

# Take a Closer Look.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is an area filled with hometown Midwest charm, remarkable attractions, spectacular events, world-class performing arts and culture, incredible scenery, great shopping, unique restaurants, award-winning wineries, premier accommodations, and so much more.

Let us help you create a memorable group trip to the Cedar Rapids Area. We're here to help you plan your group itinerary, as well as, be your partner in locating favorable group rates, securing promotional materials and increasing sales opportunities.

We have several sample itineraries for you to choose from. We can also help you fashion a custom and unforgettable itinerary that will keep your group talking for years.



**For the most current group tour information, including customized itineraries, hotel options, restaurants, attractions and more, please contact Vicki Henry at the Cedar Rapids Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at [vhenry@cedar-rapids.com](mailto:vhenry@cedar-rapids.com) or call 319.398.5009.**

# Cedar Rapids Group Itineraries

## It Takes a Village

Experience the villages that help define our society in and around Cedar Rapids, IA, during this 3 day exploration.

### \* Day One - The Seven Villages of the Amana Colonies

- View an award-winning video on the history of the Amana Colonies at the Amana Heritage Museum.
- Tour the historical Amana Villages and meet artists and artisans of handcrafted products!
- Indulge in lunch at one of the German/American family style restaurants!
- Spend the afternoon in the shops and galleries in the village of Amana.

### \* Day Two - The Czech Village and more!

- Experience grandeur with a visit to Brucemore - A Queen Anne-style 21-room mansion which is a National Trust Historic Site.
- Next, a city tour with step-on guide to explore over 150 years of history in Iowa's second largest city!
- Then, enjoy lunch in the Czech Village at Al's Blue Toad and experience an authentic Czech meal complete with potato dumplings!
- Next stop, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library in the Czech Village. Take in the exhibit "Rising Above - The Story of a People and the Flood" followed by demonstrations of kolache-making by local Czech bakers. Save time to shop in the Museum Store!
- Explore the shops in the village ranging from the Czech Cottage, to antique treasures, to the Sykora Bakery.

### \* Day Three - Kalona Historical Village

- Travel the scenic back roads and take an "insiders" view of Amish life in Kalona, Iowa. Begin at the Kalona Historical Village followed by Amish Farmers Markets, a local Cheese Factory and Amish Country Stores. Plus, you'll be served a home-cooked meal in an Amish-Mennonite home!

## Come On Over-all's Tour

You've seen it ... the second most recognized painting in the world next to the Mona Lisa. Come on over to Cedar Rapids and learn more about American Gothic and its artist, Grant Wood.

### \* Day One

- Begin your afternoon at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art where more than 7,200 works of art can be viewed including the world's largest collection by Grant Wood. A visit to the museum's gift shop is a must!
- From there, step back in time as you enter Grant Wood Studio - 5 Turner Alley, the fascinating original studio where Grant Wood lived and worked!
- Blocks away, you'll visit the Veterans Memorial Window, a lasting memorial to our veterans as depicted by Grant Wood. The actual size of the window is 24 feet high and 20 feet wide with 10,000 pieces of glass!

### \* Day Two

- The first major landscape depicted in Woods paintings was Stone City, Iowa. Today, you'll travel to the area and see where Grant Wood was born as well as explore the Stone City Quarry, Church and Blacksmith Shop!
- Next, enjoy lunch at the Stone City General Store followed by a tour of Grant Wood Country School!



## Shop the Lincoln Highway

Discover the landscape and hidden treasures along the Lincoln Highway as you celebrate the first road across America!

### \* Day One

- Begin your journey along the Lincoln Highway in Marion, Iowa! Boutique-style gift, home, and clothing shops, art galleries and antique shops line the route including Temptations Fine Candies and Campbell Steele Gallery.
- Follow the Lincoln Highway to Cibo Fusion Restaurant and Lounge for lunch in their banquet room featuring a mural depicting the Chicago skyline!
- Next, the Lincoln Highway leads you to Mt. Vernon, Iowa. If you've got the itch for something out-of-the-ordinary, you'll need to check out the Silver Spider. Another great stop is Czech Feather & Down Company where handcrafted pillows, comforters and feather beds are the specialty.
- After a day of shopping along the historic Lincoln Highway, your travels will take you to The Lighthouse Inn Supper Club in Cedar Rapids! A Midwest tradition with a long history of good food, good beverages and good times.

### \* Day Two

- Your journey along the Lincoln Highway continues with a stop at the Iowa Masonic Library & Museum. Housed in a gleaming white marble structure, the library is recognized as the most complete Masonic library in the world!
- Just blocks away, visit the Carl and Mary Koehler History Center for engaging exhibits and tours! Learn about the history of Iowa's second largest city!
- Take a detour from the highway for lunch at Cooper's Mill Restaurant where you can order the best breakfast in town all day long!

## Cultural and Culinary Delights

Delight your senses as you explore the cultural and culinary treats of Cedar Rapids!

### \* Day One

- Indulge in fresh pastries at Sykora Bakery in the Czech Village. Visit the National Czech & Slovak Museum and Library and unique shops in the village.
- Next, savor the samples of Cedar Ridge Vineyards Winery & Distillery. Delicious pizza cooked outdoors in the wood-fired brick oven will be served for lunch!
- Then, walk down memory lane at Duffy's Collectible Cars and view restored cars from the 40's, 50's and 60's. Following that, experience the African American Historical Museum & Cultural Center of Iowa.
- Finish off your day with a culinary masterpiece served at Ced-Rel Supper Club!

### \* Day Two

- During select Saturdays between May and October, the Downtown District Farmers' Market is a must see! Thousands gather in downtown Cedar Rapids for fresh produce, baked goods, artisan gifts, live music, and street performances! More than 200 local Iowa vendors participate!
- For a taste of just about everything else, check out Brambles for eclectic gifts, crafted furnishings, artistic findings and antiques located in a historic church!

