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ON THE COVER: Image provided by @retrotones63 Heather from South Dakota captured this sweet image during her family's visit to Omaha's Zoo.

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HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS

The territory that would become the City of Omaha was acquired as part of the Louisiana Purchase by Thomas Jefferson in **1803**.

Native Americans were the first residents of the region. The word "Omaha" means "against the current." It is speculated that the Omaha Indians were referred to as such due to their earlier, northward movements against the current of the Mississippi River.

In **1804**, William Clark and Meriwether Lewis landed on the shores of the Missouri River, noting it would be a good place for a trading outpost.

During their trek west, Mormons settled in and around what's now the Florence neighborhood of Omaha, setting up temporary quarters from **1846-1848**.

After the passage of the Kansas-Nebraska Act, Omaha was officially incorporated on February 2, **1857**.

On November 17, **1863**, President Abraham Lincoln declared that Omaha would be the eastern terminus of the new transcontinental railroad.

In **1879**, Omaha lawyers John Lee Webster and A.J. Poppleton took on the case of Chief Standing Bear, the landmark court ruling gave Native Americans rights as citizens. The lawyer's office building still stands and is home to the Omaha Visitors Center.

Omaha appears on the balloon in The Wizard of Oz, some believe it was a reference to a Populist political movement that began in Omaha back in **1892**.
(We believe there's no place like home.)

Attracting more than 2.6 million visitors over six months, the **1898** Trans-Mississippi Exposition world's fair was held in Omaha and the city has been welcoming visitors ever since.

WELCOME



Dear Visitors,

Welcome to Omaha! I am very proud to serve as Mayor of Omaha, a city with a reputation as a great place to live, work, play and visit!

On behalf of our residents, we invite you to discover all the city has to offer, from the world-renowned Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium, exquisite museums and great shops, to Omaha's wonderful array of locally owned restaurants, beautiful parks and unique entertainment venues.

You'll find there is a lot to do here in Omaha. Enjoy your visit and come back often.

Warmly,

Jean Stothert, Mayor
City of Omaha



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4 MILES

Many Omaha hotels offer complimentary shuttle service directly to and from their properties



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SALES TAX IS 7%



Omaha Metro Population: Just under

1 MILLION



An average of **212 DAYS** of sunshine per year

- Spring: Highs in the mid 60's
Lows in the 40's
- Summer: Highs in the 80's
Lows in the mid 60's
- Fall: Highs in the 70's
Lows in the 50's
- Winter: Highs in the mid 30's
Lows in the mid-teens

SMOKE FREE BARS AND RESTAURANTS

BARS CLOSE AT 2AM





GETTING AROUND OMAHA

Omaha city streets are set up on a grid system and easy to navigate. Dodge Street divides the city between north and south, and numbered streets start at the Missouri River and increase as you drive west. Taxis, Ubers and Lyfts are available throughout the city. The majority of Omaha hotels offer complimentary direct shuttle service to and from the airport and within a specific mile radius of their property.

OMA (OMAHA'S AIRPORT)

Omaha's airport serves more than 5 million passengers a year and offers non-stop service to 34 of the nation's largest airports. Ranked No. 1 in customer service, you'll find getting in and out of the airport is quick and easy. The airport is conveniently located 4 miles from downtown, so if you're renting a car, taking a cab, or hopping in an Uber, it will take you less than 10 minutes to arrive at the hub of the city. If you're departing from OMA, plan on arriving at least 90 minutes before your departure time. This will ensure you have sufficient time to check-in at the airline ticket counter and proceed through the security checkpoint. Food service is available beyond the checkpoints.



FINDING A HOTEL

With more than 15,000 hotel rooms in the Omaha area, there are a variety of options for your stay. Check out the PLAN YOUR STAY feature on VisitOmaha.com. You can search a variety of Omaha hotel options all at once and book directly with the hotel of your choice. You can also view hotel availability two months at a time and compare rates surrounding your selected dates.

OMAHA VISITORS CENTER

306 South 10th Street
(near the Old Market District)
402-444-7762

Stop into the Omaha Visitors Center in the heart of downtown and talk with friendly Omaha experts who will help customize your Omaha experience. Learn about OMAR the Troll, find out how you can receive a free souvenir beer tasting glass, and win a "Bob the Bridge" T-shirt. The Visitors Center ambassadors will even train you on how to become a marathoner – sticker and all. (Trust us, this is one marathon anyone can do.) Whether you're looking for maps, something unique to do, or trying to figure out where to eat, the Omaha Visitors Center is the place to start. Enjoy complimentary coffee and Wi-Fi. You will also find helpful information at the two Visitor Information kiosks located at the airport.

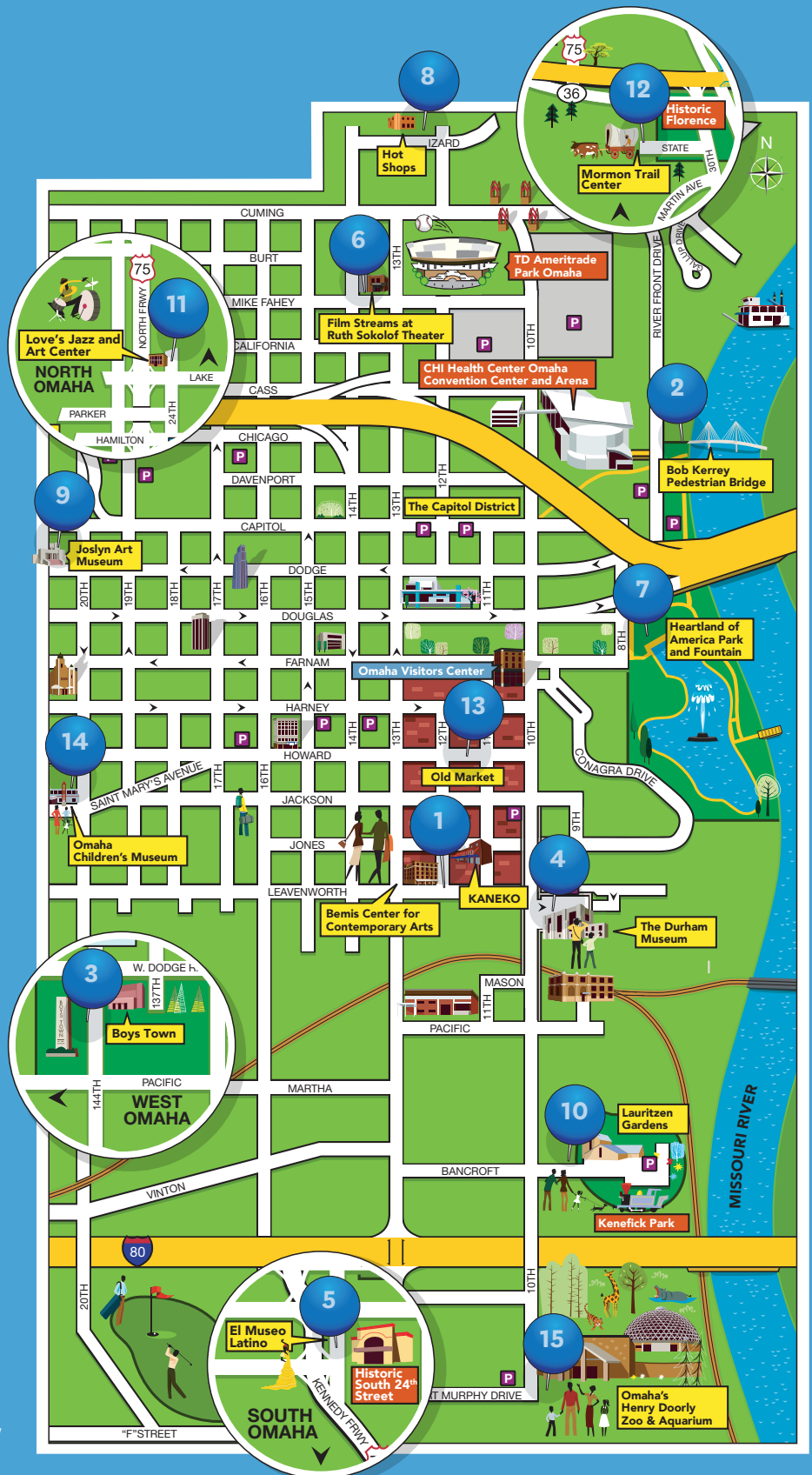
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WE'VE GOT YOUR FUN MAPPED OUT

Use this map to explore your options, then look for the giant blue map pins located at top Omaha attractions.

- 1 Bemis/Kaneko:** Ever-changing, always-impressive art exhibitions are the foundation of this edgy, urban corner in downtown Omaha.
- 2 Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge:** Meet Bob, a 3,000 ft. long pedestrian bridge with personality. Bob offers a spectacular view of Omaha's skyline and a chance to stand in two states at the same time.
- 3 Boys Town:** This well-known landmark is a national treasure, featuring an expansive campus with a museum, historic chapel, gardens and a world-renowned youth care program.
- 4 The Durham Museum:** Both a museum and meticulously preserved Art Deco train station, explore passenger train cars, visit an old-time schoolhouse, or grab a soda at the old-fashioned phosphate bar.
- 5 El Museo Latino:** The first Latino art and history museum in the Midwest. This cozy, culturally intensive establishment is as authentic as the restaurants and shops surrounding it.
- 6 Film Streams:** An intimate art house cinema experience. Enjoy film as an art form seven days a week at this distinctive theater located in the emerging North Downtown entertainment district.
- 7 Heartland of America Park:** Currently under construction as part of Omaha's \$300 million riverfront revitalization project, offering visitors a dazzling waterfront experience. *(Scheduled to reopen in 2024.)*
- 8 Hot Shops Art Center:** Witness cutting-edge art in a unique warehouse atmosphere. More than 80 art studios are open to the public to watch, learn and buy distinctive works of art.
- 9 Joslyn Art Museum:** Enjoy free admission to this pink marble masterpiece filled with rare works of art from Monet, Chihuly, Rembrandt and more. Inside, kids will enjoy Art Works, a space designed especially for them.
- 10 Lauritzen Gardens:** Discover 100 acres of botanical beauty at this living museum nestled in the riverfront hills. More than 20 themed gardens and an indoor conservatory make this a year-round experience.
- 11 Love's Jazz and Art Center:** Catch the heritage of jazz in a district where Ellington, Basie and others once played. An art and jazz powerhouse committed to the preservation, funding and advancement of the African American arts.
- 12 Mormon Trail Center:** Experience firsthand the great Mormon Migration of 1846-47. Explore a pioneer cabin, pull a handcart, and see a full-sized covered wagon drawn by an oxen team.
- 13 Old Market Entertainment District:** Unique boutiques, antique emporiums, sweet shops and more than 30 restaurants and pubs line the cobblestone streets of this lively historic area.
- 14 Omaha Children's Museum:** Specially designed with kids in mind, the museum features hands-on exhibits the whole family can enjoy, including the Super Gravatron ball machine, science center and more.
- 15 Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium:** Consistently ranked as one of the "world's best," this is a can't-miss experience filled with animal encounters, an indoor rainforest, and the largest indoor desert in the world.



LOCALS KNOW BEST

When it comes to exploring Omaha, locals know best.

Below, meet a variety of residents, each with their own take on the city, and then find tips from these locals throughout the guide.

Bishop Michael and Camille Moten

Longtime pillars of the community and active empty nesters, you can often find them at top rated restaurants on "Spontaneous Monday," "Tumultuous Tuesday," "Therapeutic Thursday," and "Date Night Friday," which are all made up names to justify going out to eat.



Nancy Berg

An Omaha native paralyzed in a car accident as a teenager, she's now known for finding accessible adventures throughout the city. Married with children, she enjoys sharing her family's experiences on Instagram as @accessible402.

Chad Chaney

The General Manager of Brickway Brewery & Distillery, Chad is uber supportive of craft beer makers throughout the city. The father of three has instant charisma ... He's like Sam from the TV show *Cheers*, everybody knows his name.



Natalie Tinsley

A high school warrior and track star-in-training by day. Poolside lifesaver, budding coffee snob, and lover of fluffy black cats at night.

Eli Rigatuso

An avid LGBTQ+ advocate, Eli was born and raised in Omaha and is passionate about local off-the-beaten path experiences. His labor of love is Speaking of Happy, a virtual outlet committed to sharing uplifting stories about the LGBTQ+ community.



Noah McPherson

This high school sophomore is passionate about reading, playing the violin and running. One McPherson family tradition is to try a different, unique restaurant at least once a month.

Kim Reiner

Kim has two kids, works at Omaha Children's Museum and has a passion for writing. She is one of the most popular family bloggers in Omaha. Her Oh My! Omaha site is a parent's guide to the city and beyond.

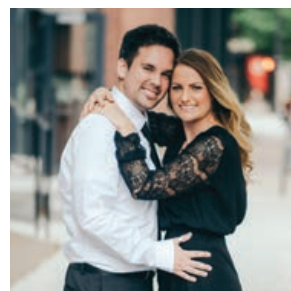


Patrick and Marisol Hackman

The fun-loving couple met during college while he played basketball and she sparkled on the soccer field. Passionate about traveling and seeing the world together, Patrick and Marisol also enjoy living and dining here in Omaha.

Marcos Mora

Marcos comes from one of the largest Mexican-American families in Omaha—la familia Barrientos. He is an accomplished musician with over 30 years of experience in many genres of music such as rock, blues, Latin and mariachi.



Scott and Davina Schrier

The young professionals are avid music lovers who are into more contemporary art than traditional. No surprise Davina works at the Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, known in the art community for its edgy, urban vibe.

FOR MORE TIPS FROM LOCALS GO TO [VISITOMAHA.COM/LOCALSKNOWBEST](https://www.visitomaha.com/localsknowbest)

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East and West streets are named.

To Fremont
via Hwy 36
and Hwy 275

Lake
Cunningham
Recreation
Area

Standing
Bear Lake
Recreation
Area

Kelley Sports
Complex

Tranquility
Moylan

ELKHORN

Union Bank
and Trust
Sports Complex

DRIVING OMAHA...
Omaha is divided North & South
by Dodge St. (W. Dodge Rd.)

