**Childlike Christmas Trip**

**Sample Itinerary**

Looking for a family-friendly destination that captures the magic of Christmas while ensuring you can enjoy the festivities too? Look no further than Union County! This charming area offers a delightful blend of holiday cheer and activities that the whole family can enjoy together.

Start your adventure by strolling through the beautifully decorated Uptown Marysville. Take in the charming window displays, savor the delightful aromas from local restaurants, and enjoy Merry on Main Iceless Skating at Partners Park. It’s completely free, allowing you to skate in the crisp winter air. Be sure to check the City of Marysville’s schedule to see when Santa will be available to visit with the kids.

Once you have finished skating, head over to the Avalon Theatre to warm up with one of their nostalgic holiday movies including Elf and It’s A Wonderful Life. In addition to movies, theater groups also host special holiday events and performances that showcase local talent at the Avalon Theatre and Union County Veteran’s Memorial Auditorium. Find out more about these performances on our event page.

After an eventful night, sleep in a bit and then treat the kids to a hot continental breakfast in your hotel lobby. Once the kids are ready for some fun, visit Dragon Lanes or Plain City Bowling for an indoor escape from the cold. Once you’ve worked up an appetite head over to Der Dutchman in Plain City. Divulge into a festive feast at their buffet, take home seasonal treats from their bakery, and shop for presents in Carlisle Gifts.

Once the sun sets, start your adventure around the county with our holiday light displays. Start with the Pastime Park Lights—tune in to their radio station for a synchronized light show to festive music. Next, visit the Covered Bridges of Union County, where Bigelow and Pottersburg bridges are lit up for the Merry and Bright Bridges display. Pottersburg Bridge is especially perfect for family photos. Finally, drive to Richwood Lake Lights, where you’ll find the lake adorned with Christmas lights and themed houses like the National Lampoon Christmas house and Santa’s House, creating unforgettable memories for the kids.

Before you leave Union County, make sure to stop by Kitschen Bakery to pick up a gingerbread kit so you can recreate the fun at home. With so many festive activities, your family will cherish the memories made this holiday season!