



## EAST VILLAGE WALKING TOUR

- 1 Head east from the Iowa Events Center, but don't fall in the **Des Moines River**! Why does the tourist cross the **Iowa Women of Achievement Bridge**? Sometimes you don't! You just stop and enjoy the water and the wind. Post a pic from the bridge that highlights you! Look to the north (or mosey on over) ...
- 2 With stone pagodas, sculptured rock formations, and lanterns, you'll get your Zen on at the **Chinese Pagoda in Robert D. Ray Asian Gardens**. Pics in a yoga pose, please! Now head south on Robert D. Day Drive...
- 3 In the summer, it's an outdoor concert/event venue. In the winter, it can hold 220 ice skaters. If you snap a pic of the **Brenton Skating Plaza** at night, it glows a bright blue. Head east on Grand into the East Village...
- 4 Post a picture of the undead at **Zombie Burger + Drink Lab**, a post-apocalyptic chic eatery. It's GOREmet! Keep on going east...
- 5 Take a picture of your favorite t-shirt at **Raygun**, the self-proclaimed Greatest Store in the Universe. Look to the north at some of the other shops along Grand...
- 6 One person's junk is another person's vintage. You'll find a definite Midwest feel to these antiques. Post a pic of the best at **Porch Light** or **Reclaimed**. Take a right onto E 6th Street...
- 7 Which of the many tea pots at **Gong Fu Tea** is your fav? Take a photo, then continue down E 6th. When you get to Locust, look east...
- 8 Snap a shot of the **Iowa State Capitol Golden Dome** (interior or exterior) because it's pure Gold! Enjoy the shops along Locust Street as you head west.

From here, head back to your hotel, to the Iowa Events Center, or get lost and find something new (be sure to take a picture when you do)!

## WEST SIDE OF RIVER WALKING TOUR

- 9 Head to the first floor of the Iowa Events Center and look for IHOP. No, not the International House of Pancakes—this is our **Iowa Hall of Pride**. Take a photo in front of the **Iowa Hall of Pride mural**. Head out of the building and look for the corner of 3rd & Park...
- 10 This Cajun joint is a staple for anyone visiting the Iowa Events Center! Take a pic with a gator head at **Buzzard Billy's**. Head east on Park and walk a few blocks south on 2nd...
- 11 Look to your left and snap a pic of one of Des Moines' newest sculptures, **A Monumental Journey**, which honors 12 African American attorneys who founded the National Bar Association in Des Moines in 1925. Turn to the south and take a photo of the famous **Quantum Leaf** – a Big Bronze leaf at the NE Corner of 2nd Ave. Continue down 2nd...
- 12 Stop to admire one of Des Moines' most picturesque buildings (both inside and out). **The World Food Prize Hall of Laureates** opened in 1903 as the Des Moines Public Library and is now home to a museum celebrating those who have devoted their lives to fighting hunger around the world. Walk west down Locust Street...
- 13 This umbrella looks great, but it won't keep you dry. Take a pic of the big green **Crusoe Umbrella in Cowles Commons**. While you're here, don't be afraid to cool off in the **Lauridson Fountain**!
- 14 Your one-stop shop for visitor information and all things Greater Des Moines? Stop into **Catch Des Moines** located on the second floor of Capital Square. Take a photo in front of the wall of brochures and be sure to ask the front desk staff for their recommendations! Head back out into Capital Square...

From here, take one of three skywalks back to your hotel, to the Iowa Events Center, or get lost and find something new (be sure to take a picture when you do)!