Boys Town National
Headquarters

Nebraska
Jewish
Historical
Society

WEST OMAHA

The Shops of
Legacy Plaza

Zorinsky
Lake
Recreation
Area

Bel Air
Shopping
Center
Westwood
Shopping
Center

Oak View
Mall
Montclair
Shopping
Center

Cancer
Survivor's
Park
One
Pacific
Place

Rockbrook
Village

Amazing
Pizza
Machine

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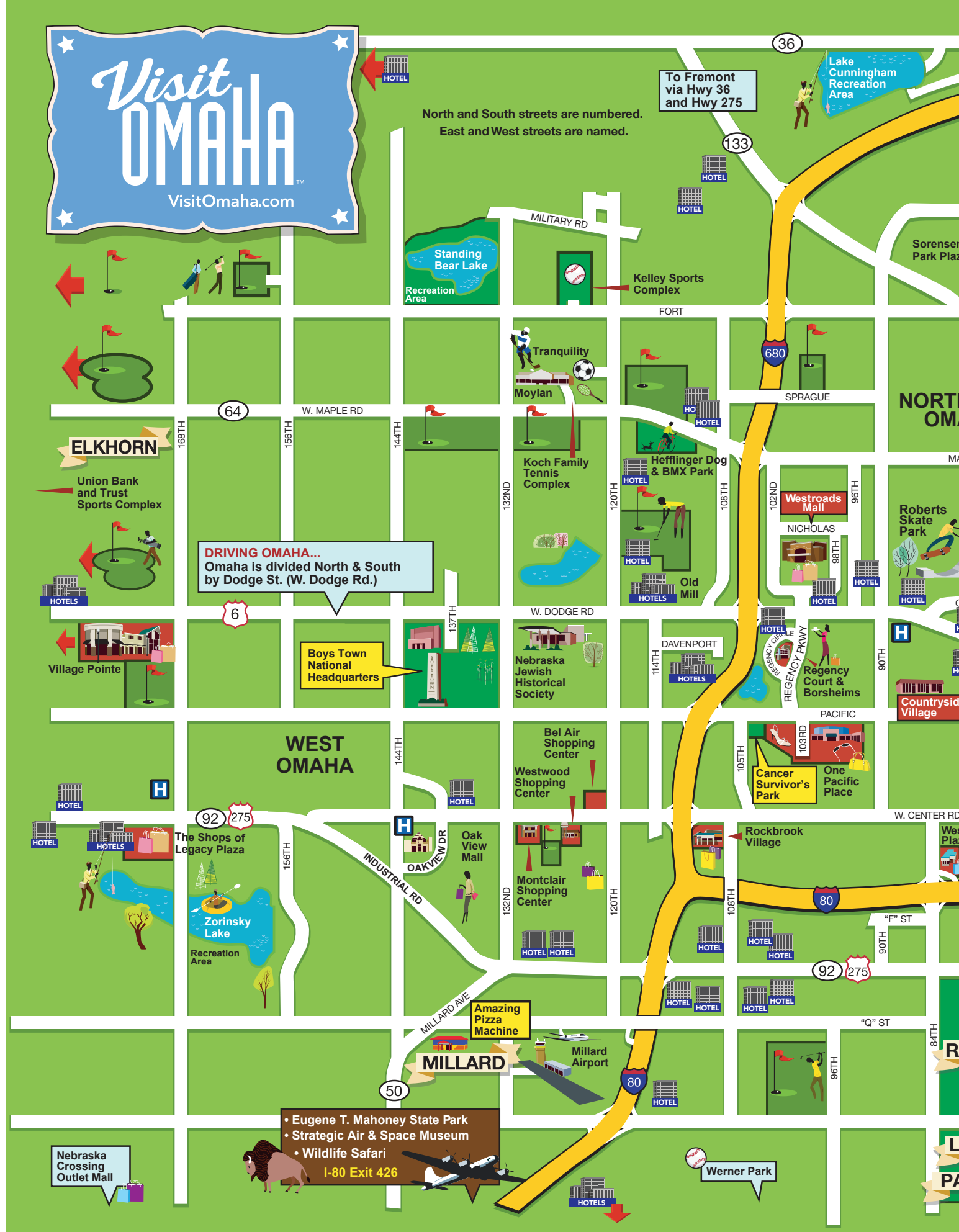
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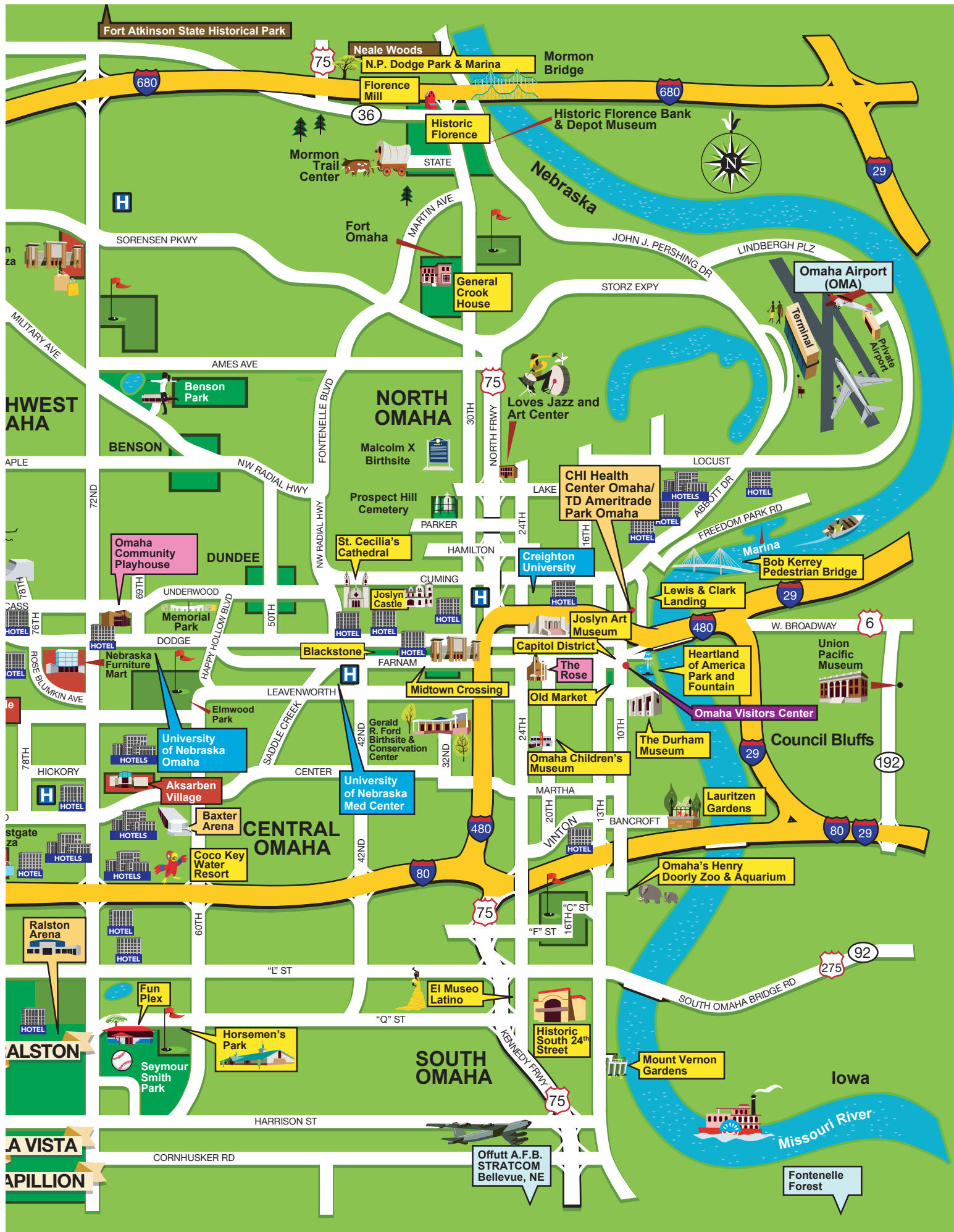
- Eugene T. Mahoney State Park
- Strategic Air & Space Museum
- Wildlife Safari

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Nebraska
Crossing
Outlet Mall

Werner Park





Fort Atkinson State Historical Park

Neale Woods
N.P. Dodge Park & Marina
Florence Mill

Mormon Bridge

Historic Florence

Historic Florence Bank & Depot Museum

Mormon Trail Center

Fort Omaha

General Crook House

Omaha Airport (OMA)

WEST OMAHA

NORTH OMAHA

Loves Jazz and Art Center

Benson Park

Benson

CHI Health Center Omaha/
TD Ameritrade Park Omaha

Omaha Community Playhouse

St. Cecilia's Cathedral

Creighton University

Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge

Nebraska Furniture Mart

Memorial Park

Blackstone

Midtown Crossing

Capitol District

Lewis & Clark Landing

Heartland of America Park and Fountain

Union Pacific Museum

University of Nebraska Omaha

Aksarben Village

Baxter Arena

University of Nebraska Med Center

Gerald R. Ford Birthsite & Conservation Center

Omaha Children's Museum

The Durham Museum

Lauritzen Gardens

Omaha Visitors Center

Council Bluffs

Ralston Arena

Fun Plex

Seymour Smith Park

Horsemen's Park

El Museo Latino

Historic South 24th Street

Mount Vernon Gardens

Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo & Aquarium

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Candlewood Suites, Bellevue



Nebraska Brewing Co., La Vista & Papillion



Shadow Lake Towne Center, Papillion



Stella's Bar & Grill, Bellevue



Holy Family Shrine, Gretna



Tree Rush Adventures at Fontenelle Forest, Bellevue

EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OMAHA

Through August 20

INFLUENCE KANEKO

Evolving exhibit exploring the results of living and collaborating within a creative environment.

January 14-19

LES MISERABLES Orpheum Theater

January 17-February 9

A RAISIN IN THE SUN

Omaha Community Playhouse



January 18-May 10 NATURE CONNECTS® ART WITH LEGO® BRICKS

Lauritzen Gardens
See incredible sculptures of endangered creatures built entirely from LEGO® Bricks.

February 7

JASON ALDEAN: WE BACK TOUR

CHI Health Convention Center & Arena

February 7 & 9

THE ABDUCTION FROM THE SERAGLIO

Orpheum Theater
A witty new production of Mozart's situation comedy by Opera Omaha.

February 8-May 10 FACT AND FICTION IN CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY

Joslyn Art Museum
A collection of media that subvert our assumptions about their subjects in surprising ways.

February 11-16

A BRONX TALE

Orpheum Theater



January 18-April 19

AMERICA TO ZANZIBAR: MUSLIM CULTURES NEAR AND FAR Omaha Children's Museum

First exhibit to explore the diversity of Muslim cultures through five major sections, including Global Marketplace and a Trade Routes area.



February 15-17 ASICS PRESIDENTS' DAY CLASSIC

CHI Health Convention Center & Arena AND Union Bank & Trust Sports Complex
Nearly 450 of the best Junior Olympic athletes from across the country will compete in one of the nation's largest volleyball events.

February 15 OMAHA SYMPHONY: BATMAN (1989)

Holland Performing Arts Center

February 15-March 8 THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD

The Rose Theater

February 22-May 3 PULITZER PRIZE PHOTOGRAPHS

The Durham Museum
More than 80 large-format framed photographs, each accompanied by a label describing the story of how the moment was captured.



February 23-29

OMAHA FASHION WEEK

Omaha Design Center
Designers, stylists, photographers, artists and models display their talents at this semi-annual event.

February 25-26

SHEN YUN

Orpheum Theater
5,000 years of civilization come to life on stage with this crowd favorite.

February 28-29

STOMP

Orpheum Theater
This eight-member troupe uses everything but a drum.

February 28-March 22

ONCE

Omaha Community Playhouse
Tony Award-winning musical

February 28-March 15

THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK

The Rose Theater

March 3-8

OMAHA FILM FESTIVAL

Aksarben Cinema
One of MovieMaker Magazine's "50 Film Festivals Worth the Entry Fee."

March 5-8

POTTED POTTER Omaha Performing Arts Center

All seven Harry Potter books crammed into 70 hilarious minutes.

March 11

THE ILLUSIONISTS

Orpheum Theater
Be thrilled by hilarious magic tricks, death-defying stunts and acts of breathtaking wonder.

March 13

ONE NIGHT OF QUEEN

Orpheum Theater
A tribute to superstar Freddie Mercury and his band Queen.



March 14
**THE LUMINEERS III:
THE WORLD TOUR**
CHI Health Convention
Center & Arena

March 17-22
**DEAR EVAN
HANSEN**
Orpheum Theater
A personal and
profoundly modern
Tony Award-winning
musical about life and
the way we live it.

March 20
**BLAKE SHELTON:
FRIENDS AND
HEROES TOUR**
CHI Health Convention
Center & Arena

March 29
**BILLIE EILISH:
WHERE DO WE GO?
WORLD TOUR**
CHI Health Convention
Center & Arena

March 20–April 5
ONE FESTIVAL
Various downtown
locations
Over 50 performances
will blend music,
theater, visual art,
dance and film, with
numerous events at
multiple venues.

April 2
**JEFF DUNHAM:
SERIOUSLY!?**
CHI Health Convention
Center & Arena



April 3 & 5
**THE CAPULETS AND
THE MONTAGUES**
Orpheum Theater
Bellini's bel canto
masterpiece is a
seldom-seen telling of
Romeo and Juliet;
presented by Opera
Omaha.

April 7
**ALICE COOPER
WITH LITA FORD**
Orpheum Theater

April 2020
**JUNKSTOCK:
SPRING EDITION**
Sycamore Farms
Shop vintage wares,
unique antiques,
handmade artisan
foods and goods at this
mega three-day event.

April 9-12
**BURLINGTON
CAPITAL
INTERNATIONAL
OMAHA HORSE
COMPETITION**
CHI Health Convention
Center & Arena
World-class indoor
horse jumping and
dressage competition
with educational fun,
shopping expo and the
Int2WinIt Speed
Jumping Series finale.



April 15–May 10
**DISNEY'S
THE LION KING**
Orpheum Theater
The world's #1 musical
lands in Omaha as part
of the Broadway Series.

April 17-26
OMAHA BEER WEEK
Various Locations
Ten beer-packed days
of special events and
unique celebrations.

April 18
**DAN + SHAY: THE
(ARENA) TOUR**
CHI Health Convention
Center & Arena



May 1-3
CINCO DE MAYO
Historic South 24th St.
Celebrating 100 years
in Omaha, this vibrant
fiesta is filled with
authentic food, live
music, colorful costumes
and the Midwest's
largest parade.

May 1-2
**OMAHA SYMPHONY:
STAR WARS
THE EMPIRE
STRIKES BACK**
Holland Performing
Arts Center



May 14
**LAUREN DAIGLE
WORLD TOUR**
CHI Health Convention
Center & Arena

May 14–June 14
A CHORUS LINE
Bluebarn Theater

May 17
**OMAHA SYMPHONY
PRESENTS:
MOZART WITH
CONDOLEEZZA RICE**
Holland Performing
Arts Center

May 20-24
**BIG TEN BASEBALL
TOURNAMENT**
TD Ameritrade Park
The legendary Big Ten
teams compete to return
to Omaha for the NCAA
College World Series.

May 29–June 28
THE COLOR PURPLE
Omaha Community
Playhouse

May 29-31
TASTE OF OMAHA
Elmwood Park
Taste some of Omaha's
favorite restaurant dishes
with a side of live music
and entertainment.



May 30–September 6
**GUITAR: THE
INSTRUMENT
THAT ROCKED
THE WORLD**
The Durham Museum
See over 60 guitars and
100 historical artifacts
demonstrating the
history of the world's
most recognized musical
instrument.



June 2-7
ANASTASIA
Orpheum Theater

June 5-7
OMAHA SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL
Mike Fahey Street
135 artist from across the country demonstrate and showcase their work.

June 5-21
THE SOUND OF MUSIC
The Rose Theater

June 6–September 6
RODIN: TRUTH FORM LIFE and RODIN: MUSES SIRENS LOVERS
Joslyn Art Museum
An array of bronzes showcase Auguste Rodin's innovative artistic process.

June 10-12
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT
Holland Performing Arts Center
Omaha hosts the MLB first-year player draft on the eve of the College World Series.

June 13-23/24
NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
TD Ameritrade Park
2020 marks the 71st anniversary of the CWS in Omaha. Tailgate, watch the best in college baseball, and check out Fan Fest.

June 2020
JUNKSTOCK: UNDERNEATH THE STARS
Sycamore Farms
A dreamy night event featuring twinkle lights, hot air balloons, a ferris wheel and a market of 100 vintage vendors.

June 21-28
U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM TRIALS - SWIMMING
CHI Health Convention Center & Arena
In Omaha for the fourth time! Watch as 1,400 top swimmers vie for a spot on the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team to compete at August's 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Away from the pool, check out the 100,000 sq. ft. USA Swimming Aqua Zone.



June 2020
HEARTLAND PRIDE PARADE & FESTIVAL
The Old Market Entertainment District & Baxter Arena
Omaha's premier LGBTQ+ celebration for all ages. Following a parade, head to the arena for outdoor festivities, live entertainment, and more.

June – July
SHAKESPEARE ON THE GREEN
Young Park – 60th & Dodge Streets
The power and beauty of classical theater in a relaxing outdoor setting.

July 7-12
JIMMY BUFFETT'S ESCAPE TO MARGARITAVILLE
Orpheum Theater
Musical comedy featuring original songs and Jimmy Buffett classics.

July 9–September 19
ALL TOGETHER, AMONGST MANY: REFLECTIONS ON EMPATHY
Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts
Curated by the Bemis Chief Curator and Director of Programs.

July 11-12
RAILROAD DAYS
Various Locations
Five area cultural attractions join forces to offer railroad-inspired fun at one special low price for families.

July 25
FAIRYTALE BALL
Omaha Children's Museum
Afterhours-event with royal characters, dinner, horse-drawn carriage rides and fireworks.

