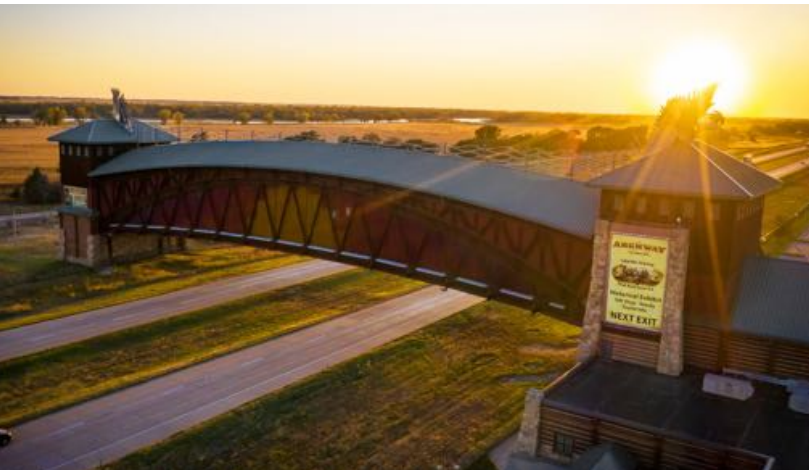
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- Variety of unique shopping opportunities



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- Sample Itineraries
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- Personal Welcome
- Welcome Bags



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Kearney, where the Heartland gathers.





THE ARCHWAY - 1.5 - 2 HRS.

Walk with the pioneers over the Oregon Trail, watch a rider switch horses at a Pony Express Station and relive the building of the transcontinental railroad. All this history, and more, happened right here along the Platte River in Nebraska, and the Archway's family-friendly exhibit brings our rich history to life. Call for group rates or to set up a catered meal for your visit.

877-511-2427 • archway.org



G.W. FRANK MUSEUM OF HISTORY - 1 HR.

Take a walk through Nebraska history! This beautiful, sandstone mansion was among the first electrified houses in the American West. It later became part of the Nebraska State Hospital for Tuberculosis. Exhibits and programs focus on the history and culture of central Nebraska. Located on the UNK campus.

308-865-8284 • frank.unk.edu



MUSEUM OF NEBRASKA ART - 1 HR.

Experience Nebraska through the state's only collection of fine art produced solely by Nebraska artists depicting Nebraska. Also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

308-865-8559 • mona.unk.edu

FORT KEARNY STATE HISTORICAL PARK - 1 HR.

Built to protect Overland Trail travelers, Fort Kearny SHP near Kearney was a stage location, home station for the Pony Express, outfitting depot for Indian campaigns and home of the Pawnee Scouts. The stockade, parade grounds and blacksmith shop have been rebuilt. The Visitors Center is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, 9 am- 5 pm and during Sandhill Crane spring migration.

308-865-5303

outdoornebraska.gov/fortkearny



TRAILS & RAILS MUSEUM - 1 HR.

The museum has six historic buildings, as well as a livery barn, a blacksmith shop and a Union Pacific steam engine and caboose. The Family History Center houses the extensive archive department. Join us for several special events through-out the year! Located on the original Mormon Trail route. Owned and operated by the Buffalo County Historical Society.

308-234-3041 • bchs.us



NEBRASKA FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM - 1 HR.

The museum is designed to safeguard and preserve Nebraska's proud firefighting heritage and to educate about fire prevention.

308-338-3473

nebraskafirefightersmuseum.org



LINCOLN HIGHWAY SCENIC BYWAY

The Lincoln Highway was one of the earliest transcontinental highways for automobiles across the U.S. Situated along the Lincoln Highway, a.k.a. Highway 30, Kearney has many historical attractions and sites along the route, including a restored theater, Lincoln Highway mural and more.

lincolnhighwaynebraskabyway.com



MORRIS PRESS - .5 HR.

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SANDHILL CRANE MIGRATION

For six weeks, late February to early April, more than 80% of the world's population of Sandhill Cranes stop along the Platte to rest and refuel. They travel from southern wintering grounds to northern breeding grounds in Canada, Alaska and Siberia. Whooping Cranes, eagles, ducks, geese and shorebirds are among the other wildlife that migrate. For crane viewing information contact Ian Nicholson Audubon Center, Gibbon

308-468-5282 • rowe.audubon.org

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Ogallala, Paxton & Brule Nebraska

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Welcome to Keith County Nebraska

Keith County offers something for the whole family. We are known for our amazing lake and recreation as well as for the history that lies within the roots of Keith County.

Lake McConaughy can stretch up to 22 miles long and 4 miles wide with about 100 miles of white sandy beaches that are comparable to the coast lines. Lake Mac offers a great vacation spot for a all!

