

CATCH DES MOINES



CATCH THE RED, WHITE & BLUE

Catch the patriotic spirit of Des Moines, the state capital of Iowa, at these area attractions:

Day 1

Iowa Hall of Pride - Catch the stories of local sports heroes. Interact with hands-on exhibits. (515) 280-8969

Iowa State Capitol – Catch one of the most beautiful capitol's in the US! A towering 23-karat gold dome, and memorial monuments; take a tour of the capitol grounds to see the surrounding monuments, including the Peace Officer's Memorial, Soldier's and Sailor's Memorial, Korean War Memorial and Vietnam War Memorial. Contact Joan Arnett at (515) 281-5591.

World Food Prize of Laureates – Catch interactive displays on hunger and food security. A tribute to Iowa's Dr. Norman Borlaug and the World Food Prize- the foremost international award recognizing individuals who have increased the quality, quantity, or availability of food in the world. Former home of the century-old Des Moines Public Library. Contact Nicole Barreca (515) 245-3735 for a tour.

State Historical Museum of Iowa – Catch Iowa's past through its people. It's issues, and events. (515) 281-5111

Living History Farms – An outdoor interactive museum. More than 500 acres of education and fun. Catch the history surrounding Mid-western rural life in period costumes. (515) 278-5286

Nightlife Options: **Des Moines Metro Opera. Civic Center of Greater Des Moines. Des Moines Community Playhouse.**

Day 2

Iowa Gold Star Military Museum – Catch historical artifacts from the Civil War through present day. Uniforms. Weapons. Insignia. Honoring Iowa men and women who have served the state and nation. Contact Mike Vogt at (515) 252-4531.

Hoyt Sherman Place – Catch this elegant family mansion for a tour and national and local

performers at this historical theater. Open since 1923. (515) 244-0507.

National Balloon Museum & U.S. National Ballooning Hall of Fame – Catch archives for more than 200 years of ballooning. Indianola’s most colorful event hosts 24,000 visitors a year. (515) 961-3714.

Prairie Meadows - Catch a lucky streak! Try your luck on the slots. Or take in live horse racing with a special group tour. Relax when you stay the night in the new hotel! Contact Matt Kiernan at (515) 967-1389.

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