

# CATCH DES MOINES



## CATCH A MYSTERY!

Looking for a Mystery Tour that your group will never forget? Look no further as this one will surely turn some heads!

### **Day 1**

**Inbound Iowa, LLC** – Catch a behind-the-scenes look with a local step-on guide and tour planner. (515) 975-5534

**Heritage Carousel** – Catch a whimsical ride on this downtown wooden Des Moines carousel. Accommodates up to 35 riders. (515) 323-8200.

**Salisbury House & Gardens** – The 42-room architectural wonder displays more than 10,000 fabulous finds from around the world. Catch a tour today! Contact Bonnie Bronson at (515) 274-1777.

**Iowa Primate Learning Center** – Catch a primate sanctuary where your group can actually talk to bonobos! Participate by communicating through a lexigram keyboard. The knowledge from these bonobos provides important data in developing interventions for children with language learning impairments. One of the only of its kind in the entire world! (515) 243-3580

**West End Architectural Salvage** – Catch an eclectic shop where craftsmanship from the past is available for future renovations and the home to a DIY & HDTV network reality show! Socialize at the coffee shop. Browse four floors of treasures and have a scavenger hunt. (515) 243-0499.

**Des Moines Social Club** – Have your group catch a hoola-hoop class. A cooking class. A crafting class. Or learn about a different culture in this innovative arts and entertainment venue located in the renovated old Des Moines Firehouse. Contact Marnie Strate at (515) 369-3672.

**Crème Cupcake + Dessert** – Made famous by the hit show *Cupcake Wars*, enjoy a specialty dessert paired with a delectable cocktail. Great for a mid-day treat or a late night snack after a show!

Nightlife Options: **Des Moines Civic Center. Des Moines Community Playhouse. Ballet Des Moines.**

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## Day 2

**Flying Frog Hosta Farms** – Catch more than 1,000 types of hosta plants on this farm!  
(515) 208-9002.

**National Balloon Museum & U.S. National Ballooning Hall of Fame**- Up... up... and away! The National Balloon Classic is an annual event in Central Iowa in July featuring hot air balloons, balloon rides, competitions and group entertainment. Throughout the entire year, bring your group to the National Balloon Museum & U.S. National Ballooning Hall of Fame to catch archives for more than 200 years of ballooning as well as history on the famous Classic. (515) 961-3714.

**Over the Top** – Central Iowa's best ice cream shop. Catch more than 36 homemade ice cream flavors. Handmade fudge. And gourmet chocolates. Tour the shop. Have your group make their own ice cream!  
(515) 371-6741.

**John & Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park** – Catch 28 sculptures on 4.4 acres in the heart of Downtown Des Moines. Recognized in *New York Times*. Guided tours available.  
(515) 271-0344.

**Bennett School House** – Catch one of the last one-room schools built in West Des Moines. (515) 225-1286.

**Historic Jordan House** - A stately Victorian home of Italianate Gothic design. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Member of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program. Catch one of the oldest structures in Polk Country. (515) 225-1286.

**Doherty's Flowers** – Catch a special event for your group for both women and men. Create flower/holiday arrangements. Learn what seasonal plants to put in your garden. Take a wine or beer class. Contact Robyn Sloan at (515) 288-6557.

## Day 3

**Birthplace of John Wayne** – Catch where it all began for the legendary actor. See his home in Winterset, Iowa. (515) 462-1044.

**Trainland U.S.A.** – Toy trains and accessories. A toy train museum. Catch the development of trains across the U.S. at Trainland U.S.A. (515) 674-3813.

**Iowa Speedway** – Catch a view of the racetrack designed by former NASCAR Champion Rusty Wallace. See one of the few racetracks in the US owned by NASCAR. (641) 791-8100.

**Maytag Dairy Farms** – Catch the famous Maytag blue cheese. See how the cheese is made. Learn the history of the farms. Enjoy samples! (800) 247-2458.

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