The history of Ogallala goes way back. The Pony Express, Texas Trail and Oregon Trail all met up here in Ogallala, Ne way back in the day. Keith County offers history throughout the whole county from Ash Hollow State park to Front Street Steakhouse and Saloon! Don't forget to swing by Mansion on the Hill, The Historic Boot Hill or the Petrified Wood Gallery while you are on your vacation in Keith County Nebraska!

Shopping and Dining varies from historical eateries such as Front Street or Ole's to modern Driftwood located downtown Ogallala. There's shopping for everyone in Keith County, many local boutiques, gift shops, collectable stores and Antique shops fill the streets throughout the communities located right here in Keith County!

Keith County's prime time for tourist activities is Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend, however there is always something going on in Keith County for tourists and residents alike! Our community is tour bus friendly and we welcome all tourists!

Keith County Nebraska

Fun for the whole family!



History:

Mansion on the Hill
Boot Hill
Front Street Steakhouse and Saloon
Tri-Trails Park
Petrified Wood Gallery
Walk of Fame



Recreation:

Lake McConaughy
Lake Ogallala
Fishing
Ash Hollow State Park
Hunting
Winter Eagle Viewing
Two beautiful golf courses



Dining and Shopping:

Keith County offers many different locations to dine and shop, Keith County consists of restaurants, coffee shops, boutiques, craft stores, gift shops, boutiques, book stores and more!

Throughout Ogallala there are many unique dining experiences as well as other local shopping opportunities!

Bus Friendly Services and Lodging:

All hotel parking lots are bus friendly. Parking behind Spruce Street is bus friendly.
Parking in Front Street Steakhouse and Saloon is Bus friendly

Keith County offers a variety of lodging opportunities, from staying on the Beach at Lake Mac, to camping in a KOA or Cabin, or make a reservation at one of our many hotels throughout the county!



Lexington is unique in its unmatched beautiful diversity of cultures who create the fabric of the community.

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- Variety of unique and diverse shopping experiences.

The Heartland Museum of Military Vehicles - 1.5 hrs.

This hands-on museum, of over 100 vehicles, invites you to see, touch, and even sit in vehicles that have been restored. Vehicles date from World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam, and WWI.

Johnson Lake State Recreational Area - 1.5hrs.

Excellent camping, fishing and water sports are hallmarks of this popular area, just 10 miles south of Lexington.

Lincoln Highway

The Lincoln Highway was the first transcontinental road for automobiles in the United States, dedicated in 1913. It winds its way over 3,000 miles between New York City and San Francisco.



Eagle Viewing - J2 Power Plant - 1hr.

Inside the Johnson No. 2 Hydro, bleachers are situated in front of large windows which look out over the Supply Canal where the eagles swoop to capture fish and rest in the trees along the banks. Spotting scopes are provided and attendants are available to answer questions. There is no charge to visit the facilities.

Dawson County Historical Museum - 1hr.

Celebrating the pioneering spirit of Dawson County Nebraska. Visit the Willow Island Union Pacific Train Depot, a 1903 Baldwin Locomotive #485, the Fairhaven Baptist Church, Reed One-Room School, and a log cabin.

Canyon Lakes Brewing Co. - 1.5hrs.

Canyon Lakes Brewing Company is located at the Johnson Lake State Recreation Area, the heart of the four-lake complex on the Tri-County Canal, also known as the "canyon lakes". Completely renovated, Canyon Lakes is now open, new and improved! Enjoy great food and a incredible line up of craft brews!

Mac's Creek Winery & Brewery - 1.5hrs.

This winery and brewery located on the banks of Spring Creek on the north side of Lexington is one of Nebraska's oldest and largest wineries. Started in 2000 this family operated winery and brewery focuses on sustainable practices in developing high quality grapes and grains to use in developing their portfolio of wines and craft beers. Enjoy live music, great appetizers, and some of the best regional wines and beers in the area!



Lincoln

Brimming with unique culture, undeniable convenience and competitive affordability, Lincoln's warm community and dedicated professionals are perfectly suited to host your next group tour. Let our passionate team welcome you to our beautiful city and introduce you to the excitement, enthusiasm and charm of our warm, engaging community. We invite you to experience Lincoln.

A place to explore. A place to enjoy. A place to create memories.

Sample Itineraries



Hub & Spoke

History abounds throughout Lincoln as the surrounding area offers history, Nebraska favorites and a variety of shops and restaurants to savor. Lincoln is a hub of activity all year round!



Meet the Locals

Experience Lincoln through its great restaurants, scenic views and unique encounters—just like Lincolniters do! You are invited into places, off-the-beaten-path, where you will meet the locals.



More Than the Midwest: An Art & Culture Journey

From the prairie to the city, art in Lincoln is truly one-of-a-kind. See how the city comes to life in several different mediums.



