



SPRING THINGS TO DO

Come springtime, or as we like to call it, "shorts weather", the fun starts to blossom in Greater Des Moines. From parks and art to iconic races and farmers' markets, you'll have a little extra pep in your step.

HOTEL								
PROPERTY:	CATCH THIS:			INFO:				
Des Lux	 ▶ One of Des Moines' most iconic properties, located in the heart of downtown. ▶ Fireplaces and whirlpools offered in many of its suites. 		800 Locust Street, Des Moines desluxhotel.com					
DAY 1								
MORNING								
ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO	VISIT:	INFO:				
Motley School Tavern	 New American Restaurant offering fresh spins on yesterday's classics. Blueberry Pancakes are as pretty as they are delicious. 	Tue - Thur: 4 - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 8 a.m 10 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m 9 p.m.		1903 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines motleyschooltavern.com				
Beaverdale Books	▶ A hidden treasure in the metro where you're assured to find a good book.	Pickup and Delivery Mon - Fri: 10 a.m 5:30 p.m. Sat 10 a.m 5 p.m. Sun: Noon - 4 p.m.		2629 Beaver Avenue, Suite S1, Des Moines beaverdalebooks.com				
Back Country	► Stock up on name brand outdoor apparel and gear.	Refer to website.		2702 Beaver Avenue, Des Moines theoriginalbackcountry.com				
	AFTERN	IOON						
Des Moines Art Center	 Internationally acclaimed museum is home to works of Edward Hopper and Georgia O'Keeffe. More than 5,000 works of art in total, plus free admission! 	Tue - Wed: 11 a.m 4 p.m. Thur: 11 a.m 7 p.m. Fri: 11 a.m 4 p.m. Sat - Sun: 10 a.m 4 p.m.		4700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines desmoinesartcenter.org				
Manhattan Deli	 ▶ Grab lunch to go, it's picnic time! ▶ Get the "Zach Johnson," named after lowa's most famous golf pro. 	Mon - Sat: 10 a.m 2 p.m.		3705 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines hansensmanhattandeli.com				









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ACTIVITY:	CATCH THIS:	WHEN TO VISIT:	INFO:		
John & Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park	► This 44-acre park with 30+ works of art is the crown jewel of downtown and the perfect spot for your Des Moines picnic.	Year-round	Western Gateway Park, 1330 Grand Avenue, Des Moines desmoinesartcenter.org/visit/ pappajohn-sculpture-park		
Art Route Des Moines	 Explore downtown and its 87 pieces of public art. Look for access paths marked with circles and chevrons. 	Year-round	Downtown Des Moines artroutedsm.com		
Horizon Line Coffee	► Much like Des Moines' public art, the coffee here is BOLD!	Tues - Sun: 8 a.m 2 p.m.	1417 Walnut Street, Suite B, Des Moines horizonlinecoffee.com		
EVENING					
Django	► Unpretentious French bistro with Steak Frites and a killer burger to boot.	Daily: 4 - 9 p.m.	1420 Locust Street, Des Moines djangodesmoines.com		
Hello, Marjorie	► Craft cocktails in a dark setting, illuminated by their famous "All the Prettiest Girls in the World Are From Des Moines" neon sign.	Mon - Thur: 4 p.m 12 a.m. Fri - Sat: 4 p.m 1 a.m.	717 Locust St, Des Moines hellomarjorie.com		

*Pro-tip: Following after-dinner drinks, check out an arena show at Wells Fargo Arena, some indie rock at Wooly's, or jazz at Noce Jazz and Cabaret.

DAY 2							
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St. Kilda Collective	 Part breakfast café, part bakery, and part farm-to-table restaurant. The avocado toast is as good as advertised. 	Mon - Thur: 8 a.m 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 8 a.m 10 p.m. Sun: 8 a.m 4 p.m.	333 5th Street, West Des Moines stkildadsm.com/collective				
Salisbury House & Gardens	 A must stop for lovers of architecture, books, art, and quirky history. Self-guided tours are available. 	Wed - Sat: 10 a.m 3:30 p.m. Sun: Noon - 3:30 p.m.	4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines salisburyhouse.org				









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World Food Prize Hall of Laureates	► Free museum, home to beautiful artwork, photography, mosaics, and stained glass, all paying tribute to achievements in agriculture and food security.	Tue: 9 a.m 3 p.m. Sat: 9 a.m 1 a.m.	100 Locust Street, Des Moines halloflaureates.org		
Malo	▶ Top notch modern Mexican food.▶ The totchos and topflight margaritas are always a hit!	Mon - Thur: 4 - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 11 a.m 9 p.m. Sun: 11 a.m 5 p.m.	900 Mulberry Street, Des Moines malodesmoines.com		
West End Architectural Salvage	► Famed for their show on HGTV, this four-story showcase of everything awesome features one-of-a-kind salvaged pieces.	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		
Jasper Winery	▶ Sample hand-crafted wines at this "estate style" winery in the heart of the metro.▶ Tours are available.	Wed - Sat: 10 a.m 6 p.m. Sun: 1 - 5 p.m.	2400 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines jasperwinery.com		
	EVENIN	NG			
Aposto	 A one-of-a-kind dining experience nestled in an 1880 Victorian Mansion. The seasonal specials won't disappoint. 	Wed - Thur: 5 - 9 p.m. Fri - Sat: 5 - 10 p.m.	644 18th Street, Des Moines apostodm.com		
Hessen Haus	➤ A German style bier-hall known for their hefeweizens.► "Pass the Boot" is a must!	Sun - Thur: 10:30 a.m 12 a.m. Fri - Sat: 10:30 a.m 2 a.m.	101 SW 4th Street, Des Moines hessenhaus.com		
Hoyt Sherman Place	➤ Check their show schedule, there's truly no cooler (and more elegant) place to catch a concert or a comedy show.	Refer to website for showtimes.	1501 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines hoytsherman.org		









DON'T MISS THESE SPRING EVENTS

Blue Ribbon Bacon Festival (early March) **Drake Relays** (late April) CelebrAsian (late May) **Des Moines Farmers' Market** (month of May)