July 27–August 2
PINNACLE BANK GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
The Club at Indian Creek
Catch PGA action in Omaha with the Web.com Tour's championship, featuring over 100 golfers.

July & August
JAZZ ON THE GREEN
Turner Park at Midtown Crossing
The ultimate outdoor jam session Thursdays throughout the summer.



August 7-8
NEBRASKA BALLOON & WINE FESTIVAL
Ta Ha Zouka Park, Elkhorn
Toast to award-winning wines and catch the spectacular hot air balloon launch and glow.

August 2020
MAHA FESTIVAL
Aksarben Village
The industry's hottest national, regional and local indie acts perform during a weekend full of food and activities.

August 23-29
OMAHA FASHION WEEK
Omaha Design Center
One of the largest fashion weeks in the country featuring over 65 designers, 400 models and hundreds of creations.





**October 2020
JUNKSTOCK:
HARVEST EDITION**
Sycamore Farms
Vintage and repurposed wares for sale from over 150 “junk” vendors at this signature fall event.

**October 2020
JAPANESE
AMBIENCE FESTIVAL**
Lauritzen Gardens
A salute to the beauty of Japanese culture with the kickoff of the Fall Chrysanthemum Show.

**October 3-4
HERITAGE DAYS**
Fort Atkinson State Park
The 1800s way of life celebrated through hands-on learning demonstrations, military reenactments, traditional foods and music.

**September 12
FORT OMAHA
INTERTRIBAL
POWWOW**
Fort Omaha Campus
Be immersed in the culture and traditions of Native Americans at this outdoor celebration.



**September 11-20
OMAHA
RESTAURANT WEEK**
Various Restaurants
A celebration of Omaha's culinary scene with participating restaurants offering exclusive fixed price, three-course meals at discounted prices during Omaha's 10 tastiest days.

**October 3, 2020–
January 10, 2021
THE JIM HENSON
EXHIBITION:
IMAGINATION
UNLIMITED**
The Durham Museum
Puppets, sketches, costumes, scripts and more accompany this exhibition exploring Jim Henson's groundbreaking work.

**October 3, 2020–
January 3, 2021
REVISITING
AMERICA:
THE PRINTS OF
CURRIER & IVES**
Joslyn Art Museum
A highlight of the famous firm's prints, which were produced from paintings by fine artists as lithographs.



**September 25-26
RIVER CITY RODEO**
CHI Health Convention Center & Arena
Fast-paced action as world champion cowboys compete for official entry into the National Finals Rodeo.

**October 10, 2020–
April 11, 2021
GAME ON**
Omaha Children's Museum
Experience areas inspired by a variety of games, from childhood classics to sports and carnival games.

HOLIDAY EVENTS IN OMAHA

For a complete list of Omaha holiday events go to VisitOmaha.com



**November 22–December 31
HOLIDAY
POINSETTIA SHOW**
Lauritzen Gardens
Thousands of poinsettias are a glowing tribute to the holidays, with a 20-foot-tall poinsettia tree as its centerpiece.

**November 26, 2020
– January 1, 2021
HOLIDAY LIGHTS
FESTIVAL**
Various Locations
A Thanksgiving lighting ceremony kicks off a month of performances, special events, ice skating and more. Catch the fireworks to ring in the New Year.

**November 27, 2020
– January 3, 2021
CHRISTMAS AT
UNION STATION**
The Durham Museum
Enjoy the region's largest indoor holiday tree, traditions from around the globe, visits from Santa and more special programming.



**November 29–December 22
SANTA'S MAGIC**
Omaha Children's Museum
A holiday tradition, Santa's Magic is a short interactive show with elves, the Snow Queen and a chance to visit with Santa.

**November 29–December 22
ELF THE MUSICAL**
A fun-filled musical adaptation of the favorite holiday film that became an instant classic.
The Rose Theater



**December 2020
WINTER WONDERLAND
AT SYCAMORE FARMS**
Sycamore Farms
Seventy vendors, makers and artisans come together in a vintage winter wonderland.

**December 17 & 19
NCAA® DIVISION I
WOMEN'S
VOLLEYBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP**
CHI Health Convention Center & Arena
The best of the best will compete for the NCAA championship title in college volleyball's biggest event.



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WORLD'S BEST ZOO

Internationally known as one of the best zoos in the world, **Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium** is filled with year-round wild kingdom adventures. Home to the world's largest indoor desert and North America's largest indoor rainforest, get ready to experience an immersive animal world jam-packed with opportunities to engage with wildlife. The best part is every visit to Omaha's Zoo means an animal, or even an entire species, may be saved through the zoo's world-class conservation efforts.



WORLD'S BEST ZOO

Explore 160 acres of plants, animals and unique habitats from around the world, right here in Omaha.



AFRICAN GRASSLANDS

Take a trip to Africa through this 28-acre outdoor experience featuring breathtaking panoramic views and long vistas teeming with African wildlife like white rhinos, cheetahs, lions and elephants. It includes North America's largest herd room featuring interactive guest and keeper areas. TIP: Ride the Skyfari for a spectacular unobstructed view of this exhibit.



ASIAN HIGHLANDS

Journey from the grasslands of Northern India through the Himalayan Mountains to the forests of northeastern China. Encounter red pandas, sloth bears, Amur tigers, snow leopards and Indian rhinos living among ancient ruins and canopy trees. Foggy Forest is a natural valley with mist blanketing the forest floor and includes a series of foot paths with several nature based play opportunities, including boulders to climb and logs to cross. Most of the animals in Asian Highlands are cold tolerant, making it a year-round experience.



SCOTT AQUARIUM

Transverse the ocean floor and come nose-to-nose with sea turtles as large sand tiger, zebra and stingray sharks circle above. The 70-foot shark tunnel inside the Scott Aquarium provides a mesmerizing underwater experience. From the ocean depths to the frigid cold, the aquarium also features ocean birds, including more than 85 penguins. Up to 20 tons of man-made snow can be churned out in one day from four snow machines.



LIED JUNGLE

Hike through North America's largest indoor rainforest with roaring waterfalls and swinging gibbons in a tropical environment that will transport you to the jungles of South America, Asia and Africa. See more than 90 animal species in their natural habitats, from the forest floor to the highest jungle canopy. Don't miss the swinging rope bridge, and take a picture from lookout peak with a full view of silvered leaf monkeys, ebony langurs, spotted-neck otters and pygmy hippos.

WORLD'S BEST ZOO



DESERT DOME

Explore the world's largest indoor desert under the world's largest glazed geodesic dome, an Omaha landmark. The Desert Dome stands 13 stories tall and features a 30-foot tall sand dune containing 300 tons of red sand. Climbing in and around the cliffs are klipspringers, rock wallabies, bobcats and meerkats. Inside, enter Rattlesnake Canyon and encounter the world's largest indoor rattlesnake exhibit with 14 reptile species, including venomous snakes.



KINGDOMS OF THE NIGHT

Underneath the Desert Dome, navigate nighttime in the world's largest nocturnal exhibit filled with creatures that surface only after dark. Travel through a canyon, wind through a bat cave, and see the world's largest indoor swamp.



OWEN SEA LION SHORES

Opening in fall 2020 is the new 275-thousand gallon playground for sea lions, which includes a three-story waterfall and 40-foot long underwater viewing window perfect for nose-to-nose experiences. A natural beach area and rocks will provide sunning sites for the animals. A pupping beach will allow females to give birth on land and gradually introduce their pups to the water. There will be hidden spaces just for children to crawl through to view the sea lions swimming and a sandy beach area with four small streams for kids to mix sand and water for playtime.



The Hackmans recommend going to the zoo in the winter. It's not as crowded and the animals are typically more active.

Go to VisitOmaha.com/Zoo for more information.



ALASKAN ADVENTURE

Kids will love this splash ground featuring 100 water jets and over 75 bronze sculptures of jumping salmon, puffins, sea lions, orcas and a tremendous 18-foot humpback whale.



EXPEDITION MADAGASCAR

Home to some of the most amazing and unique animals such as the aye-aye lemur and the giant jumping rat.



CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE TRAILS

This fully immersive outdoor experience is filled with climbing areas, raft races, waterfalls and creeks and ponds that invite kids to jump in, stay cool, and hunt for treasure.



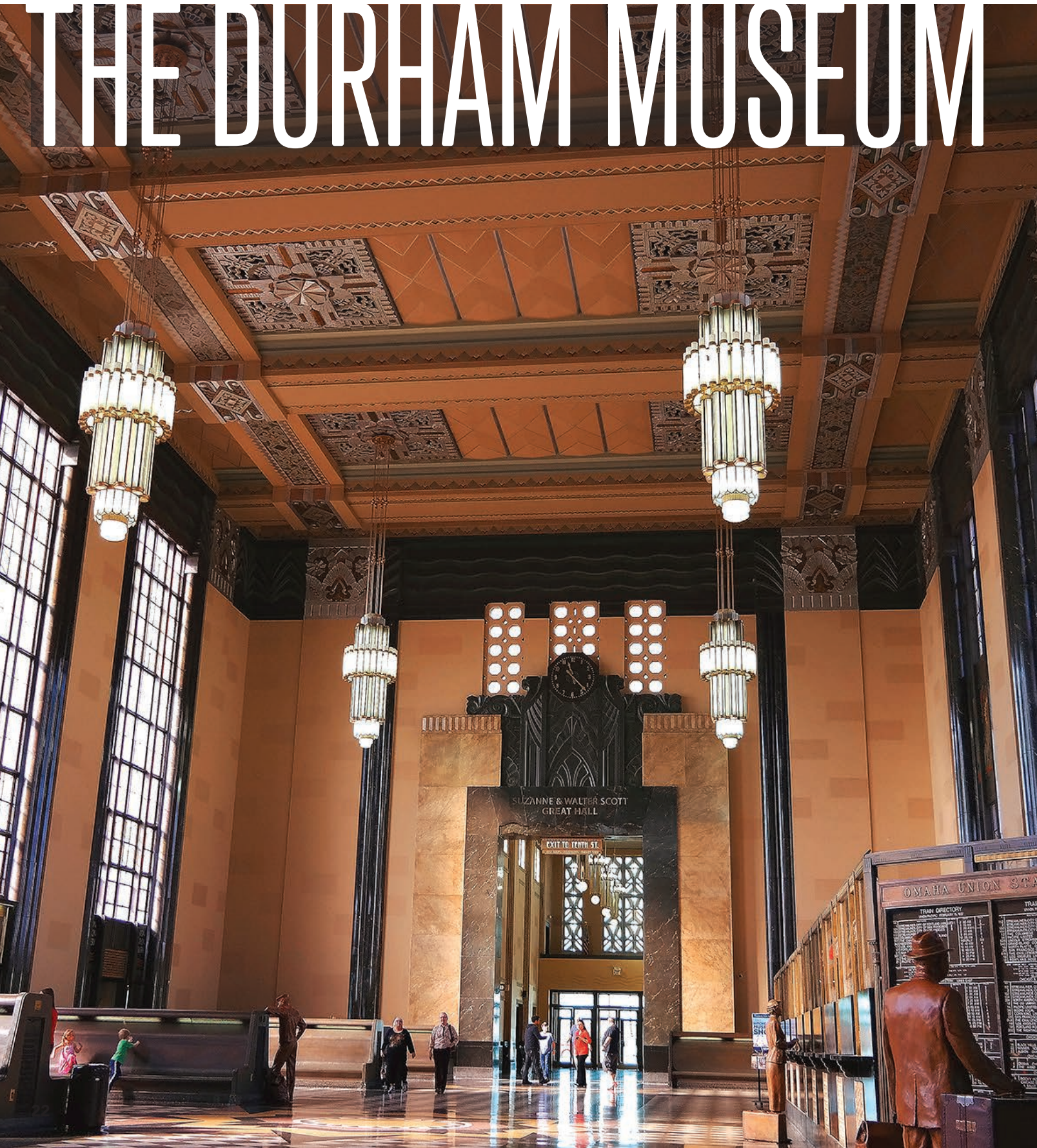
BACKSTAGE EXPERIENCES

See what it takes to care for a giant Pacific octopus, wander through the world's largest nocturnal exhibit with the lights on, get front row seats to feeding time for more than 300 free flying bats, and much more.

HOP ABOARD HISTORY
AT AN ART DECO TRAIN
STATION-TURNED-MUSEUM.

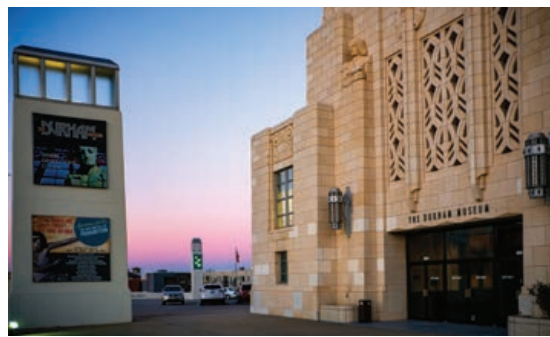
Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 2017, this treasured Omaha attraction is filled with an extraordinary array of permanent exhibits showcasing the region's history including restored train cars, 1940s store fronts, informational displays, and historical artifacts of the region. Train enthusiasts and history buffs alike will delight in **The Durham Museum's** offerings.

THE DURHAM MUSEUM



Step into a bygone era as you enter the museum's Great Hall. Enjoy the same grandeur that millions of rail travelers experienced during the train station's heyday from 1931-1971. From its terrazzo tile flooring to the ceiling's \$10,000 gold leaf decoration, the lobby is a sight to behold. Life-like bronze statues of couples, military men and children placed throughout come alive with travel stories of people who once passed through the station.

Downstairs, experience Omaha's history through a variety of permanent exhibits. Climb aboard and stroll through historic passenger trains from the 1940s and '50s, learn about the fascinating culture of the Omaha Native American Tribe by stepping into a rawhide tepee or sitting by the fire in a replica earth lodge and peek into the home of blue collar workers to experience the way families lived over a 100 years ago. View some of the rarest coins and documents in the world in the Byron Reed Collection, and walk through the Buffett Grocery Store—a replica of the original store operated by three generations of the storied Buffett family from 1869 to 1969.



Little ones will especially enjoy the model trains with interactive features and the new STEAM-based (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) space.

Temporary exhibits rotate in and out of the Museum, with 2020 exhibitions including Pulitzer Prize Photographs (February 22–May 3), 'Guitar: The Instrument That Rocked the World' (May 30–September 6) and 'The Jim Henson Exhibition: Imagination Unlimited' (October 3–January 10, 2021).



THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas at Union Station is a magical way to celebrate the holiday season in Omaha. Marvel at the region's largest indoor tree, and enjoy special events like the annual tree lighting ceremony, Ethnic Holiday Festival, a holiday concert series, family nights with Santa and Noon Year's Eve.



On the main floor, satisfy your hunger for both food and nostalgia at the train station's original 1930s soda fountain. Enjoy a sandwich and an old-fashioned phosphate made with your favorite flavoring and soda water straight out of the fountain dispenser; add some hand-scooped ice cream to make a luscious ice cream float. Malts, shakes and sundaes are also among favorites. The adjoining retro candy shop offers a variety of nostalgic, hard-to-find candies along with fresh popped popcorn.

HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS

DISCOVER OMAHA'S RICH AND DIVERSE HISTORY THROUGH A ONE-OF-A-KIND BLEND OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC SITES.

At **Mormon Trail Center at Historic Winter Quarters**, experience what it was like to live in a makeshift cabin, pull a handcart, and "travel" by covered wagon like families did during the great Mormon exodus of the 1800s. Optional guided tours; free admission.

World-renowned **Boys Town**, a National Historic Landmark District, features chapels, statues and gardens, Hall of History museum, Father Flanagan's House* and the visitors center – home to the world's largest ball of stamps. Take the QR code tour using your smartphone for instant access to info and media of top attractions throughout the campus. Free admission.

The **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**, a Smithsonian affiliate, is home to the nation's largest collection of Cold War aircraft and artifacts. The 300,000 square foot attraction houses an impressive collection of prized and rarely displayed military aircraft, like the SR-71 Blackbird and nine bombers, like the B-36J "Peacemaker," B-17 'Flying Fortress' and B-1A "Lancer." Kids especially will enjoy the flight simulator and Children's Learning Center.

