

Group Travel Itinerary

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“Is this Heaven?”

“No, it’s Iowa.”

That’s either the famous movie quote from *Field of Dreams* or the question you’re bound to ask when you bite into one of the many foodie feasts from the capital city featured on TV. Below we highlight some of the places that helped put us on the map.

DAY 1			
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Iowa Speedway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Known for the Iowa Corn Indy 250 and the NASCAR Nationwide series race each year on ESPN. 	Call for tour: Tami Hansen 641-791-8036	3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Newton iowaspeedway.com
Jethro's BBQ n' Pork Chop Grill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Try their State Fair pork chops, stuffed pork chops, shake n' bake pork chops or smoked pork chops. ▶ Try the infamous Adam Emmenecker challenge. We dare you! 	Sun - Wed: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Thur - Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.	5950 NW 86th Street, Johnston jethrosdesmoines.com/jethros-bbq-n-pork-chop-grill-johnston/
West End Architectural Salvage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ This business had its own show on the DIY Network and features salvaged treasures and inspiration for your next home project. 	Mon - Fri: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun: Noon - 4 p.m.	22 9th Street, Des Moines westendsalvage.com
Fong's Pizza	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Alton Brown awarded their Crab Rangoon Pizza the honor of his pick for the Food Network's <i>The Best Thing I Ever Ate</i>. 	Downtown Location: Sun - Thur: 11 a.m. - Midnight Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 3 a.m.	223 4th Street, Des Moines fongspizza.com
Crème Cupcake + Dessert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Owner featured on Food Network's <i>Cupcake Wars</i>. ▶ Must Eat: cupcake and champagne or the famous chocolate flourless torte. 	Tues - Fri: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1543 28th Street, Des Moines cremecupcake.com
Des Moines Civic Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Premier performing arts center that landed <i>Hamilton</i> and <i>Dear Evan Hansen</i> before much larger cities. 	Refer to website for showtimes.	221 Walnut Street, Des Moines desmoinesperformingarts.org

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ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Bridges of Madison County	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ The namesake of the 1995 film features breathtaking shots of the countryside and these iconic bridges.	May through October: Mon - Sat: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sun: Noon - 3 p.m.	73 Jefferson Street, Winterset madisoncounty.com/the-covered-bridges
John Wayne Birthplace Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Museum is adjacent to his childhood home that features original memorabilia.▶ Catch a John Wayne western in the museum's theater.	Refer to website.	205 S. John Wayne Dr. Winterset, IA johnwaynebirthplace.museum
Zombie Burger + Drink Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ A favorite of locals and visitors who rave about the spiked shakes and GORE-met burgers.	Sun - Thur: 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.	300 E Grand Avenue, Des Moines zombieburgershakelab.com
Iowa State Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ 70 foods on a stick, 500 exhibitors, and a million other reasons to check out the number one state fair in the country.	Refer to website.	3000 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines iowastatefair.org

OTHER FOODIE HIGHLIGHTS:

High Life Lounge (broasted chicken, bacon wrapped tots)
– *Man vs. Food, Cheap Eats*

Machine Shed (biscuits and gravy, cinnamon rolls)
– *Food Paradise, United States of Bacon*

Eatery A (cioppino, wood-fired pizzas)
– *Cheap Eats*

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