The Holidays in Lincoln

The hustle and bustle of the season isn't lost in Lincoln. Come enjoy the holiday spirit both indoors and out as Lincoln celebrates the most wonderful time of the year.



285,000
Population of Lincoln



69
Lodging Facilities



5,000+
Hotel Rooms

Safely Plan Your Tour in Lincoln

We are excited to welcome tours back to beautiful Lincoln, Nebraska! The health of our community, and the guests we share it with, remains our top priority. As you consider locations for your future tour, we know that health and safety is a top concern. The safety measures in place by our local government, venues and lodging properties will provide you with the peace of mind you need to select Lincoln as your host city. [Safety Precautions](#)



Why Lincoln?

- Welcoming Atmosphere
- Competitive Affordability
- Family Friendly
- Focus on Fun
- Easy to Navigate
- Engaging Attractions



Nebraska Hispanic Festival



Concert in the Park



Renaissance Festival



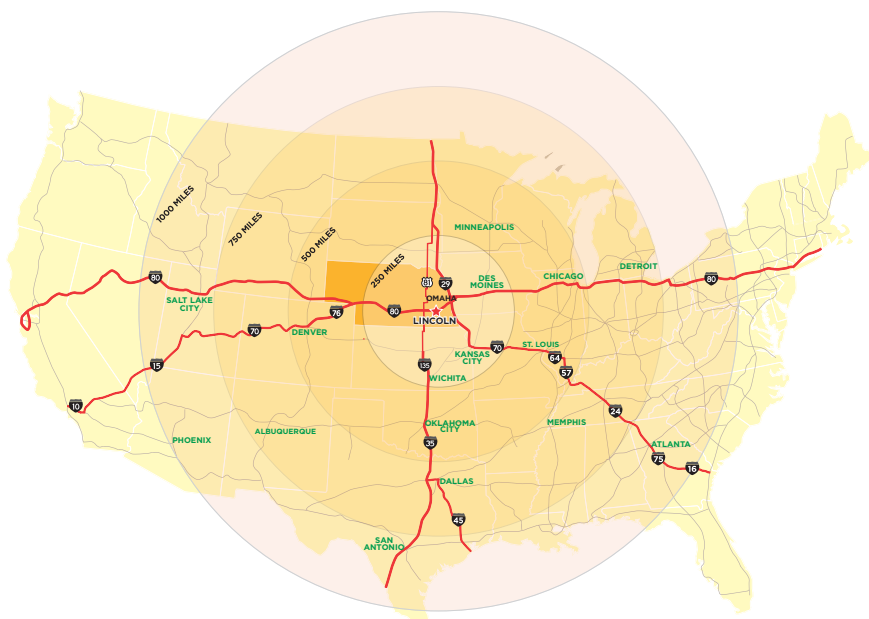
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Resources for a Successful Tour

- Full Service Tour Planning
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- Customized Itineraries
- Group Tour Welcome
- Group Friendly Restaurants
- Group Friendly Attractions

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Getting Here



Mileage Chart

Chicago 8 hours	520 mi	Kansas City 3 hours	193 mi
Minneapolis 6.5 hours	430 mi	St. Louis 7 hours	442 mi
Denver 7 hours	488 mi	Des Moines 3 hours	188 mi

Source: Google Maps

BY CAR



In the state of Nebraska, Interstate 80 runs west from Lincoln to the Wyoming state border, ultimately ending in San Francisco, California, and east ending in Teaneck, New Jersey, in the New York City Metropolitan area.

BY AIR



DELTA AND UNITED SERVE LINCOLN

Lincoln Airport

402-458-2480
lincolnaireport.com

BY TRAIN



Amtrak departs twice daily (westbound at 12:14 am; eastbound at 3:26 am) from the Lincoln Haymarket Station, located at 277 Pinnacle Drive. 800-USA-RAIL | amtrak.com

BY BUS



Arrow Stage Lines
arrowstagelines.com

Windstar Lines
gowindstar.com

Burlington Trailways
burlingtontrailways.com

Dashabout Roadrunner
dashaboutshuttle.com

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Begin the day at the Elkhorn Valley Museum.

The featured exhibit includes the Johnny Carson Gallery where you can see the history of Norfolk's famous son. Items in the exhibit include his Emmy awards, Kennedy Center medallion and a replica stage where you can hear one of Mr. Carson's favorite monologues. Spend some time in the living room watching the best of Carson. Your visit isn't complete without checking out the square turn tractor, printing press and other historical memorabilia.

At the museum, enjoy a historical reenactment of Faye Gordon. Faye taught school in Norfolk and was a favorite teacher of Johnny Carson, who featured her on his show later in her life.