Soak up Omaha's rich jazz heritage at **Love's Jazz & Art Center**, the region's only African-American-based art center. Their calendar features live performances and special exhibits throughout the year.





Boys Town



Get a glimpse into 19th century life at **General Crook House Museum***. View period costumes, furnishings and decorative arts and stroll the heirloom garden with more than 110 varieties of flowers and plants. Visit in November and December when this living history museum is decked out for the holidays. Audio tours available.



Located in history-rich, culturally diverse South Omaha, **El Museo Latino*** is one of only 18 Latino museums in the country. This intimate museum offers temporary and permanent exhibits along with educational programming and a lively events calendar.



Gerald R. Ford Birthsite and Gardens features presidential mementos, an informational kiosk and a rose garden complete with a colonnade in honor of former First Lady Betty Ford.



Another notable Omaha birthsite is that of human rights activist **Malcolm X***. The 14-acre developing memorial features an educational site and plaza with a historical marker commemorating where Malcolm X first lived with his family.



Head to nearby Council Bluffs for hands-on fun at the **Union Pacific Railroad Museum***. Learn about the development of the transcontinental railroad, enjoy a passenger train experience, ride in a locomotive simulator and more. Free admission.

*Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

JOSLYN ART MUSEUM



CULTURE LOVERS AND ART NOVICES ALIKE WILL LOVE THIS PINK MARBLE MASTERPIECE WITH MORE THAN 11,000 WORKS OF ART INSIDE AND OUT.

The **Joslyn Art Museum** is a masterpiece serving as one of the finest examples of Art Deco architecture. The pink marble exterior is constructed of Etowah Pink (Georgia Pink) marble while the interior is comprised of 38 different marbles from around the world.

Inside, admire Dale Chihuly's monumental glass sculpture on your way to the permanent collections of art ranging from ancient times to the present. View works by iconic artists Rembrandt, Monet, Degas, Pollock, Renoir and more. Major temporary exhibitions are displayed throughout the year.

Unleash your little (and inner) artist at ART WORKS, 1,500 square feet of interactive space complete with nine activity stations so you may create your own masterpieces, like stop-motion animation and high-tech paintings. Make your way outdoors to the garden galleries, notably the colorful Discovery Garden, complete with 20 artworks.

Joslyn offers free admission year-round, as well as mobile and guided tours. First, satisfy your appetite for art, then your hunger with lunch or a snack at Café Durham, located in the Joslyn's atrium. Before leaving, stop in the Hitchcock Museum Shop and select from an array of distinctive gifts and souvenirs.



**LOCALS
KNOW
BEST**

Kim recommends allowing at least an hour (or two) in ART WORKS, so the entire family has time to create art together.

MASTERPIECES

CHIHULY: INSIDE & OUT BY DALE CHIHULY The artist's impressive colored glass sculpture, commissioned in 2000

GALAXY BY JACKSON POLLOCK The artist's amazing 1947 canvas, centerpiece of the Modern and Contemporary Collection

LITTLE DANCER, FOURTEEN YEARS OLD BY EDGAR DEGAS Two plaster versions of Degas' famed wax sculpture

THE MEADOW BY CLAUDE MONET An excellent example of Impressionism art

PORTRAIT OF DIRCK VAN OS BY REMBRANDT VAN RIJN Painting of the prominent Dutch citizen; restored in 2014

EIGHT-PANEL SCREEN, ARTIST UNKNOWN An extraordinary eight-panel, carved red lacquer screen, a significant piece in the Asian Collection

YOUNG GIRLS AT THE PIANO BY PIERRE AUGUSTE RENOIR Selected for a government commission in 1892

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

ANCIENT - Antiquities from Egypt, Greece and Rome, including Greek pottery

AMERICAN - Paintings and furniture alongside sculpture and decorative arts

AMERICAN INDIAN - Historic works of art by the native peoples of North America

AMERICAN WEST - Includes watercolors, paintings and sculpture

ASIAN - A 4,000-year overview of Asian civilization highlighting the cultures of China, Japan, Korea, India, Tibet and Southeast Asia

EUROPEAN - 19th century works of European art

LATIN AMERICA - Spanish colonial art from the 16th to 19th centuries

MODERN & CONTEMPORARY - Major works by leading figures of the 20th and 21st centuries





Fertile Ground

ARTFUL ADVENTURES

OMAHA IS HOME TO AN EXPANSIVE SELECTION OF ART AND ART-BASED CENTERS – MOST OF WHICH OFFER FREE ADMISSION.

For an experience with a creative, open and urban feel, visit **KANEKO**. This downtown cultural space housed in three turn-of-the-century warehouses was founded by renowned artist Jun Kaneko and wife Ree. The venue operates its progressive programming by hosting innovative artists, exhibitions, performances and events. Find the organization's guiding principles – collaboration, innovation and uniqueness – in everything presented.



Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts



KANEKO



Pioneer Courage Park

SOCIAL MEDIA CENTRAL

Snap a pic of these iconic Omaha works of art



STILE DE FAMIGLIA "FAMILY STYLE"

1115 S. 7th St.

A 13 ft. fork in the heart of Omaha's historic Little Italy neighborhood.



Hot Shops Art Center

The **Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts** is another art heavy hitter. Founded by artists for artists, Bemis provides residency for creatives from around the globe. Visitors will find inspiration in the ever-changing art exhibitions featuring work from both new and seasoned artists and innovative public programs.

For a memorable art experience, check out **Hot Shops Art Center** – named for “hot shops” featuring glass blowing, pottery and bronze casting. Over 80 studio artists welcome you to visit, explore and view this massive 92,000 square feet warehouse with displays that run the art form gamut. View evolving exhibitions at its four art galleries, create your own masterpiece at an ongoing class or workshop, and attend one of the can't-miss biannual open houses.

Discover some of Omaha's most interactive public art. **Pioneer Courage Park** and **Spirit of Nebraska's Wilderness Park**, one of the world's largest collections of bronze and stainless steel sculptures, spans five city blocks downtown and features installations depicting Omaha's pioneer history. In front of Omaha's downtown convention center and arena is **Illumina**, a collection of six bronze, larger-than-life circus performers.

Colorful murals painted by local artists span the city, especially in Omaha's historic neighborhoods. The 32,000-square feet **Fertile Ground** downtown is one of the largest community murals in the country. The **South Omaha Mural Project** has spurred the creation of several colorful building-wide murals depicting the diversity of the area, with more murals in the works. In North Omaha, **Black Skies** is a tribute to the Omaha Tuskegee Airmen.

Omaha artists pay special tribute to military veterans at **Memorial Park**. The 67-acre memorial, dedicated by President Harry S. Truman in 1948, honors men and women who have served in the armed forces through the years. American flags line the entrance to the park's iconic white stone structure that prominently sits atop the hill near 60th and Underwood Avenue. Visitors can view numerous bronze statues honoring World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans. The park also includes a garden filled with 1,000 rose bushes.

LOCALS KNOW BEST

The Schriers recommend a brand new music venue inside the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art called **LOW END** that offers free live shows.



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Heartland Airborne Memorial



BULL BISON

Standing Bear Lake
True to size metal sculpture of a bison.

Art lovers should go to VisitOmaha.com for more.

OMAHA'S IMAGINATION STATION WHERE CHILDREN CAN UNLEASH THEIR CREATIVITY AND BECOME INNOVATORS IN A WORLD BUILT ESPECIALLY FOR THEM.



Ranked as one of the top children's museums in the country, **Omaha Children's Museum** makes learning a memorable adventure with more than 60,000 square feet of hands-on fun specifically designed with kids in mind. Open year-round with a variety of permanent and temporary exhibits, kids are invited to explore, play and learn.

THINGS TO KNOW

- Geared toward kids from 3-10 years old, but all ages will be thoroughly entertained.
- See something new each visit thanks to two temporary exhibit spaces, one on each floor.
- A family resting room with tables, chairs and couches is available for quiet resting time.
- The Rainbow Café offers kid-friendly snacks on the second floor, and there's an accessible microwave in the dining area.
- The museum store offers science kits, games, books and more to keep learning at home.

A museum highlight is the mega Super Gravitron ball machine. Families love to drop in a ball, guess where it will land, and track its path ... leading up to a massive ball drop! Hurry to add more balls to the center before it dumps them out all over again. Parents and kids enjoy ongoing science demonstrations including The Amazing Bubble Show and the Whiz Bang Super Science Show. Hear the fizzle, pop and BANG as soda explodes, and marvel at massive bubbles dancing in the air. The science shows change every month so there's always something new to see.

WHAT TO SEE AND DO PERMANENT EXHIBITS

- Imagination Playground includes a kid-friendly hospital, bank, barn and grocery store.
- Art Smart Center is a colorful space for painting, dancing and creating.
- Charlie Campbell Science and Technology Center includes tons of opportunities for experimentation and tinkering.
- OCM Zooland is a colorful zoo of climbable animals.
- Sandy's Splish Splash Garden offers an outdoor splash pad.
- Fantastic Future Me is where kids can combine interests and aspirations to create their future selves.
- Walker Tire and Auto Service Center is a place for kids to work and play on cars.
- Tinker Lab is a maker-space suited for young kids.



LOCALS KNOW BEST

The Motens recommend Omaha Children's Museum for kids under 10 years old and say kids over 50 will enjoy all of the seating options.

OMAHA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM



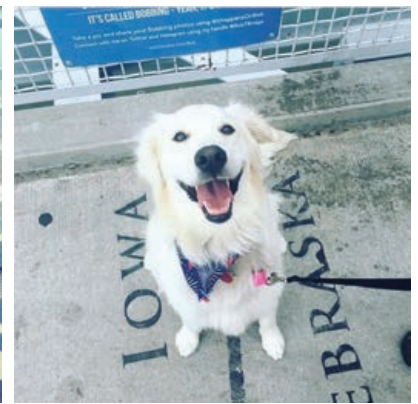


Omaha's Most Eligible Bachelor Gets a Roommate

HI, I'M BOB. I'M A BRIDGE. I LIKE LONG WALKS (OR BIKE RIDES), GET ALONG GREAT WITH FOUR-LEGGED (AND TWO-WINGED) ANIMALS and HAVE OFTEN BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE HOTTEST THING ON TWO TOWERS.

My full name is **Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge**, but my friends call me Bob. At first glance, I'm a pedestrian bridge welcoming everyone on foot, paw and wheel. Actually, I'm an outdoor enthusiast's dream come true and a Fitbit user's path to a successful 10,000 steps. I know what you're thinking, "Bob, what's the workout plan—please tell me your secrets!"

Well you've heard of a 5k and a 10k, but what about a 0.9k? I'm 3,000 feet long, which is 0.9k in marathon terms. So walk across me, take a photo and show it to my peeps at the Omaha Visitors Center to get an official marathon sticker. Put it on your car to be really cool. Fun Fact: I also connect 150 miles of trails, so my over achieving friends can keep running, or rolling, or crawling along.



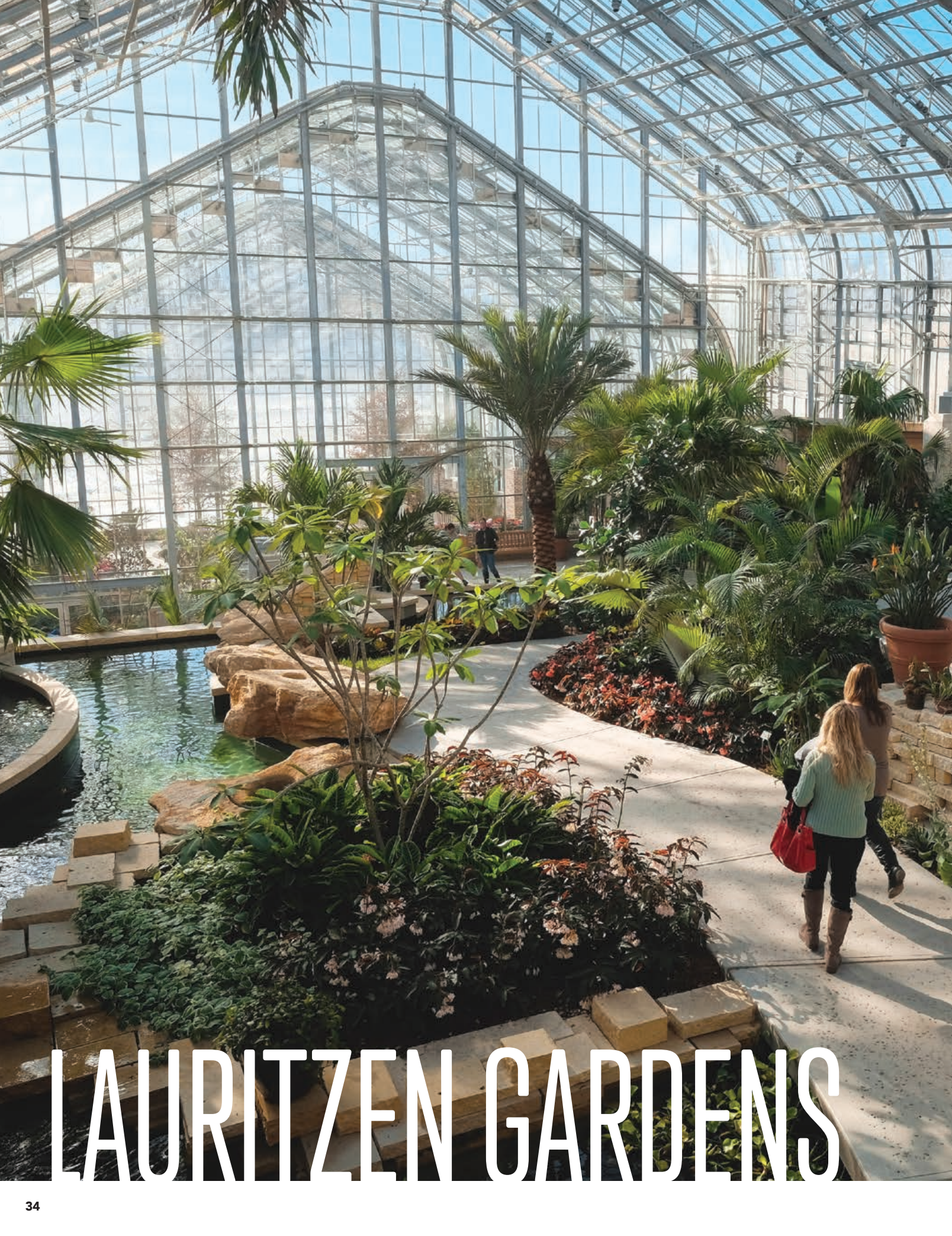
FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT ME, BOB

- 1 I'm not just a path to marathon glory, I'm also a magic trick! I curve over water by mere cables, which means I literally float over the Missouri River! No joke, you can actually feel me swaying in the wind while you walk over water. Sure, I've got two 210-foot-tall towers that keep me grounded, but seriously, I'm all MAGIC!
- 2 Probably my coolest trick happens when you reach my midsection and "POOF," you're standing in two states at the same time. Striking a pose and taking a pic while standing in two states at once is called "Bobbing" – trust me, it's a thing. It's time for you to get in on the strike-snap-share movement!
- 3 I'm a cheap date and literally have couples floating on air. I've seen a lot of engagements in my day... I inspire romance.
- 4 I'm online and you can reach me anytime! My handle on Twitter and Instagram is @BobTBridge, or you can holler at me with #ItHappensOnBob. I love when friends share photos of us together. Holding up the Tower of Pisa. Kissing the Blarney Stone. Walking on Bob. All selfie bucket-listers.
- 5 My future is so bright, you gotta wear shades. Seriously, new color-changing LED lights make me brighter and cooler than ever before, it's a light show on the Mighty Mo.

