

Group Travel Itinerary

MYSTERY TOUR

Is there anything better than going on a trip where everything is a surprise, even the location? If that sounds like something you'd enjoy, consider booking a "Mystery Tour." This means that your entire trip is planned from start to finish, so you don't have to go through the hassle of figuring out what you're going to do! Plus, Greater Des Moines makes for a perfect Mystery Tour. With all of the unique and surprising attractions in the area, you'll be able keep your attendees enthralled when you say "surprise," making them your customers again and again! Below is an example of what a Mystery Tour in Greater Des Moines could look like:

DAY 1			
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Heritage Carousel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Start out your day with a whimsical ride. ▶ Accommodates up to 35 riders and is in the heart of Des Moines. 	Refer to website.	Union Park, 1801 Pennsylvania Avenue, Des Moines heritagecarousel.org
Salisbury House & Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 42-room architectural wonder displays more than 10,000 fabulous finds from around the world. ▶ You can even have a group lunch here! 	Refer to website.	4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines salisburyhouse.org
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
Iowa Gold Star Military Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ This museum focuses on honoring Iowa men and women who have served the state and nation. ▶ Catch historical artifacts from the Civil War through present day including uniforms, weapons, and insignia. 	Refer to website.	Camp Dodge, 7105 NW 70th Avenue, Johnston goldstarmuseum.iowa.gov
DAY 2			
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
National Balloon Classic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Nine-day event in July features 100+ hot air balloons that paint the sky, no filter required. ▶ Features food vendors and children's activities. 	Refer to website	15335 Jewell Street, Indianola nationalballoonclassic.com
John and Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 4.4-acre sculpture garden, home to 31 pieces from internationally acclaimed artists. 	Mon - Sun: 6 a.m. - Midnight	1330 Grand Avenue, downtown Des Moines desmoinesartcenter.org/visit/pappajohn-sculpture-park

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DAY 2 - CONTINUED

ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
Bennet School Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ One-room schoolhouse built in 1926, was used until 1941. ▶ Eventually sold and used as a private home, now available to tour. 	Refer to website.	4001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines wdmhs.org/the-bennett-school
Historic Jordan House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ An official site on the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. ▶ Built in the 1850s, it is one of five preserved underground railroad stops in Iowa. 	Refer to website.	2001 Fuller Road, West Des Moines wdmhs.org

DAY 3

ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:
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 Drive Winterset johnwaynebirthplace.museum
Bridges of Madison County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Recreate scenes from your favorite Romantic Drama at the Bridges of Madison County in Winterset. ▶ Tour six different 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
Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Take a ride on a classic train car and learn about the history of railroading in Iowa. 	Refer to website.	225 10th Street, Boone bsvrr.com

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