1
HOUR

Next stop is the Johnny Carson Mural.

This large series of paintings by artist Karl Reeder, shows the progression of Johnny's career. This is a great spot to take a picture!

15
MINS

Enjoy lunch at Black Cow Fat Pig.

Black Cow has a polished casual atmosphere, with an emphasis on locally-sourced food and a scratch kitchen. Everything is made in house, from its hand-cut fries to homemade desserts. Owners, Michael and Amber Behrens, source the ingredients locally and place an emphasis on supporting our local Farmers Market with our seasonally-inspired menus.

1.5
HOURS

Tour Johnny Carson's childhood home in Norfolk.

Owner, Jim McKenzie, will speak about the history of the house and items found along the way while bringing it back to its original condition. Baden Luna, will portray young Johnny. John has come home from 1939 to share what it was like to be a kid in Norfolk in the 30s. He may just have a trick or two up his sleeves.....

1.5
HOURS

Tour and taste at the Norfolk Arts Center.

This modern building has two gallery spaces that houses traveling exhibits, as well as a sculpture garden and several permanent pieces. The Norfolk Arts Center brings people and the Arts together. Enjoy a wine tasting event.

1
HOUR

Take in a show at the Great American Comedy Festival in June.

Honoring his legacy as one of America's greatest comedians ever, paying tribute to his status as a TV icon and remembering with gratitude the fondness Carson had for the community he called home. The Great American Comedy Festival was created in 2008 to pay tribute to the legacy of Norfolk's favorite son, Johnny Carson. **Special accommodations can be made for bus tours.**

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- Entertainment Assistance

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North Platte, Nebraska is here to help plan your next group tour adventure

Come and enjoy a one-of-a-kind adventure awaiting your group in North Platte, Nebraska. Travel in time to the 19th century and rediscover Buffalo Bill Cody's home during his Wild West Show. Climb aboard a horse-drawn wagon ride and enjoy the beautiful Nebraska scenery. Immerse yourself in the history of WWII at the Lincoln County Historical Museum. Experience the panoramic view of the largest rail-yard in the U.S. from 8-stories high! We invite you to come and experience the unique and vibrant community that offers excitement for all. The North Platte Visitors Bureau is ready...*all we need is you!*



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North Platte is conveniently located on the I-80 corridor - 280 miles West of Omaha, and 260 miles East of Denver.

Group Tour Ideas and Attractions

Ride with the Wild Bunch Tour



3 hrs

Buffalo Bill awaits your arrival into the 19th century to guide you through the mansion and barn he called home for 40 years during his Wild West Show. Experience the 'Wild West' as Buffalo Bill lived each day; with horses, wagon rides, servants, ranch-hands, gun fire, law-and-no-order, and much more. Hop onto a horse-drawn wagon ride that will take you the short distance from the Ranch to the Lincoln County Historical Museum where you will observe our Cowboy Cook using cast iron and coal to create a customized meal for your group. Watch as the 'Wild West' continues to unfold as Bad Bart and the Giggling Bandits overtake the show. After the Sheriff arrives and saves the day, explore the North Platte Canteen exhibit and become educated on one of the most inspirational stories in North Platte history.

Buffalo Bill State Historical Park



1 hr

North Platte is the home of the man who made the Wild West famous. Nobody personifies the frontier spirit better than William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody, the west's most colorful showman. Visitors will get to know Buffalo Bill, the man and the legend, with a guided tour of his home and Scout's Rest Ranch show barn.

Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center



1.5 hrs

Rising 8-stories above the tracks, the Golden Spike Tower offers a panoramic view of Union Pacific's Bailey Yard from an open-air platform or enclosed viewing area. Over 10,000 rail cars pass through Bailey Yard each day, and you can see it all from atop the Golden Spike Tower and Visitor Center. Twilight tours now available. GoldenSpikeTower.com

North Platte WWII Canteen



1 hr

The Lincoln County Historical Museum features displays from the famous North Platte Canteen, where over 6 million soldiers stopped as their troop trains passed through. Over 55,000 volunteers supplied the soldiers with food, drink, and a touch of home.

Working Farm Tour



2.5 hrs

Tour this third generation farm that produces, corn, soybean, wheat, and hay. This 10,000 acre farm is located just two miles south of North Platte. Your group will experience a little bit of farm life as you are escorted on a tractor-pulled wagon through the corn and hay fields as you learn about farming in Nebraska. What you will see will depend on the ebb and flow of farm life.

Grain Bin Antique Town



1 hr

A one-of-a-kind antiquing destination! Grain Bin Antique Town has salvaged and re-purposed 20 historic wooden granaries. These historic grain bins have been filled with antique treasures of all kinds. This hidden gem is located in the beautiful hills south of North Platte, and we're confident that you'll enjoy the beauty that surrounds you as much as your purchases.

