

CATCH A GIRLFRIEND GETAWAY

Grab your favorite ladies and head to Greater Des Moines for an unforgettable girls' getaway! You'll find everything you need to let your hair down and have a blast!

<u>DAY 1</u>

West End Architectural Salvage

22 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50309

Made famous by the hit *HGTV* & *DIY Network* reality show, see firsthand what is seen on TV! Socialize in the coffee shop and browse four floors of treasures for a group scavenger hunt. westendsalvage.com (515) 243-0499

Dinner and tour in Sticks Factory

3631 SW 61st Street, Des Moines, IA 50321

Sticks was started by Sarah Grant in 1992. Since then, Sticks has received national acclaim for their distinctive line of furniture, accessories and object art. Visit their award winning design studio where floor to ceiling windows provide an unrestricted view of the natural surroundings. Contact: Anthony Marinaro at events@sticks.com or (515) 246-8361.

Crème Cupcake + Dessert Lounge

543 28th Street, Des Moines, IA 50312

First known for being runner-up on The Food Network's *Cupcake Wars*, the owner of this shop since then has truly made a name for herself by making dessert for the Vice President of China to franchising her unique concept nationally. Have your group experience this shop with having a delicate dessert and cocktail pairing. (515) 288-1050

<u>DAY 2</u>

Historic Valley Junction

137 5th Street, West Des Moines, IA 50265

Get special treatment by having the Executive Director step on the coach to talk history of Valley Junction. Then have private experiences set up with store owners. Some that have been done in the past include fashion shows, food tastings, quilt classes, antique education, etc. And it's all FREE! Contact: Jim Miller at (515) 222-3642. historicvalleyjunction.com

Lunch at the Embassy Club Downtown

666 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309, 34th Floor This is a member's only club located in the Ruan Center at 7th and Grand. The CVB has a membership and you'd be able to utilize it. They have breathtaking views! The only cost would be for the meal. Contact: Kristy Maras at k.maras@embassyclub.com or (515) 245-3759. embassyclub.com

John & Mary Pappajohn Sculpture Park

1000 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309

Catch 28 sculptures on 4.4 acres in the heart of Downtown Des Moines. Recognized in *New York Times*. Learn the process of how these sculptures came to be through a personal tour. Schedule *here* or contact (515) 271-0344.

Salisbury House & Gardens

4025 Tonawanda Drive, Des Moines, IA 50312

Visit this famous mansion in Des Moines, which was built by cosmetic magnate Carl Weeks. The home itself is an architectural wonder and the contents inside are worth millions. Contact: Emily Kist at ekist@salisburyhouse.org or (515) 274-1777.

Jasper Winery

2400 George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, IA 50321

lowa isn't wine country...? Think again! The state has over 100 wineries! Visit Jasper Winery, an "estate style" winery facility in the heart of the metro area. Contact: Jean Groben at jean@jasperwinery.com or (515) 282-9463.

Dinner & Entertainment TBD

Entertainment options could include Des Moines Performing Arts, Des Moines Community Playhouse, a Mystery Dinner Experience, etc.

<u>DAY 3</u>

Downtown Des Moines Farmers' Market

See first-hand why Des Moines is ranked one of the top farmers markets in the country...and come hungry! (*Recommended the 5th and Court intersection as a good area for drop off.*) Open May-October, 7am to Noon. desmoinesfarmersmarket.com

Historic East Village Shopping

Have your attendees browse on their own at these local shops. Make sure to visit a couple of famous stops including Raygun and Gong Fu Tea. You could also contact the Historic East Village Board so that they provide a talk/demonstration at a couple of local shops for your attendees! Contact: Chris LoRang at president@eastvillagedesmoines.com or (515) 822-4134.

OR

Jordan Creek Area Shopping

101 Jordan Creek Parkway, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Visit the western suburbs of Des Moines where you will find a 200-acre retail, dining, entertainment and recreation development. Stores such as Dillard's, Nordstrom Rack, Trader Joes and many others are located in this area.

Pinot's Palette

900 42nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50312

Pinot's Palette is the upscale painting and wine destination in Des Moines where you can Paint. Drink. Have Fun. Let them know your budget per person and they'll work with you on the size of artwork everyone will make! Contact: Sarah Murdock at desmoines@pinotspalette.com or (515) 277-7651.

Dinner & Entertainment TBD

Entertainment options could include Des Moines Performing Arts, Des Moines Community Playhouse a Mystery Dinner Experience, etc.

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