I recently experienced what it's like to be "trolled," so I totally get how the Kardashians feel. However, for me, the situation worked out great and I ended up with a new roommate who has turned out to be a true, blue friend (see what I did there?). He's **OMAR the Troll**, and you can meet him when you visit me. During your 0.9k, you can interact with OMAR through videos and find out how to "trollify" yourself. He's even got a book ... not sure how he became a published author before me ... but anyway, the book follows OMAR's adventures throughout Omaha while he searched for a new home. Spoiler alert: He lives here with me because everybody loves Bob. There's even a special place in the book to put a photo of your visit, making it the ultimate souvenir. Go to OMARtheTroll.com to learn how to get your copy of "OMAR finds a home."



Consider this an open invitation to visit me and hang out with OMAR. We love making new friends, posing for pictures, and sharing sweet memories on social media. Let's connect soon!



LAURITZEN GARDENS



100 ACRES OF BOTANICAL BEAUTY IN THE CITY.

Be inspired as you stroll through an urban oasis nestled in Omaha's riverfront hills. Experience a living museum of four-season plant displays in this hidden sanctuary where nature is its brilliant, colorful star. Twenty themed gardens will rejuvenate and captivate, and extras like a conservatory, model trains and a guided tram ride will enhance your visit. **Lauritzen Gardens** also offers annual events like the Sweet Corn Festival, Antiques Show, and the Holiday Poinsettia Show complete with a 20 feet tall poinsettia tree.

MARJORIE K. DAUGHERTY CONSERVATORY

Explore 17,500 square feet of gardens under glass in this all-seasons conservatory featuring panoramic views with flowers, unique plant life and water features. One moment you're in the tropical gardens filled with tall palms and colorful flowers, the next you're in temperate gardens with moss-covered oak trees and azaleas. Thanks to a gradual 20-foot rise in elevation as you head north indoors, surprises await at every corner – such as a 10-foot high waterfall, a spectacular overlook of the conservatory, and a pool with water lilies. At the end, a sweet reward: an overlook of the Missouri River Valley, and entrance to the garden's century-old bur oak forest.

LARGER THAN LIFE

Union Pacific Railroad's Centennial No. 6900 and Big Boy 4023, two of the most powerful locomotives ever built, greet visitors to Omaha at nearby **Kenefick Park**, perched on a hill overlooking Interstate 80.

MODEL RAILROAD GARDEN

Listen closely while in the gardens to hear the clickety-clack of tiny trains traveling twiggy trestles. This handcrafted garden is made of all natural materials like twigs, berries, pinecones and cinnamon sticks. It is punctuated with reproductions of landmarks and countrysides.

THEMED GARDENS

- Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary
- Arrival and Parking Gardens
- Children's Garden
- Conservation Discovery Garden
- English Perennial Border
- Festival Garden
- Founders' Garden
- Garden in the Glen
- Garden of Memories
- Herb Garden
- Rose Garden
- Song of the Lark Meadow
- Spring Flowering Walk
- Tree Peony Garden
- Victorian Garden
- Woodland Trail
- Woodland Waterfall
- Japanese Garden



LOCALS KNOW BEST During the holidays, Chad recommends Bright Nights at Lauritzen. The garden stays open late, and the kids love how the conservatory turns into a glowing piece of art as part of the Holiday Poinsettia Show.

DITCH HD FOR THE REAL THING AND EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS AT FONTENELLE FOREST. NO FAKE TWEETS HERE.

One of the largest private nature centers in the nation, the forest covers 1,400 acres and includes 28 trails of different lengths and climbs. The most popular trail is the one-mile long Riverview Boardwalk, a wooden walkway that loops through the forest allowing easy access for wheelchairs and strollers.

Discover a wide range of vastly different ecosystems, from deciduous forest to oak savanna, prairie and wetlands. See who can identify the most animal and plant life – Fontenelle is home to more than 600 different species. Don't miss the "Constitution Tree" a bur oak that dates back to 1751 and was alive in 1787 when the Constitution of the United States was signed. The tree was given its Constitutional designation in 1976 when the nation celebrated its bicentennial.

If you want to get up close with hawks, owls, falcons and eagles, and learn why the turkey vulture is grossly underappreciated, make sure to check out the Raptor Wildlife Refuge. Thirty feet above the forest floor, it's a chance to get a bird's eye view of the forest. Walk across a suspension bridge, wink at an owl, and see these amazing birds of prey in 22 customized mini raptor resorts.

LOCALS KNOW BEST For a secluded outdoor experience, Chad recommends snowshoeing on the trails in the winter.



TreeRush Adventure Park at Fontenelle Forest is a brand-new way to experience the forest. It's an aerial amusement park suspended over 6 acres, where visitors ages 4 to 94 can explore the forest from the treetops.

After expert instruction, you will navigate ziplines, suspended obstacles, bridges, rope ladders, tunnels and other surprises at your own pace on multiple trails at multiple heights. The seven different trails are color-coded according to level of difficulty. Trails are marked beginner to expert. They consist of 100 challenging elements and include more than 10 zip lines. The most challenging trails are up to 55 feet above the ground.

For pint-sized thrill seekers, there's KidRush. Ideal for kids ages 4 to 6 but fun for ages 7 and 8 too, this area is specially designed with smaller bodies in mind. The obstacles are only a few feet off the ground, which allows a parent or guardian to walk alongside.

Tip: Plan for three hours. This includes instruction, getting in and out of your safety gear, and two hours of climbing. Wear sneakers or hiking shoes and well-fitting clothing that won't hang loose or get tangled in cables and ropes.



FONTENELLE FOREST AND TREERUSH ADVENTURE PARK



NATURE'S BIG SCREEN

Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters and Visitor Center



OMAHA IS AN OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST'S PLAYGROUND.

Recharge in Omaha while taking in the sights and sounds of the great outdoors. Plan for plenty of rejuvenating fresh-air experiences across the city thanks to miles of tree-lined walking and biking trails, eight area lakes, two rivers, and an array of parks, gardens and green spaces.

CAMPING

Omaha campgrounds and RV parks are conveniently located close to major interstates, highways, and on the outskirts of the city near rivers and lakes. Each one promises a peaceful and picturesque place to spend the night and create lasting memories.



HIKING & BIKING

Omaha's trail system is called **Paths of Discovery** - each twist and turn winds through a different part of the city. More than 85 miles of paved interconnected trails invite walkers, joggers, bicyclists, skaters and cross-country skiers. The system is also accessible to people with disabilities.

DRIVING SAFARI

Just west of Omaha, you'll find the **Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari**, a four mile drive-through wildlife adventure. Drive, hike and see animals in their natural habitat. A new 600-square foot viewing deck overlooks 40 acres of land where a herd of American Bison roam.





Bryson Airboat Tours



LAKE & RIVER ADVENTURES

Located in various parts of the metro area, **Zorinsky, Glenn Cunningham, Standing Bear, Manawa, Flanagan, Youngman, Wehrspann** and **Walnut Creek** lakes each offer their own unique outdoor experience and are typically stocked with largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie and channel catfish.

Get active in and on the water with paddleboard tours offered by **Driftwood Paddleboard Adventures**, or a kayak or standup paddleboard rental from **Neighborhood Offshore**. For a more leisurely experience, try tanking or tubing down the Elkhorn River; **Tank Down the Elkhorn** and **Tubing & Adventures** both offer fun river experiences. To figure out which method to try, just determine how wet you're willing to get. Tanking entails riding in an 8-foot diameter stock tank complete with custom-made picnic tables, while tubing involves sitting in a commercial grade inner tube. If you need a little speed, hop aboard one of the **Bryson Airboat Tours** and take off on a 60mph wind-in-your-hair ride down the river.

YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR FUN

Thrill seekers should head to **Mt. Crescent Ski Area**, located 15 miles northeast of Omaha. In the winter, Mt. Crescent offers a variety of slopes with ski runs that reach up to 2,400 feet in length; sledgers, snowboarders and spectators are welcome. In summer and fall, zip down one of the country's longest ziplines. Find fun for the entire family in a lush setting at **Eugene T. Mahoney State Park**. Nestled along the Platte River, the 700-acre park offers warm weather activities like miniature golf and a driving range, tennis, horseback riding, hiking, paddle boating and fishing, along with cold weather fun like cross-country skiing, sledding, tobogganing, ice skating and ice fishing. **TreeRush Adventures at Fontenelle Forest** offers all-ages options for traversing the forest on zip lines, suspended bridges, rope ladders and other exhilarating aerial features.

OMAHA GOLF

Rolling hills and tree-lined fairways complete with water hazards and sand traps ensure each golf course has its own character and competitive challenges. From executive-style to championship courses, swing your way through Omaha's unique golf landscapes. Go to VisitOmaha.com/golf for a complete list of golf courses in Omaha.

Projected to open spring 2020, **Topgolf** brings the outdoor fun of golf indoors. The multi-level facility features high-tech golf balls and gaming, climate-controlled hitting bays, music and more in a lively, laid-back atmosphere fit for serious and casual golfers alike.



Iron Horse Golf Course

LOCALS KNOW BEST

For indoor recreation, Nancy recommends Approach Climbing Gym. It offers adaptive rock climbing, which is fun for the whole family.



Wildlife Safari



Driftwood Paddleboard Adventures



Mt. Crescent Ski Area



CRAFTY BREWS, A VARIETY OF VINOS, AND PLENTY OF QUIRKY COCKTAILS MAKE OMAHA'S NIGHTLIFE SCENE A BUZZWORTHY PARTY, AND EVERYONE IS INVITED TO CHECK IT OUT.

What do you get when you mix Caribbean, African, Southeast Asian, rockabilly, Hollywood, funk and surfer cultures? **Laka Lono Rum Club**, a colorful tiki bar ripped right out of the quirkiest corner of your imagination. Speak easy as you enter into some of Omaha's trendiest craft cocktail bars. **The Wicked Rabbit** takes guests through the looking glass into a wonderland-themed lounge, shaking and serving extravagant drinks for the mad at heart. An oasis inspired by Japanese street-art, **Kaitei** mixes cocktails made with traditional whisky, unfiltered sake and popping lychee Boba. **Osteria Segreto** is a hidden bar in the Blackstone District. A candle burning in the window means you're welcome to come in and enjoy the Italian themed cocktails. Inspired by the pre-Prohibition era, **Berry & Rye** puts an experimental and contemporary perspective on drinks made with a reverse osmosis water system that ensures the purest water possible for its craft ice program, alongside the sodas, syrups and bitters made in-house. Other popular spots for craft cocktails are **Wilson & Washburn**, **The Boiler Room** and **Nite Owl**.

Wine down at one of Omaha's vino-specific lounges. Visit **La Buvette**, **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese** and **Vino Mas** for hundreds of wine options from around the world perfect for avid wine connoisseurs, novice vino drinkers and everyone in between. If sipping a good drink and smoking a stogie is more your style, **Havana Garage** in the Old Market Entertainment District offers a cool, casual place fitting of its name, complete with a walk-in humidior. **Jake's Cigars and Spirits** is a mainstay in the Benson neighborhood (think *Cheers* but with cigars) and **Copa Cabana** in west Omaha offers a cigar smoking lounge along with a large whiskey collection.



Laka Lono Rum Club

A FUN NIGHT OUT SHOULD GET THE HEART PUMPING ... IN A GOOD WAY.

The **Omaha Patio Ride** is a giant party bike for up to 16 adults. Everyone pedals and the driver steers and guides the group from bar to bar in the Old Market Entertainment District. It's bar hopping for an active lifestyle!

The Max is Omaha's high-energy gay bar and dance club. The 12,000-square-foot multiplex consists of a main disco dance floor, glass-encased upper-level lounge, a lively show floor and an expansive outdoor patio. Regular themed parties promise a new experience every night.

Axe Games and **Flying Timber Axe** are unique spaces to let your inner lumberjack out. The concept is simple: Grab an axe, throw the axe at a target on the wall, pull the axe out of the wall, and watch your friends throw axes. (It's harder, and safer, than it looks!)

The heart pumping and head thumping gets kicked into high gear at Omaha's various escape room experiences. **Entrap Games**, **The Escape Omaha**, **House of Conundrum** and **Get Out: Omaha** invite guests to race against the clock, solve the mystery, and unlock the door to freedom. Each location offers several different themes and mysteries.

LOCALS KNOW BEST The Hackmans don't go clubbing as much as they used to, but when they do, they recommend **The Max**, a high energy inclusive dance club with two distinctly different dance floors and affordable drinks.

Go to VisitOmaha.com for more nightlife and music experiences.



Jazz on the Green



Sokol Underground



Omaha Symphony

KNOWN FOR ITS INDIE MUSIC SCENE, OMAHA IS A HUB FOR UNDERGROUND ARTISTS AND NATIONALLY-KNOWN ACTS. WHETHER YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ROCK, FOLK, BLUES, OR JAZZ, THERE'S A LIVE MUSIC VENUE TO ENJOY IT.

The birthplace of nationally known artists such as Conor Oberst, The Faint and Cursive, Omaha's indie music scene continues to grow. **Sokol Underground** is the original Omaha indie concert hall and **The Slowdown**, one of the best indie music spots in the nation, lives up to its name, giving music lovers a place to chill and be entertained. Benson is home to some of the coolest venues in the city. **The Waiting Room Lounge** is known for hosting a variety of local, national, and international stars.

Omaha Performing Arts provides the best Broadway, jazz, blues, dance, comedy, family and popular entertainment. Its landmark venues, the **Orpheum Theater** and **Holland Performing Arts Center**, present world-class performances and events throughout the year. Omaha's downtown arena seats 18,300 and attracts everything from top touring acts to intimate shows. In the summer months, catch **Jazz on the Green** every Thursday night when Latin, reggae, big band music and more fills the outdoor Turner Park in Midtown Crossing. Omaha's live music scene lights up all week long in bars, clubs and pubs throughout the city, including **The Down Under**, **The Hive** and **Lookout Lounge**.

LOCALS KNOW BEST Eli recommends Queerniverse Burlesque, Omaha's first Queer, Trans, Non-binary Person of Color centric and queer inclusive burlesque troupe. They host various shows throughout the year and you can follow along on Facebook.



The Slowdown

NAMED ONE OF THE "TOP 10 BEER CITIES" BY THE TRAVEL CHANNEL, OMAHA'S CRAFT BREW SCENE IS DEFINITELY WORTH ALL THE HYPE.



CRAFT BREW



Be sure to request the free Omaha Penny Pack, it provides "Buy 1, Get 1 for a Penny" coupons good at 12 featured breweries.

Request the Penny Pack at VisitOmaha.com/PennyPack

CRAFT BREWERY TOURS

Lucky Bucket Brewery, Nebraska Brewing and Brickway Brewery offer brewery tours, which are typically 30-40 minutes in length and include samples. Or you can explore Omaha's craft beer scene onboard the Omaha Brew Bus, a four-hour guided tour filled with tastings and behind-the-scene access to top breweries.

MEET OUR MAKERS

The light zest of a cold ale, the mild flavor of a frosty lager, or the heavy malt taste of a dark stout, Omaha continues to gain accolades as a top beer city. With 12 unique craft breweries peppered throughout the city, you can enjoy a variety of innovative concoctions created by craftsmen who have made beer their life and Omaha their home.



Benson Brewery: A cozy neighborhood brew pub that's been brewing beer on-site since 2013, known for its stellar pub fare and hidden outdoor beer garden.



Kros Strain Brewing: Experts in high quality hop-forward IPAs as well as traditional lager styles, Kros Strain's funky tap room is a great place to grab a glass of Fairy Nectar IPA or a Koala Tears Project Boysenberry Sour.



Scriptown Brewing Company: Specializing in session-strength beers with a lower alcohol content, allowing customers to enjoy several pints in "session" with friends or family.



Brickway Brewery and Distillery: One of Omaha's first production craft breweries since prohibition. Enjoy sipping craft beer brewed with locally sourced ingredients or an exclusive single malt whiskey.



Lucky Bucket Brewery: Hoppy libations, barrel-aged ales, bold stouts, tart sour beers – you name it, they brew it! Lucky Bucket is known for real beers that any beer drinker can enjoy.



Soaring Wings Vineyard & Brewing: From velvety smooth stouts to incredible German style pilsners and Belgian fruit beers, enjoy hand-crafted beer and wine with stunning views overlooking the Platte River Valley.