Dusty Trails Outfitters



1-6 hrs

If you are looking for a fun and unique experience, Dusty Trails is the place to be. Dusty Trails offers kayaking, canoeing, horseback riding, a petting zoo, and tanking, which entails floating down the river in a 700-gallon cattle tank! Enjoy the beautiful Nebraska Scenery from afloat the North Platte River.

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Cody Park Railroad Museum



45 min

Step aboard Union Pacific's Challenger steam locomotive. This is the only display of its kind in the world! You'll also see UP's #6922, the largest diesel locomotive ever made. Peek inside the historic Hershey Depot and climb aboard a mail car and caboose where you'll find historic railroad memorabilia.



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The Old Market



OMAHA'S ORIGINAL HISTORIC, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

**1100 Howard Street - Omaha, NE 68102
402-916-1796**

OldMarket.com



General Information

Strolling through The Old Market district is a feast for the senses. Smells from over 40 restaurants, the sounds of street performers on the corners, the people-watching available at over 20 pubs and taverns, and the feel of the brick-laid roads under your feet – are why The Old Market is a destination to see.

Treat yourself with a spa treatment, take a horse-drawn carriage ride, or sip a drink on one of the numerous outdoor patios – The Old Market has you covered.

When you stay and shop in The Old Market, you are supporting local, independent, one-of-a-kind businesses. These establishments provide an experience you will not find anywhere else.



Holidays in The Old Market - Thanksgiving to New Year's

Stroll the historic streets in the glow of thousands of twinkling lights, sponsored by Holiday Lights Festival, as you celebrate the season in Omaha's most impressive holiday display. The display will also be accented with LED snowflakes from the Omaha Downtown Improvement District, greenery, and bows. Discover a special wonderful holiday display lighting up the famous 11th & Howard intersection from all 4 corners.

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OMAHA'S ORIGINAL HISTORIC, ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT



Large Group Accommodations

There are several Old Market restaurants that can accommodate large groups.

Spaghetti Works, at 11th & Howard, is the perfect restaurant for your next large party. With private party rooms available to seat up to 125 people, and a custom party menu that offers our wonderful food at a great cost, we can handle wedding rehearsals, birthday parties, business meetings and any other special occasion for your large party. Book your next event to be at Spaghetti Works today! 402-422-0770

Other restaurants include Upstream Brewing Company, Jams American Grill, Stokes Bar & Grill, Plank Seafood, and Blue Sushi.

Bus Tour Parking

Buses may drop off, pick up and wait on the SW corner of 10th & Jackson for free. You can also reserve numerous parking spots through the COORD Driver app.

Directions/Location in Omaha

Downtown Omaha just blocks south of Dodge Street – 10th to 14th Streets between Leavenworth and Farnam Streets.



The Old
Market



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A QUICK GUIDE TO ALL THINGS OMAHA.

Major Omaha Group Attractions

- **Boys Town** – Guided tours of this National Historic Landmark. Visit the Hall of History, Father Flanagan's restored 1920s home and the breathtaking Dowd Chapel.
- **Lauritzen Gardens** – Narrative tram tours wind through over 100 acres of outdoor gardens. Tours also include Kenefick Railroad Park, home to the largest and most powerful diesel-electric locomotives ever built.
- **Omaha Community Playhouse** – America's largest community theater provides some of the finest productions in the Midwest. Experience behind the scenes tours before the performances.
- **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium** – Visit the world's largest indoor desert and the largest indoor rainforest in North America. Explore African Grasslands which spans 28 acres and includes a full immersion outdoor habitat teeming with African wildlife. Enjoy the new \$22 million Asian Highlands, an 8-acre journey through the grasslands of India to the Himalayan Mountains. Also experience a world-class aquarium, gorilla valley, orangutan forest, IMAX Theatre, and much more. Tram tours are available.
- **The Durham Museum** – Located in the historic Union Station, The Durham Museum offers a fascinating look at the history of the region through its permanent displays, and broad range of Smithsonian-affiliated traveling exhibits.
- **The Old Market** – Omaha's historic art, shopping and dining district. Cobblestone streets lined with unique shops, local restaurants and more. Horse drawn carriage rides available.
- **River City Star Riverboat Cruises** – A variety of interactive and themed cruises are tailor-made to fit any group. Complete with food, drink and entertainment.
- **Outlook Nebraska Inc. (Toilet Paper Factory Tour)** – Behind the scenes tour of a factory that makes toilet paper for the United States military. Majority of employees are blind.
- **Big Mama's Kitchen** – Featured on the Food Network. Groups experience authentic soul food dishes created by Big Mama and her family, complete with food presentations.



