

Children of All Ages

Planning a trip with your children or grandchildren? Still young at heart? Join us for a fun-filled two-day trip to Des Moines!

Day1:

10:00 a.m. Arrive at the country's most famous state fair- the **Iowa State Fair**.

Greeters will board the coach to give you the day's highlights, answer questions and provide daily programs and coupon books to all guests. From here, endless fun awaits. Learn about the animal birthing process, witness a live birth, or hold a newborn piglet in the **Animal Learning Center**. Soar to new heights on our double Ferris wheel, part of over 10 acres of Midway rides at the Fair. Grab lunch- an old Fair favorite or try a new delicious treat on-a-stick. Don't forget to use your coupon books! Rest your feet and enjoy the music. The Fair has five free stages of music and entertainment including the Fun Forest, which offers 1.5 acres of family fun with a stage, shady trees and plenty of places to climb and explore. Next, participate in one of dozens of zany **contests**, like mom calling or rubber chicken throwing, and earn your own blue ribbon. Don't forget to see the World Famous **Butter Cow** in the **Agriculture Building** before you head back to your coach.

4:00 p.m. Check into your hotel to rest, relax and get ready for more excitement.

6:00 p.m. Spend the evening on the river and take in an **Iowa Cubs** game at Principal Park. Game-time starts at 7:05 p.m., but arrive early and enjoy a picnic in the Mezzanine located behind home plate, featuring a scenic view of the city and Principal Park. Watch batting practice and maybe get an autograph or two before the game begins. Keep an eye out for foul balls and Cubby Bear, the Iowa Cubs mascot! Don't leave too soon after the game, the I-Cubs light up the sky with fireworks after Friday night games.

Day 2:

9:30 a.m. Experience Iowa...like never before at the **Iowa Hall of Pride** in downtown Des Moines. Filled with dozens of hands-on interactive exhibits, the Hall of Pride tells the stories of Iowa's communities and their heroes. The three A's of Iowa – Academics, Athletics and the Arts – come to life in the Iowa Hall of Pride. Stroll through the Hall of Heroes, featuring notable Iowans in real interviews – immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and faces of Iowa. Relive the stories, relive the glories.

11:30 a.m. Enjoy lunch and games at **inPlay's Stadium Restaurant**. Located just across from the Iowa Hall of Pride, inPlay is an entertainment and gaming center with over 100 games. Enjoy a game of ski ball, Ms. Pac Man, miniature bowling and more! Nestled in the middle of the games is the Stadium Grill, offering a full menu from appetizers, pizzas, sandwiches and entrees.

2:00 p.m. Visit Iowa's wildest adventure- the **Blank Park Zoo**. The zoo has 40 acres of unique and fun adventures to offer! Enjoy a stroll through its indoor Discovery Center Exhibit as you make your way from the top of a mountain to the bottom of the ocean. Lynx, marmosets, sloths and jellyfish are just a few of the animals that can be spotted. Travel to Australia and Africa in just one day and encounter wallabies, emu, bongos and even giraffe.

5:00 p.m. Depart for home.

Tour Sites

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