Farnam House Brewing Company: Specializing in styles from artisan farmhouse ales and traditional European lagers to American sours and wild beers, this pub also serves up a mean House Spent Grain Pretzel.



Nebraska Brewing Company: The largest craft brewer in the city continues to build a broad portfolio of incredible, handcrafted ales. The company's taproom offers tours through its 24,000 sq.ft. production brewery.



Upstream Brewing Company: Known for its fresh-brewed draught beers, cask-conditioned and barrel-aged beers, along with a full menu of New American pub fare.



Infusion Brewing Company: Using a classic 7-barrel pub brewing system, Infusion serves up its craft beers year-round while changing up the seasonal brews almost weekly.



Pint Nine Brewing Company: Focused on aroma driven American ales and complex Belgian beers that are highly fermentable and highly digestible, while being scientifically sound and artfully executed.



Vis Major Brewing: Combining something ancient with something new, Vis Major's complex recipes for a variety of ales, IPAs and stouts provide unique flavors that have won over fans from all over.

AREA DAY TRIPS

MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES ARE SPRINKLED THROUGHOUT OMAHA AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. A SHORT DRIVE OUTSIDE THE METRO TAKES VISITORS ON NEW ADVENTURES.



Holy Family Shrine



Our Corner Cottage



Wahoo Meat Locker

Go to VisitOmaha.com to find more day trip ideas.

Just west of Omaha at Exit 426, visitors go wild at the **Lee G. Simmons Conservation Park & Wildlife Safari**, a four mile, drive-through nature park. It's a great way to see, bison, elk, cranes, pronghorn antelope and other native animals as they walk right past or up to your vehicle. Park the car and hike to Wolf and Bear Canyon and climb the nature trails surrounding the park's lake.

After the safari, take your getaway to new heights at the **Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum**, a 300,000 sq.ft. museum dedicated to showcasing military memorabilia and celebrating space travel.

From space to serenity, the stunning glass chapel, **Holy Family Shrine**, was created for travelers as an oasis for peace and tranquility. Two streams cut through the limestone that forms the floor and foundation of the chapel, and its unique glass architecture with its curved wooden arches makes it a perfect place to stop and enjoy the beauty.

SAUNDERS COUNTY

Rural in nature and peppered with Main Street appeal, Saunders County is filled with history and surprises that seem to pop out of nowhere. More than 30 unique cities, villages and townships make up the county.

The Memphis State Recreation Area offers 163 peaceful acres for primitive camping and hiking and a sparkling lake primed for fishing and boating. **Lake Wanahoo** is another popular spot for boating, fishing and camping. Plenty of wildlife watching, hiking and picnicking opportunities can be found at the **Czechland Lake Recreation Area**.

Travel back in time at the **Saunders County Historical Museum** and visit a log home, one room schoolhouse, county church and the smallest post office in Nebraska. Learn about famous athletes, motion picture pioneers, and other historic figures.

Saunders County should be on every golfer's bucket list. **Iron Horse Golf Club** is an award-winning course that *Golf Digest* considers one of the best and **Quarry Oaks** offers a course so challenging that only golfers with intense discipline can find victory.

Check out the amazingly eclectic gift shop, **Our Corner Cottage**, filled wall-to-wall with unique gifts, candles, quilts, scrumptious tarts and waffle bars. It's located in the middle of a cornfield, so make sure to look for the sign on Highway 92 or you might miss this gem. More shopping can be discovered in downtown Ashland – gift shops, galleries and an old-fashioned ice cream parlor line the main street. Pick up an out-of-the-box souvenir at the **Wahoo Meat Locker**, known for their award-winning recipes and the famous Wahoo Wiener – a favorite. A favorite throughout the state, these meats keep carnivores coming back.



Wildlife Safari

A (RETAIL) THERAPEUTIC ESCAPE

SHOPPING IN THE CENTER

Omaha's shopping centers offer a range of fashions and serve a wide variety of needs, wants and tastes. Find designer, chic, highly curated fashions (for the kiddos too) in **Countryside Village**. Farther west, unique boutiques please a variety of age groups at **Rockbrook Village** while an ultra-trendy collection of Omaha-owned boutiques await at **Shops of Legacy**. **Village Pointe Shopping Center**'s open-air design replicates a nostalgic "Main Street" shopping district where customers can enjoy more than 60 retail shops and restaurants. For indoor shopping excursions, **Westroads Shopping Mall**, **Regency** and **Oak View Mall** offer familiar favorites from national brands.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUES

Fashionistas will love Omaha's array of local boutiques. Find just the right fit among well-known premium denim at **Denim Saloon** in Aksarben Village. The **Garment District** stocks their racks with NYC inspired pieces from well-known and emerging designers. **Pretty in Patina** is a wonderland of gently loved and new designer goods. Other chic boutiques include **Togs**, **The Fold**, **beyourself** and **Gramercy**. For men looking to freshen up their wardrobe, the guys at **Vincent Outfitting Co.** will help you pick out something one-of-a kind from their large selection of classic and vintage pieces. In the western part of the city, **Grae** is a place where a guy can stop in, have a drink and buy clothes—does it really get any better than that?



GALLERIES GALORE

Art lovers can bring home a piece of Omaha with unique works from local galleries. In the Old Market District, **Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery** offers exquisite limited edition photographs taken by world-renowned nature photographer Thomas Mangelsen. **The Passageway Gallery** and **Old Market Artist Gallery** are each home to more than a dozen artists. For a broad range of contemporary and fine art prints, stop by **Gallery 72** in the historic South Omaha neighborhood.

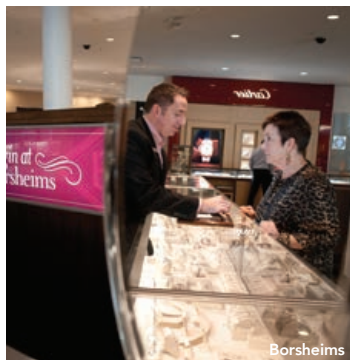
OMAHA SPECIALITIES

Owned by Omaha billionaire investor Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway, **Borsheims** is the nation's largest independent jewelry store. The signature silver box with burgundy ribbon ensures the gift inside is a gift worth opening. Another Buffet retailer can't-miss is **Nebraska Furniture Mart**, the country's largest (450,000 square feet) home furnishing store. Vintage meets modern at **Artifact**, where they hand-make unisex bags, accessories and home goods.

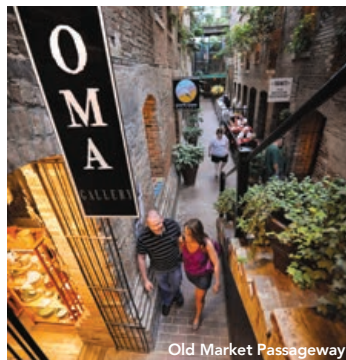
WITH UNIQUE BOUTIQUES, ARTSY EMPORIUMS, FUN FURNISHING SHOPS, AND EXPANSIVE SHOPPING CENTERS, THERE'S NO QUESTION: SHOPPING IN OMAHA IS ALWAYS IN STYLE.



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Borsheims



Old Market Passageway



Shops of Legacy

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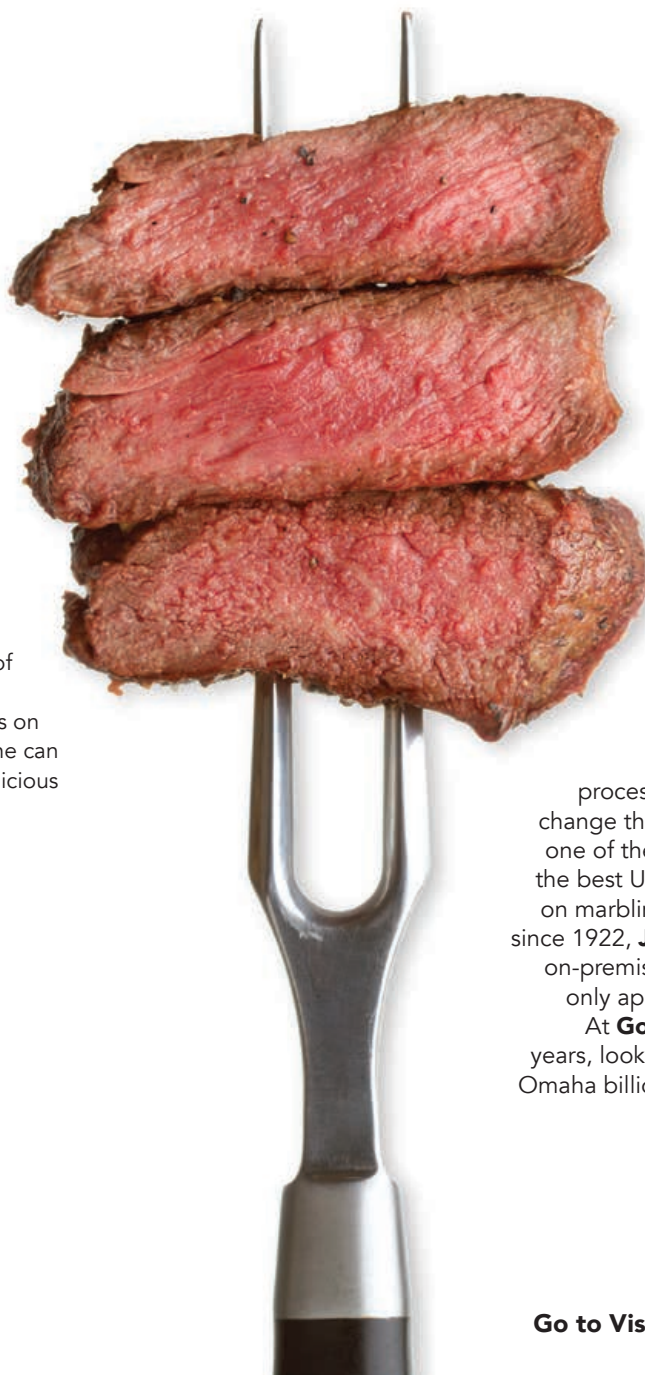
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Is Steak a Crime?

A JUICY STEAK SHOULD BE DRIPPING WITH FLAVOR, BUT SHOULD IT ALSO BE DRIPPING IN STEAK SAUCE?



LOCALLY OWNED STEAKHOUSES

Visitors enjoy the delicious thrill of finding the best steak in Omaha. Locals engage in friendly debates on the topic. But something everyone can agree upon is that the hunt is delicious – here are a few of the classics:

- 801 Chophouse at the Paxton
- Anthony's Steakhouse
- Brother Sebastian's
- Cascio's Steak House
- The Drover
- Farmer Brown's Steakhouse
- Gorat's
- The Grey Plume
- J's on Jackson
- Jerico's Restaurant
- Johnny's Cafe
- Omaha Prime
- Tavern 180

Depends on whom you ask. In Omaha, our steakhouses are more concerned with the cut of the meat, the mesmerizing marbling pattern and the intricate preparation process that all culminates in the perfect bite every time. With an industry dating back to the 1880s, steak is in Omaha's DNA and calls to all carnivores to make the pilgrimage for a legendary cut of beef.

It's tempting to believe steak is inherently delicious, but there's more to a cut of meat than just the quality. Preparation is key and this city takes it seriously. Flame-broiled, wood-fire-grilled, or whiskey-doused—all delicious and all techniques Omaha has used to perfect the steak. **The Drover** is a landmark chophouse and home to whiskey marinated Certified Angus Beef steak. **Monarch Prime & Bar** is a modern steakhouse featuring a first-of-its kind, in-house, dry-age process that infuses steaks with a rich flavor—it will change the way carnivores view beef. **Omaha Prime** is one of the few restaurants in the country to serve only the best USDA Prime steaks and chops selected based on marbling, quality and flavor. An Omaha steakhouse since 1922, **Johnny's Café** serves savory hand-cut, aged-on-premises beef in a classic Western atmosphere. It's only appropriate that Warren Buffett is a steak lover. At **Gorat's**, an Omaha institution for more than 70 years, look to a neighboring table and you may see the Omaha billionaire dining out at one of his favorite spots.



OMAHA FLAVOR

Go to VisitOmaha.com to get a bigger bite of Omaha's Reuben scene.

REUBEN HOT SPOTS

Brazen Head Irish Pub's Rachel Reuben is made with tender smoked turkey, sauerkraut, Thousand Island dressing and havarti cheese all between the traditional marble rye.

Barrett's Barleycorn Pub & Grill takes the classic approach of corned beef, Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and Thousand Island dressing on grilled rye.

The Drover's Reuben swaps out the corned beef for a mound of slow-roasted prime rib covered in melted Swiss cheese, creamy dressing and sauerkraut.

Wilson & Washburn's Reuben starts with their house-smoked brisket and includes all of the traditional fixings like Swiss cheese, sauerkraut and house dressing, all stacked between two slices of Russian rye bread.

Across the street from the Blackstone Hotel is the **Crescent Moon**, a local favorite still serving the original recipe.

The Reuben has been a menu staple at the **Dundee Dell** since 1934. Choose from corned beef or turkey and taste test their super-secret sauce.

THE CLASSIC REUBEN

- Barrett's Barleycorn Pub & Grill
- Crescent Moon
- Jackson Street Tavern
- Razy's Deli
- Report In Pub

REUBEN WITH A TWIST

- Brazen Head Irish Pub
- The Drover
- Dundee Dell
- Goldberg's Bar & Grill
- Wilson & Washburn

HOME TO THE ORIGINAL REUBEN

The Reuben sandwich was invented in Omaha back in the early 1900s. We don't care what New Yorkers say, this is our story and we're sticking to it. During a late-night poker game at the Blackstone Hotel, a local grocer was asked to "ante up" and create a new dish. The ingredients he had on hand resulted in an American menu staple. How do you create a national treasure? You start with two pieces of grilled marble rye and stuff it with slow cooked corned beef topped with sauerkraut, bubbly Swiss cheese, and creamy Russian or Thousand Island dressing. Omaha continues to perfect the classic while local restaurants add their own unique spin.

TIP: Get a taste of Omaha's many Reuben sandwiches with an Omaha Culinary Tour.

Born and Bread





Delicious Dive Dining

AFTER ONE TASTE, YOU'LL KNOW WHY OMAHA LOVES DINING IN DIVES.

Being an Omaha dive is an honor bestowed upon only the worthiest restaurants ... those that serve quirky dishes destined for fame, attract hordes of ravenous fans, inspire numerous Instagram posts, and garner the attention of national television audiences.

Answer the call of the wild at **Alpine Inn**, where everyone loves the fried chicken ... everyone. Evening diners (okay, raccoons) sit outside the restaurant's windows feasting on chicken scraps—your dinner party just got a lot bigger. The chicken's perfectly seasoned crunch gives way to tender, juicy meat—after just one bite, folks (and animals) fall in love. **California Tacos and More** is a beloved college-joint-turned-food-attraction after being featured on the Food Network's "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives." "Cali Taco" is known for its signature tacos (housemade fried, puffy taco shells stuffed with meat and fixings) and entrees with Mexican flair. **Big Mama's Kitchen** is another "Diners, Drive-ins and Dives" alumna and was featured on the Travel Channel's "101 Tastiest Places to Chow Down." This soul food joint is known for dishes like the Afro Burger, Pig Ear Sandwich, oven-fried chicken and sweet potato pie ice cream. For more fresh fried food, cruise to **The Surfside Club**. Here's the short and sweet menu: chicken, pork tenderloin, catfish and corn fritters – all fried and all delicious. Stop for a cozy and portable **Runza**, aka "a meal in a bunza," at Runza. A local favorite and Nebraska invention, the Runza is a pocket of dough filled with beef, cabbage, seasonings and sometimes cheese. They're so popular, out-of-towners order them by the case and take them home. **Bronco's**, another Omaha fast-food tradition, opened nearly 60 years ago when "fast food" was still a new concept. Known for its 100 percent ground-beef burgers, Bronco's still makes its French fries daily from fresh whole potatoes.