Omaha's Old Market Entertainment District

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German Dancers

Ethnic Tours

Enjoy the sounds of an Irish folk singer guitarist, admire the colorful costumes of Mexican folk dancers, and learn the art of making Czechoslovakian kolaches. Sing along at your own German Oktoberfest celebration anytime of year, or try your hand (and feet) at Greek dancing. Taste mouth-watering Lithuanian tortes, sample a variety of Chinese teas, and learn about Scottish traditions in an authentic 35-room castle. Visit Germany, Ireland, Greece, Mexico, France, Scotland, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, India, Sweden, China and Lithuania. The world awaits – no passport required.



Warren Buffett

Warren Buffett Tours

Tour groups will experience life as a billionaire and learn the fascinating story behind one of the richest men in the world, Warren Buffett. Visit his favorite restaurants, see where he works and learn how he went from selling Coca Cola for a nickel to owning one of the most powerful and respected conglomerates in the world. Tour Buffett-owned Nebraska Furniture Mart, one of the largest furniture stores in the world (and yes, they deliver), and shop at Borsheims, the largest independent jewelry store in the country.



Mexican Folk Dancers



Mormon Trail Center

Historical Omaha Tours

History comes alive in Omaha. Swivel up to an old-fashioned soda fountain and enjoy a phosphate at The Durham Museum, Omaha's historic Art Deco train station. Visit the home of Civil War General George Crook and experience life as a frontier hero. Learn about the struggles and triumphs of the Mormon pioneers during their winter migration in 1846. Stroll around the Boys Town campus and feel the spiritual impact Father Edward Flanagan continues to make on the world. Discover hidden treasures in the historic riverboat community of Florence, nestled along the banks of the Missouri River.



Madrigal Christmas Feasts

Christmas around the World

Feast with kings and laugh with jesters at a Madrigal Feast like no other. Watch as model trains travel twiggy trestles through a botanical wonderland filled with thousands of poinsettias – some that grow 20 feet tall. Walk through a gingerbread village filled with more than 150 decorated houses. And let Scrooge be your guide on a fanciful theatrical journey. With more than a million twinkling lights decorating the city, Omaha is a place for groups to create magical memories during the holidays.



Poinsettia Tree



Kenefick Park

Train Tours

Hop aboard history in the city where President Abraham Lincoln started the transcontinental railroad. Home to one of the first Art Deco train stations in the country, groups can step back in time at The Durham Museum, even get on board President Harry S. Truman's press train. Two of the most powerful locomotives ever built greet tour groups at Lauritzen Gardens which also boasts a fascinating outdoor railroad garden. See thousands of artifacts at the Union Pacific Museum, including a dining, lounge and coach car, the railroad's extensive china collection, and authentic vintage uniforms, menus and furniture from the nation's first transcontinental railroad.



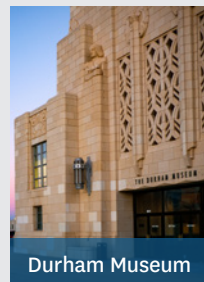
River City Star

Irish Tours

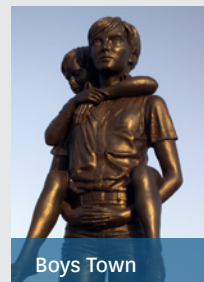
Featuring professional Irish musicians, singers and dancers; Father Flanagan's Boys Town Tour; Irish whiskey tasting; an exquisite Irish Dinner on the River City Star; and more.

Add Ons

- Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium tours
- Broadway Across America shows
- Omaha Symphony performances
- Omaha Culinary Tours



