Visit Effingham: A Holiday Getaway

· FOR THE FRIENDS ·

FRIDAY - ARRIVE, NOURISH + UNWIND

3 p.m. - Check in to the hotel or AirBnb of your choosing...
Complimentary breakfast, downtown views, indoors pools, a buzzing business center... Whatever your vibe, we've got options. Freshen up, settle in and let your weekend reset begin.

5 p.m. - Dinner at Firefly Grill
Ease into the evening with a fresh, farm-to-table meal at Firefly Grill. Their rustic chic ambiance, thoughtful ingredients and hand-crafted cocktails offer a grounding start to your getaway.

7:30 p.m. - a Festive Nightcap at Miracle
End the night with a joyful pop of holiday magic at Miracle - Wheat Penny's over-the-top holiday pop-up bar. Seasonal cocktails, playful décor and a spirited atmosphere make this the perfect nightcap.

SATURDAY - RESET, RECHARGE + RECONNECT

6:30 a.m. - Mindful Morning at Mika
Begin your day with a slow, restorative class at MIKA Yoga Studio. Stretch, breathe and welcome a peaceful energy into your weekend.

8 a.m. - Fuel Your Morning at Joe Sippers Cafe
Plan a cozy morning in Downtown Effingham. Begin with a freshly-brewed cup of coffee at Joe Sippers Cafe, a local Illinois Maker! Fuel up for the day with savory sandwiches & fresh pastries.

10 a.m. - Shop Local in Downtown Effingham
Stop in and do some holiday shopping at a few of our favorite shops in Downtown Effingham: Beanstalk Boutique, Boots & Soles, The Thomas Shop, The Red Thread Boutique & more! Pick up a free Visitors Guide for a full listing.

12 p.m. - Fireside Lunch at Tuscan Hills Winery
Share a flatbread or charcuterie board by the fire, enjoy a tasting flight, and grab a bottle of your favorite wine (Effing Nice & Effing Naughty make great gifts).

2 p.m. - Afternoon Finds
Discover professional-grade cutting boards at John Boos & Co. Factory Showroom and add personalized engraving. Then peruse Country Peddlers or nearby boutiques for unique, unexpected holiday finds.

5:30 p.m. - Evening Escape at Pinky's
Warm up lakeside with soup flights, holiday cocktails and festive bites in your own private dome, lakeside. *Reservations are recommended!

7 p.m. - Nighttime Glow
Don't miss Light up the Lawn on the Courthouse square, where our larger-than-life 3D holiday light displays reside. *Pro tip: We love this festive attraction for holiday photo ops!

SUNDAY - DEPART (ON YOUR OWN TIME)

10 a.m. - Brunch at The Lounge at the Crossing
Savor one last slow moment with a comforting brunch - pancakes, eggs, waffles, mimosas and more. Recap your weekend with friends... and start dreaming about the next one.