SOME DISHES NEED TO BE CONQUERED

The Stellanator at **Stella's Bar and Grill** weighs in at 4.5 lbs. and contains a mere 4,900 calories. It includes ... wait for it ... six burger patties, six fried eggs, six pieces of cheese, 12 pieces of bacon, lettuce, tomato, fried onions, pickles, jalapeños and peanut butter. If you can eat it in 45 minutes, it's free. Only 36 have succeeded, 651 others have tried and failed. The current record is held by a skinny girl named Molly; it took her just 3 minutes and 40 seconds to eat the whole thing plus an order of fries. Bring on the meat sweats!

LOCALS KNOW BEST Eli recommends Caribbean Delights in north-center Omaha. He likes to order the Jamaican Jerk chicken, fried plantains, sweet potato pudding and the must-try lemonade.

Go to VisitOmaha.com for more restaurants.

- Au Courant
- Baela Rose
- The Boiler Room
- Block 16
- Coneflower Creamery
- Dante
- Dario's Brasserie
- Farnam House
- Forno
- J. Coco
- Kitchen Table
- La Buvette
- Le Bouillion
- Marks Bistro
- Modern Love
- Over Easy
- Society 1854
- Stirrella Bar & Kitchen
- The Grey Plume
- Via Farina



Farm to Fork

SAVOR FOOD SO FRESH YOU CAN TASTE THE SUNSHINE.

Omaha's agricultural background paired with its prime central location puts the city on the forefront of the fresh food movement. Sprinkle in new and classic restaurants dedicated to highlighting the best meats and produce from local farms and you get a dining destination bursting with fresh flavor.

At Omaha's **Block 16**, die-hard fans line up and out the door on a daily basis. The locally sourced, award-winning burgers are piled high with fresh produce and covered in a secret sauce that keeps every mouth watering. (Locals recommend ordering extra sauce!) It's not just about the burgers - you gotta try the popular Gangsta fries, covered in green onions and pork rinds, then drizzled with Chipotle sauce. Considered one of the greenest restaurants in the country, **The Grey Plume's** award-winning chef and owner Clayton Chapman maintains the vision of a fine dining experience where food is art—even the plates are created by local artists. **Stirrella Bar & Kitchen** is a refined gastro pub serving approachable food inspired by local and seasonal ingredients. **Modern Love** inspires vegans from across the country to plan their foodie excursions to Omaha. Popular vegan cooking personality Isa Chandra Moskowitz leads with the focus of providing "swanky vegan comfort food" made with local ingredients.

FRESH FACTS

The nation is taking notice of the city's fresh fare. Omaha is home to three of the top 100 certified restaurants on the Good Food 100 List—**The Grey Plume**, **Dante** and **Kitchen Table** are recognized for their strong commitment to sustainable sourcing.

J. Coco's creations start with local, organic and natural ingredients. The restaurant uses fresh herbs and vegetables from their on-site garden. It doesn't get any fresher than that!

Omaha farmers markets run weekends from May through mid-October and offer everything from farm-fresh produce and cooking demonstrations to handmade soap and pet-friendly treats.



The Schriers recommend Forno in the Blackstone District followed immediately by farm-to-cone ice cream at Coneflower.



Sweets

OMAHA OFFERS A LINEUP OF SCRUMPTIOUS TREATS THAT ARE BAKED, CHURNED AND CONCOCTED IN EVERY CORNER OF THE CITY.



ICE CREAM

Coneflower Creamery crafts their artisanal ice cream and cold treats from locally sourced milk, cream and fruit. **Ted & Wally's** slow churns super-premium made from scratch ice cream with 18% butterfat and all-natural ingredients. Mail-order favorite **eCreamery** serves 16 staple flavors of specialty ice cream, gelato and dairy-free sorbet in-store; customize your own flavor from home at eCreamery.com.

CHOCOLATE

Old Market Candy Shop whips up an array of chocolate confections like their famous Mud Ball truffles, "chicken legs," and fudge. Find whimsical chocolate covered cherries at **The Cordial Cherry**, whose cherries were one of Oprah's Favorite Things. **Farine + Four** serves up homemade bonbons almost too pretty to eat (almost). **Hollywood Candy** will thrill the kid at heart with retro candies, homemade fudge and chocolates. **Chocolat Abeille** serves hand-painted confections, including custom chocolate shoes, in a dreamy setting.

SIGNATURE DESSERTS

Locals rave about **Lithuanian Bakery's** Napoleon Torte, a three-day labor of love built of 17 layers of wafer and vanilla and lemon buttercreams, with a luscious apricot surprise at its center. **Bob's Donuts** serves up square donuts in flavors like Oreo Delight and Maple Bacon. Tip: The massive "The Bob" donut is a crowd pleaser (it will feed the whole family). **Stirnella's** Goey Butter Bar is made of banana curd, Nutella ice cream, and shortbread crumble – it's the talk of the city.

SAVE ROOM FOR MORE DESSERT:

- Bread Pudding in 12 flavors at **Goldbergs** in Dundee
- Yo-Yo, a pastry as big as your head, at **The International Bakery**
- Lemon Bar at neighborhood bake shop **Sweet Magnolias**
- Duck Fat Donut & Ice Cream at **The Grey Plume**
- S'mores deconstructed at **Monarch Prime & Bar**
- Cupcakes at **Jones Bros. Cupcakes**
- Homemade Cannoli at **Pasta Amore**
- Spaghetti & Sweet Balls sundae at **Dolci Ice Cream & Desserts**

LOCALS KNOW BEST

Natalie recommends Chocolat Abeille in the Old Market, especially the mushroom shaped chocolate with real mushrooms inside.





Breakfast & Brunch

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WHETHER ROOTED IN NOSTALGIA OR LOVED SIMPLY FOR ITS HEARTY NATURE, CLASSIC BREAKFAST FARE HOLDS A SPECIAL PLACE IN EVERYONE'S HEARTS.

Harold's Koffee House is known for homemade doughnuts and the Suzi Special—a plate overflowing with grilled onions, hash browns and two scrambled eggs (add the cheese and gravy). Float into foodie heaven with hash browns, eggs and biscuits smothered in creamy sausage gravy with **Lisa's Radial Café's** signature breakfast dish, The Raft. **Saddle Creek Breakfast Club** is a favorite with the locals flocking (and often waiting in lines out the door) for tasty morning fare like banana pancakes topped with thinly sliced bananas and peanuts, and the hearty steak-and-eggs burrito.

Sure, steak's in Omaha's DNA, but we also celebrate all things pork. Fact: Breakfast is better with bacon. **Bailey's** proudly claims to serve the best bacon in town. Other specialties include an array of eggs Benedict dishes and fresh, fluffy pancakes.

Other breakfast hotspots include **11-Worth Café**, **Shirley's Diner** and **Wheatfields**.

OMAHA'S BRUNCH SCENE IS AN INSTAGRAM-WORTHY DINING ADVENTURE.

Railcar Modern American Kitchen has perfected dishes both sweet and savory, from lemon ricotta pancakes with zest to prime rib and artichoke potato pancakes. **Over Easy** whips up farm fresh faves with artistic flair, like homemade pop tarts and an elevated take on chicken and waffles. **Caddy's Kitchen & Cocktails** serves up a Meal-in-a-Mug Bloody Mary complete with a slider, hard-boiled egg, bacon, chicken wings, beef jerky and more. Enjoy brunch every day at **Early Bird**; try their Cereal Killer Pancakes with sweet vanilla glaze and your choice of kid-approved cereal.

Other brunch options include **Baela Rose**, **Le Bouillon** and **712 Eat + Drink**.



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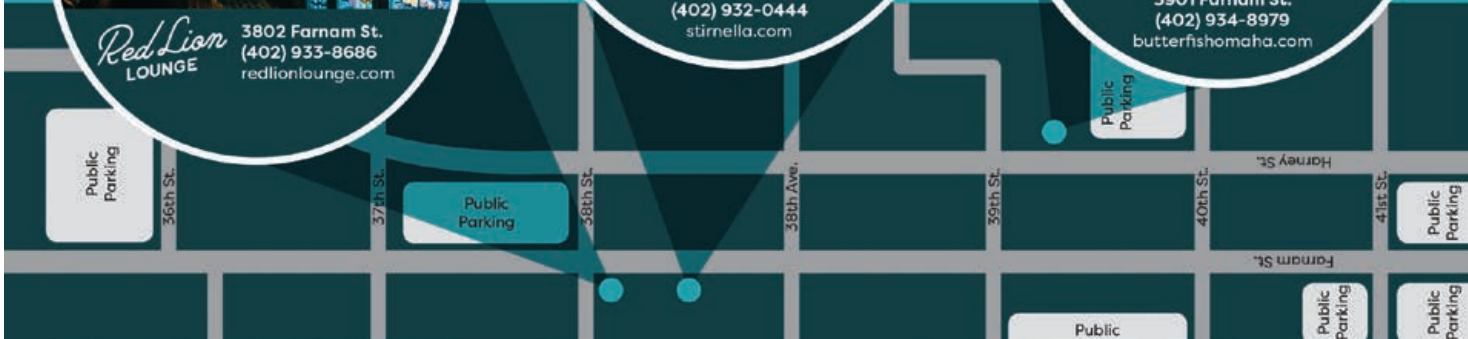
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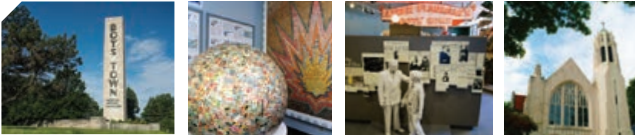


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Explore the following pages for more details on things to do throughout Omaha's entertaining neighborhoods.



THE OLD MARKET

THIS LIVELY 9-SQUARE BLOCK AREA IS UNIQUELY OMAHA AND FILLED WITH NOSTALGIA AND INNOVATION.

Cobblestone streets lined with unique boutiques, antique emporiums, innovative restaurants, local pubs and tasty sweet shops create the magic of the Old Market Entertainment District. The Old Market and its red brick warehouses were the epicenter of activity back in the 1880s, bustling with produce dealers, buyers and traders, until the late 1950s when the area was threatened with building condemnation. But Sam Mercer, the son of a prominent physician and landowner, wanted to renovate the old buildings for new uses. At the time, Mercer's idea was said to be foolish; today he is considered a visionary.

The Mercer family still runs one of the most popular restaurants in the Old Market, **La Buvette**. This quaint European-style wine bar offers a French menu, grocery with bread baked daily and one of the best outdoor side walk café settings in the neighborhood. Other dining standouts in the Old Market include: **M's Pub** known for its Lahvosh and Carrot Dog; **Blue Sushi** and its legendary happy hour; **The Monster Club** with its horror-themed restaurant and bar; and **Le Bouillon**, known for the chef's take on French comfort food.



TIP: Most downtown Omaha hotels are within walking distance and offer complimentary shuttle service to and from the Old Market Entertainment District.



Le Bouillon



Himalayan Java



For sweets lovers, you must try a Mud Ball from the **Old Market Candy Shop**, the cheesecake by the inch at **Wheatfield's**, the honey-infused chocolate at **Chocolate Abeille**, and ice cream from **Ted and Wally's**, where premium ice cream is made from scratch and comes in some wild, never-before-heard-of flavors. Oh, yeah ... you also have to visit **Hollywood Candy**, a wall-to-wall retro candy experience unlike anything you've ever seen.

In addition to carriage rides and sidewalk musicians that really capture the neighborhood's charm, the Old Market also offers a distinctive nightlife scene. **Laka Lono Rum Club** welcomes patrons to paradise with over-the-top fun craft cocktails. **Mister Toads** and **Billy Frogg's**, in addition to their amphibian reference, both offer an eclectic atmosphere and great outdoor patios. **The Berry & Rye** serves experimental, contemporary cocktails and both **Upstream Brewing Company** and **Brickway Brewery/Distillery** create some of the best tasting craft beer around.

Shopping in the Old Market runs the gamut from boutique clothing shops such as **Flying Worm**, **Nouvelle Eve**, and **Overland Sheepskin Co.** to specialty shops such as **Tannenbaum Christmas Shop**, **Old Market Artist Gallery** and **City Limits**, where nothing is off limits.

Shhhh ... don't tell anyone, but right outside the Old Market near the **Orpheum Theater** look for the **Looking Glass Cigar and Spirits** shop. Go in and ask for the **Wicked Rabbit**—this secret speakeasy will not disappoint.

LOCALS KNOW BEST Nancy recommends Laka Lono Rum Club – for wheelchair users, this downstairs tiki bar may not look accessible, but employees are happy to escort you down the elevator to enjoy the exotic drinks and atmosphere.



This is just a small taste of the Old Market, go to VisitOmaha.com to find much, much more.



NO DO AND THE CAPITOL DISTRICT

Just north of downtown, hence its nickname, this urban neighborhood is home to big sports, big music and big style ... and it's only getting started.

The new kid on the block is **The Capitol District**, which offers a modern twist on the traditional town square. More than a dozen restaurants, nightlife options, and entertainment venues all in one spot make for an easy night of unwinding and enjoying. Be sure to check out **The Jewell**, a contemporary music venue celebrating Omaha's rich musical history and great jazz musicians.

Across the street, **CHI Health Center Omaha** (don't let its name fool you) is the city's award-winning convention center and arena. It attracts the world's biggest names in music and entertainment and also plays host to major sporting events such as the **2020 NCAA Men's Basketball Championships** (1st and 2nd rounds), **2020 U.S. Olympic Swim Trials** and the **2020 NCAA Volleyball Championships**.

A short walk out the door is **TD Ameritrade Park Omaha**, home of the **NCAA Men's College World Series**. This summer tradition creates an electrifying atmosphere that fills the NoDo area and has everyone ready to play ball.



TD Ameritrade Park Omaha

Cutting-edge art adds a hip side to NoDo with **Hot Shops Art Center**. Watch as more than 80 artists create works ranging from metal forging and glass blowing, to hand-crafted jewelry and photography. NoDo's creativity continues at the **Omaha Design Center**, a sleek venue serving as home of **Omaha Fashion Week** (OFW). OFW is one of the country's largest celebrations of fashion. Twice a year the season's hottest trends walk the runway and offer fashionistas the chance to snag looks before they hit the stores.

The **Slowdown** is a great place to catch some of the hottest rock shows at one of the hottest music venues in the nation. Watch a first-run indie film or documentary at **Film Streams at Ruth Sokolof Theater**, an intimate cinema arthouse. **Hook & Lime** specializes in tacos and tequila - go for the house margaritas, stay for the flavorful small plates. **The Trap Room** is a quirky, retro bar with a serious cocktail menu built for the craft-curious. **DJ's Dugout Sports Bar** is a great pre or post-game spot with drink and food specials. **Nosh Restaurant and Wine Lounge** has over 100 wines available and servers are ready to match you with your perfect pinot.



Beer Can Alley

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The Motens, avid performing art lovers, recommend **The Jewell** jazz club for great live music served with a chef-inspired meal.



MIDTOWN CROSSING

A TRIP TO OMAHA REQUIRES A VISIT TO THIS VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOOD WITH COZY ACCOMMODATIONS, FRESH FOOD AND ENTERTAINING OPTIONS.

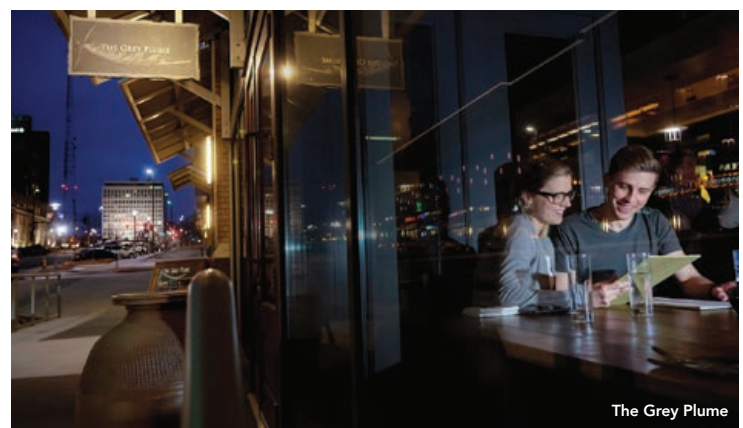
Midtown Crossing's epicenter is **Turner Park**, hosting a variety of free events throughout the year. Keep centered with yoga in the park sessions on select Sundays in the spring and kick off the week with movie screenings that will keep the entire family entertained in both spring and summer. Live jazz music fills Midtown and offers a relaxing way to spend a Thursday summer evening. Once the leaves start to turn, it's fall festival time and dazzling entertainment lights up the holiday season.