Durham Museum



Boys Town

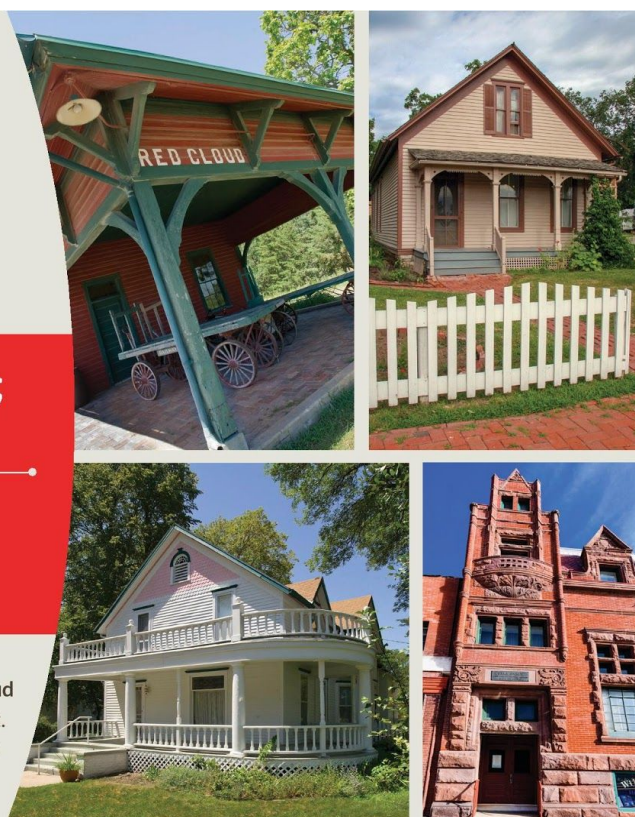


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Discover the World of Willa Cather, Nebraska's foremost citizen 🇺🇸

Author of *O Pioneers!*, *My Ántonia* & *One of Ours*

- The [National Willa Cather Center](http://www.WillaCather.org) preserves, operates, and interprets the largest assembled group of nationally-designated historic buildings related to any author in the United States
- To [visit Red Cloud](http://www.WillaCather.org) is to encounter a town and entire landscapes that are largely unchanged and as world-famous author Willa Cather knew them as a young girl

Experience Willa Cather's Red Cloud

- Explore our exhibit, [American Bittersweet](#): The Life & Writing of Willa Cather
- Tour the extensive [Collections & Archives](#) at the National Willa Cather Center
- Visit Willa Cather's [childhood home](#) and other sites related to her life and writing
- Take in a performance at the [Red Cloud Opera House](#)
- Enjoy a delicious lunch served in our beautiful [art gallery](#)
- Hike, picnic, star-gaze dark skies, or watch the sunrise & sunset at the [Willa Cather Memorial Prairie](#)
- Explore scenic country roads or take a Cather "[Country Tour](#)" of outlying properties and settings
- Shop the National Willa Cather Center [bookstore and gift shop](#)

Red Cloud and "Cather Country" are located right in-between Interstates I-70 & I-80 🇺🇸



Visit one of Nebraska's premier historic attractions: a cultural oasis on America's Great Plains

Willa Cather said, "I always return to Nebraska." 🐾 You just might, too.

The National Willa Cather Center Welcomes Bus Tours



Enjoy an immersive and historic experience and let us create the [perfect itinerary](#)—and meal—for your timeframe:

- Free meal & tours for bus drivers/tour escorts
- Complimentary bus parking
- Discount on group lodging
- On-site tour coordinator

In the Center of Everything



Red Cloud is in south-central Nebraska on the Kansas border—just over an hour between I-70 & I-80 on U.S. 281—and 20 miles north of the Geographic Center of the USA!

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Group Tours & Pricing

Childhood Home + 1 site

Tour two historic Red Cloud sites:
Willa Cather's home (a National Historic Landmark), plus one.

The Founder's Tour

Tour Childhood Home and visit our NWCC Collections & Archives.

Tours are \$10 per person
[\$25 includes a boxed lunch]
Inquire about other themed tours.

Hours of Operation

The National Willa Cather Center

Tuesday - Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed on New Year's Day, Easter,

July 4th, Thanksgiving,

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Summer Hours

April 1 - September 30

Open Sundays:

1 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

No Sunday morning tours

Winter Hours

October 1 - March 31

Open Saturdays:

9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays

*Group tours will be accommodated
after hours and on off days if booked in
advance*

On-Site Dining Options

Catered meals, boxed lunches, and even picnics on our pristine prairie are available upon request!

Stay a Night—or Two

Red Cloud offers [historic lodging](#) for small groups of 15 or less. Plans for a 26 room boutique hotel are underway (open 2022). Options for larger groups are available in nearby Hastings.

Historic Site Options



Guided tour options of our historic sites each include the [Willa Cather Childhood Home](#). There are also 30, 60, and 90-minute tours that can include a variety of sites.

Walk in Willa Cather's Prairie



Our 612-acre tract of [untouched prairie](#) is preserved as Willa Cather would have known it. Hike through the great rolling ocean of grass and witness the flora and fauna in the changing seasons.

Miles of prairie and the sites that inspired Willa Cather await you on our guided [Country Tour](#) where you can also see the famous [Pavelka Farmstead](#).

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Group Tour Ideas and Attractions



Wessels Living History Farm takes you back to the 1920's. This unique attraction features a wonderful farm house, barn, granary, church, school, and more all dated for that specific decade in Nebraska's history. Visitors will be able to experience firsthand what it was like for benefactor Dave Wessels to grow up on a midwestern farm during that time period... as was his wish for children of all ages. Group tours are encouraged to make a stop. Call 402-710-0682 for more information.