Find plenty of food options ranging from trendy vegan food at **Modern Love** and upscale Mexican dishes at **Cantina Laredo** to comfy casual at **Black Oak Grill** and hearty seafood at **Krab Kingz**. Enjoy acclaimed farm-to-table freshness at **The Grey Plume**, one of the nation's greenest restaurants. Thirsty? Indulge in a trendy treat at **Thirst-Tea**, a tea-drinkers candy store with a variety of flavor-infused teas made customizable with a number of "toppings."

Proof offers hundreds of whiskies from around the world, along with handcrafted cocktails and an impressive spirits list. Find funky, fun gifts and décor at **The Afternoon**, a long-time Omaha favorite for jewelry, books, pottery, gadgets and more.



Make your own succulent arrangement and find locally made accessories, décor and furniture at **Hutch**. Four-legged family members are welcome on a handful of pet-friendly patios, with pet-centric events like the **Patio "Pup" Crawl** to **Halloween Tricks for Treats** offering more fun for the furry. **Element Hotel** invites patrons to recharge and find balance, making a stay in Midtown Crossing its own rejuvenating experience.



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BLACKSTONE

KNOWN AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE REUBEN SANDWICH, THIS ULTRA-HIP NEIGHBORHOOD SERVES UP CRAFT BREW, TRENDY RESTAURANTS, FRIENDLY LOUNGES AND GIANT MEATBALLS.

Yes, the Reuben sandwich was originally created in the Blackstone District back in the 1920s and visitors can taste the original recipe at **Crescent Moon**. Consistently ranked one of the top beer bars in the country by *DRAFT Magazine*, “The Moon” is located above **Huber Haus**, an authentic German beer hall serving up bier, brats and the famous Das Boot! Both are friendly neighbors to **Beertopia**, Omaha’s premier beer emporium offering nearly 600 international specialty beers.

Along with its rich history, Blackstone District offers some new local favorites. Two craft breweries, **Farnam House Brewing** and **Scriptown Brewery**, have added to Omaha’s growing reputation as a craft beer city and each offers a unique experience. Not to be ignored, **Corkscrew Wine & Cheese** serves a variety of vino for every palate. **Coneflower Creamery** offers farm-to-cone ice cream in out-of-this-world flavors. A typical order consists of two scoops and some may be tempted to “be good” and only order one. We know from experience ... everyone wants the second scoop.

LOCALS KNOW BEST

Marcos, Nancy, Eli and Chad all recommend Nite Owl in Blackstone for its retro atmosphere and some of the best burgers in town.



The Blackstone Meatball



Scriptown Brewing

Nite Owl is the quirky, cool craft cocktail bar with a late night food menu featuring thick burgers, salty fries, and fresh salads until 2 a.m. **The Blackstone Meatball** takes an Italian American classic and adds locally-sourced twists ... these aren’t your mama’s meatballs. **Mula** is Blackstone’s ultra-trendy Mexican restaurant and certified tequileria. **Noli’s Pizzeria** and **Forno** serve up fresh New York-style and wood-fire pizzas, respectively. **Stirnella** offers a chef-driven farm to fork menu and **Early Bird** only does brunch, but they do it every day in a not-so-every-day way. Hungry yet? Because there’s a lot more. **Butterfish**, **Indian Bowl** and **Ansel’s Pastrami and Bagels** help round out this celebrated dining district.



Reuben Sandwich at Crescent Moon



Nite Owl



BENSON

BENSON'S HIP AND QUIRKY VIBE CREATES A DISTINCT NIGHTLIFE DISTRICT KNOWN FOR FROSTY CRAFT BEER, LIVE MUSIC, AND A COUPLE OF SERIOUS PARTY ANIMALS.

Don't miss this trendy, historic neighborhood always buzzing with activity ... especially at night. Walking up and down the Benson "strip" is energizing, with live music pouring out of **The Waiting Room**, a nationally recognized indie rock club. For a more intimate venue, stop by **Reverb Lounge**, known for live music and a host of tiki drinks. **Krug Park** will spice up the night with a dozen Bloody Mary concoctions and an array of craft cocktails. A strong contender in the battle for the best Bloody Mary can be found across the street at **Jake's Cigars & Spirits**. Known for strong drinks and an inclusive humidor, Jake's is the epitome of the friendly neighborhood bar.

Benson is a well-rounded and not-so-mild mannered entertainment district with a cool atmosphere ... so cool even animals get in on the fun. Benson regulars keep an eye out for Shooter, the Benson bar cat. Shooter can be seen sauntering in and out of the neighborhood bars greeting patrons and nuzzling bartenders. Benson's other party animal is Sam, the beloved party dog of **Burke's Pub**. The friendly Great Dane entertains patrons and adds to the bar's carefree vibe.

LOCALS KNOW BEST

If you want really good nachos, just ask a teenager – Noah recommends the pulled pork nachos at 1912.



On nice days, visitors enjoy the rooftop patios at **1912** and **Benson Brewery**. Watch the strip come to life while sipping a craft cocktail and enjoying gourmet bar menus.

The streets light up during **Benson First Fridays**. Artists and art enthusiasts enjoy live music, spoken word, street performances, visual art and more.

Beercade is every fanboy's dream come true. Enjoy craft beer and wall-to-wall classic arcade games such as Skee-ball, Pac-Man and Mortal Kombat.

An array of dining options can be found on the strip. **IKA Ramen and Izakaya** is known for mixing noodles with gangster rap. **Taco Co.** has quickly become a fan fave serving cold margaritas and addictive puffy shell tacos all in a trendy atmosphere. **Yoshitomo** is a unique sushi dining experience for the culinary curious. **Au Courant Regional Kitchen** is a fine dining experience with European-influenced meals.

NEIGHBORHOOD BARS

- **1912**: Craft cocktails, full menu
- **Barley St. Tavern**: Live music, neighborhood bar
- **Beercade**: Arcade games, craft beer
- **Benson Brewery**: Craft brew
- **Burke's Pub**: Known for the Apple Pie shot
- **Full House Bar**: Friendly neighborhood bar
- **Infusion Brewing Company**: Craft brewery
- **Jake's Cigars & Spirits**: Bloody Marys
- **Krug Park**: Bloody Marys, craft cocktails
- **The Sydney Bar & Lounge**: Funky
- **Bärchen**: German, Belgian & American craft brew



AKSARBEN VILLAGE

ONCE A HORSE TRACK, NOW A VIBRANT SHOPPING, DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT.

Aksarben Village is a distinctive mixed-use development marrying urban space with events, dining and shopping options in the heart of the city. Bring your appetite for food and drink to the village. From **DJ's Dugout** and its dueling pianos to **Jones Bros.** and its Cupcake War-worthy assortment of unique treats, there's no shortage of casual restaurants and bars to enjoy. Try the braided crust pizza at **Dudley's Pizza & Tavern**, the mango crab rangoon at **Mai Thai** and tacos stuffed with shrimp, brisket or even alligator at **Voodoo Taco**. Featured nationally on CBS' *Sunday Morning* with Jane Pauley, a new must-try is **Inner Rail Food Hall**. It includes nine specialty food vendors serving elevated cuisine from across the globe in a modern food hall atmosphere.

Stinson Park is adjacent to Aksarben Village and offers live concerts and entertainment events throughout the year. From May through October the farmers market fills the streets with fresh produce and handmade products. Active folks will be tempted to hop on a **Heartland B-cycle** bicycle to explore nearby trails.

Take a breather from all the fun and indulge in area history. Aksarben Village stands where the bustling Ak-Sar-Ben Race Track (1919-1995) and Coliseum once stood. Its celebrated history is punctuated in Stinson Park with a bronze figure marking the grave of Omaha, the 1935 Triple Crown winner. **FUN FACT:** Aksarben is "Nebraska" spelled backwards.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Saturdays @ Stinson Concert Series: Saturdays, May – August

- Free local music with food, drink & activities for kids

Farmers Market: Sunday mornings, May – October

- Carry home fresh produce or homemade goods

Get Fit in the Park: May – October

- Enjoy morning yoga or Zumba Sunday in Stinson Park

Lights of Aksarben: November & December

- Holiday fun with carriage rides, live music, activities & Santa



Inner Rail Food Hall



Farmer's Market

OTHER STOPS IN THE VILLAGE

- Backwoods Outdoor
- Beacon Hills
- Cold Stone Creamery & Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
- Denim Saloon
- Eat Fit Go Healthy Foods
- Freezing
- Godfather's Pizza
- Gold Mountain Restaurant
- Herbe Sainte
- Juice Stop
- Liv Lounge
- Luvbird Boutique
- Oklahoma Joe's BBQ
- Pauli's Sports Lounge
- Pickleman's Gourmet Cafe
- Ponzu Sushi & Grill
- Roast Coffeehouse
- Vitality Bowls



LOCALS KNOW BEST

Natalie says a must-do for teens is going to the outdoor concerts at Stinson Park. They always have local bands and the area includes a lot of great food and coffee shops.



DUNDEE

UNIQUE SHOPS, COZY RESTAURANTS AND SOME WELL-KNOWN CUSTOMERS MAKE THIS IDYLIC NEIGHBORHOOD A MUST STOP.

Enjoy a meal at your choice of chef-based restaurants. Indulge in coal-fire pizza at **Pitch Pizzeria**, Northern Italian fare at **Avoli Osteria** and a mixture of European cuisines at **Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob**, **Dario's Brasserie** and **Marks Bistro**. **Baela Rose** and **Acadian Grille** each put their unique spin on classic comfort food.

Cap off dinner with ice cream at **eCreamery** (one of Oprah's favorites), stop in to the **Dundee Dell** for a drink from one of the nation's largest single malt Scotch whisky collections, and take in an independent film at the historic **Film Streams Dundee Theater**.

While dining, here's an interesting fact to share with culinary comrades: Dundee is home to a national cartoon artist, a successful romance novelist and billionaire Warren Buffett, one of the richest men in the world. You never know who could be dining next to you in this fabled neighborhood. (Beatles Icon Paul McCartney was spotted here eating ice cream with Buffett a few years ago, and Bono's been known to drop into Dundee Dell.)

After-dinner tip: Burn off post-meal calories and find unique souvenirs at **Scout**, an eco-friendly vintage shop.



Amsterdam Falafel & Kebab

DUNDEE DINING

- **Acadian Grille:** Classic southern comfort food
- **Amsterdam Falafel & Kabob:** European-style street food
- **Avoli Osteria:** Northern Italian
- **Baela Rose:** Locally sourced comfort food
- **Dario's Brasserie:** French & Belgian fare infused with European flair
- **Dundee Dell:** Fish, chips & lots of scotch
- **eCreamery:** Unique ice cream flavors
- **Goldbergs in Dundee:** Burgers, beers & Bloody Marys
- **Hoppy Taco:** Street tacos & craft brew
- **Le Quartier Dundee:** Fine artisan breads, pastries & desserts
- **Marks Bistro:** Farm-to-table American cuisine
- **Pitch Coal-Fire Pizzeria:** The name says it all!

LOCALS KNOW BEST

Like most teenagers, Noah loves a good burger. One of his favorites is at Dario's Brasserie served with pommes frites.



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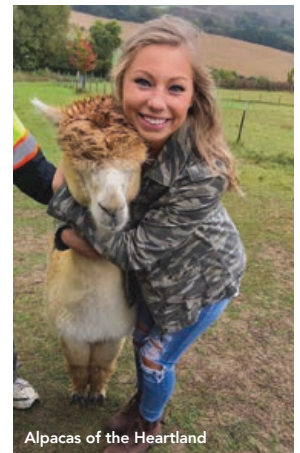
CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PIONEERS MADE A LASTING IMPACT ON THESE LEGENDARY NEIGHBORHOODS.

North Omaha is where jazz greats like Duke Ellington and Count Basie once played. Today, the notes from live jazz performances still float through the air from **Love's Jazz and Art Center**, dedicated to preserving and showcasing all types of African American art. **The Union for Contemporary Arts** is another opportunity to experience and create modern art, while the **Great Plains Black History Museum** celebrates the contributions of African Americans through exhibits and seminars. Civil Rights leader **Malcolm X** was born in Omaha; his birthsite includes an historical marker and an events plaza.

For soul food, check out **Big Mama's Kitchen** and order up a pig ear sandwich and sweet potato pie ice cream. Big Mama's has become a television culinary staple, featured on Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives*, Sundance Channel's *Ludo Bites America* and Travel Channel's *101 Tastiest Places to Chow Down*. **Emery's Cafe** offers southern food favorites like smothered chicken, smoked turkey collards and candied yams.



Big Mama's Kitchen



Alpacas of the Heartland

Florence is a historic neighborhood that has more history markers in one square mile than anywhere else in the state. Experience firsthand the Mormon migration of the 1840s at the **Mormon Trail Center at Historic Winter Quarters**. Just north is the **Florence Mill**, constructed in 1846 as pioneers made their westward trek; this museum and art gallery is open spring through fall. Other area historical attractions include **Florence Bank** and **Florence Depot**.

Comfort food is never far in Florence. Old school diner **Harold's Koffee House** serves up breakfast classics (don't skip the pancakes) while **Alpine Inn** serves up signature fried chicken. **Finicky Frank's** offers comfort foods with a twist in a dining room full of character and **Tussey's Casual Grill** serves up a bright and fresh globally-inspired menu.

LOCALS KNOW BEST

An animal lover, Natalie recommends the Florence Mill Farmers Market on Sundays during the summer. Her favorite part is when they have alpacas there to pet.



SOUTH OMAHA

VISIT A COLORFUL NEIGHBORHOOD KNOWN AS A MELTING POT OF RICH HISTORY, FOOD AND ART.

From folk art and hand-painted murals to authentic cuisine and local shops, South Omaha offers big doses of Polish, Czech, German and Mexican culture at every turn. At its heart is **Historic South 24th Street**, filled with Mexican traditions. Dozens of family-owned restaurants line the intricately tiled sidewalks of South 24th Street. Enjoy savory slow-cooked chicken enchiladas, fiery roasted jalapeños and carne asada (marinated and grilled thinly sliced steak) at a handful of eateries. Afterwards, grab a yo-yo (a traditional Latino pastry) or artisan bread at **The International Bakery**. Don't forget about margaritas; **El Alamo**, **Gauca Maya** and elsewhere in "South O," are known for serving up a mean cocktail. South Omaha offers tried-and-true dishes made from old-world family recipes and **Lithuanian Bakery's** Napoloen Torte is a shining example. **Joe Tess Place** has been an area staple since the 1930s, serving quality fresh fish and their famous fish sandwich; it's also been featured on the Food Network's *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. Don't let the hole-in-the-wall ambiance fool you; the meatball sub and Italian sausage sandwich at **Ethnic Sandwich Shop**, which has been making Italian food since 1977, will have you craving more.



El Museo Latino

El Museo Latino celebrates the area's rich diversity with exhibits and programs, where special events include performances by "CHOMARI" Ballet Folklorico Mexicano. **Apollon Art Space** is Omaha's multi-genre arts and entertainment venue offering locally produced art exhibits and events. Don't miss the themed, interactive dinners allowing the audience to get into character and join in the fun. **South Omaha Museum** works to preserve and display the past and present of the "Magic City" with rotating exhibits on the area's stockyard history, Cinco de Mayo and more.

The emerging Little Bohemia neighborhood has something for everyone—especially adults. Get your fill of Skee-Ball with beer in hand at **Beercade 2**, shop secondhand designer fashions and accessories from Chanel, Louis Vuitton and Rolex at **Pretty in Patina**, and sip from a soda fountain for grown-ups called **Fizzy's** (expected to open in early 2020).



The International Bakery

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Mora recommends The International Bakery for authentic Mexican pastries. They have wall-to-wall treats at great prices.



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