Chances "R" Restaurant and Hot Hot Lounge



Chances "R" Restaurant and Lounge has been dishing up great food and offering great customer service for the past 60 years with the Reetz Family ownership. They enjoy a national reputation, receiving numerous awards over the years. Pan-fried chicken, prime rib, homemade mashed potatoes and gravy, and carrot cake are their specialties. Soups, salads and dressings are also homemade. Their Sunday Brunch is something everyone should experience at least once in their lifetime! The "R" hosts more motor coach tours than any other restaurant in Nebraska, including Lincoln and Omaha. 402-362-7755 is the number to call.



Henderson, Nebraska is a wonderful Mennonite community that embraces their Dutch-Russian history as they trace the 1874 journey of 35 Mennonite families immigrating from Holland to Russia and then to the United States. A large home that housed all 35 families was constructed, called the Immigrant House, a replica of which may be seen at the Henderson Mennonite Heritage Park, along with a church, general store, and store. Henderson was one of the first places in the Midwest to utilize deep-well irrigation and construction of central pivot irrigation systems. Displays of these are also available for viewing. For information please call 402-723-5694.



Clayton Museum of Ancient History is located on the York College Campus. It is a world-class collection belonging to Foster Scanbeck. The gallery hall shows the history of ancient Mesopotamia, also known as the land between two rivers. This area of the world has been ruled by empires for millennium... Sumerians, Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, and many more. Follow the timeline to familiarize yourself with the events of the people who called Mesopotamia home from 3,000 B.C. to 500 B.C., and the events they witnessed. See many objects from those early centuries including a rare "sad eyebrows" helmet, coliseum tokens, clay tablets, parts of sandals with hob nails, and a reproduction siege machine (onager) used by the Roman army in 300 A.D. Free-will offering. More information on tours is available by calling 402-363-5600.

Lee's Legendary Marble Museum



Lee's Legendary Marble Museum is home to the country's largest privately-owned collection of vintage handmade and machine-made playing marbles. It may very well be the world's largest collection as well. There are well over a million marbles in Lee's collection, valued at well over \$1,000,000. Vintage marble games and toys are also on display. Admission is free-will offering. More information is available by call 402-362-3330.

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Greetings from Nebraska!



If you're searching for a new and exciting tour destination for your groups, look no further than Nebraska. Groups who have explored our state have returned home with stories about a land full of breathtaking landscapes, friendly and out-going residents, unparalleled hospitality, interactive experiences, and amazing, fun-filled destinations where losing one's self in the moment has never been more enjoyable. Or easier.

Nebraska's urban areas, Omaha and Lincoln, offer a distinct cosmopolitan atmosphere where groups can explore charming Old World historic districts, wander through valuable works of art in world class museums, experience one-of-a-kind interactive adventures, and dine in incredible restaurants serving meals prepared using fresh and local ingredients. However, if bright lights and big cities are not your group's "thing," you're still in luck!

Affectionately known as "Greater Nebraska," the area outside Lincoln and Omaha offers its own gems, including the internationally known spring sandhill crane migration when 80 percent of the world's Sandhill crane population spends much needed time resting and refueling along the Platte River in Nebraska's Central Flyway. Follow in the footsteps of early pioneers who trekked westward for a new life along the Mormon and Oregon Trails, and walk along actual wagon ruts still visible today around Chimney Rock National Historic Site and Scotts Bluff National Monument.

If your groups are looking for something a little more adventurous and "outdoorsy," float on the river in a livestock watering tank, take a Jeep eco-safari, hand feed bison and learn more about these great sentinels of the Plains, and feel the wind whip through your hair speeding downriver in an airboat. Nebraska also is one heckuva scenic state: the rolling hills along the Missouri River in eastern Nebraska, the immense grass covered dunes of central Nebraska's Sandhills, and the awe-inspiring sandstone formations and pine covered buttes and bluffs of western Nebraska's Monument Country and Pine Ridge.

Getting away from it all and truly relaxing is a normal way-of-life in Nebraska and is, in fact, actually encouraged for peace of mind and increased happiness. So let us help you plan your next exciting and fun-filled group adventure in Nebraska. Up-to-date tour information and resources are located on Nebraska Tourism's group tour website at visitnebraska.com/group_travel. We can't wait to share our state with your groups!


John Ricks, Director
Nebraska Tourism Commission





DID YOU KNOW?

1. Farms and ranches take up 92% of Nebraska's total land area.
2. Hastings, Nebraska is the birthplace of Kool-Aid.
3. Norfolk is the childhood home of Johnny Carson.
4. In the Spring, Nebraska is home to the largest Sandhill Crane migration in the world!
5. Chimney Rock in western Nebraska is at least 23 million years old. It is still in use today as a navigation aid.
6. Spam, the food, is produced in Fremont, Nebraska.

Start planning!



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