

2011 Guide

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MISSISSIPPI BLUFFS *in Minnesota*



TOUR MINNESOTA'S PAST. PERFECTLY PRESERVED.

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ENJOY SOME REAL SOUTHERN COMFORT...

In one of the most scenic and historic areas of Minnesota and the Upper Midwest, four colorful cities have joined together to increase your traveling enjoyment. Rolling down the mighty Mississippi River on the famous Great River Road (Hwy 61) and moving into southeastern Minnesota's historic bluff country (Hwy 16), you'll be charmed by the unexpected pleasures and comforts found in Red Wing, Wabasha, Winona and Lanesboro.

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE...

Whether you are a novice traveler or have years of experience, our destinations are prepared to serve you the way you like it...with comfortable ease. In each of our four cities you will uncover hospitable accommodations and variety of dining options that are sure to satisfy your tummy. Get ready to familiarize yourself with history and culture that you can only experience through the attractions and festivals that these cities alone can offer.

A GREAT EXPERIENCE IS OUR GOAL...

It is our hope that you enjoy each and every moment as you pass each road sign on the way to your destination. You are encouraged to make your journey your own, and to make your own memories and stories to share. You will find many unexpected itinerary stops along the way, turning a long drive into a series of new and unique experiences...long remembered.

PLANNING YOUR TRAVELS WITH EASE...

Whether you're planning a romantic weekend getaway or just hopping in your vehicle for a spontaneous adventure, this guide will help you to get the most out of your trip. So grab your camera and get ready to make some unforgettable memories as you make your way towards the warm and welcoming Southern Comfort.



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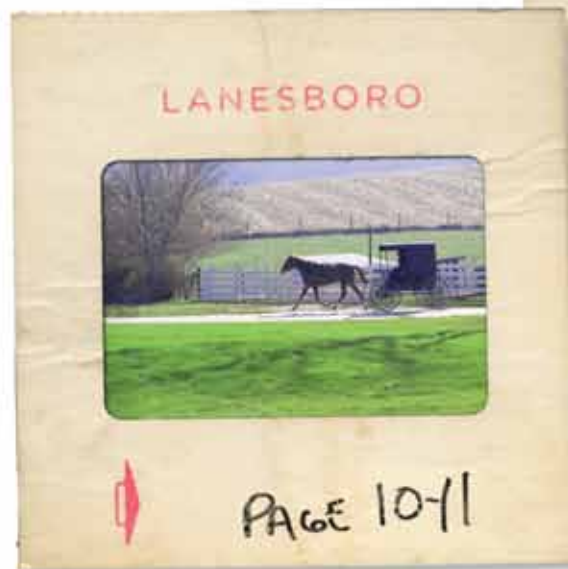
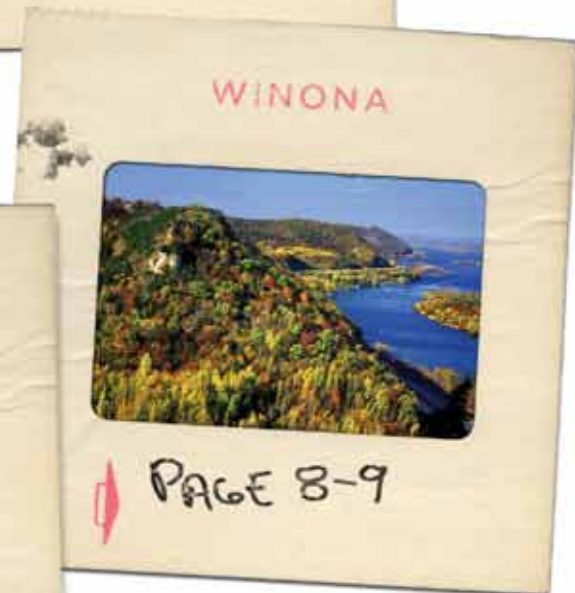
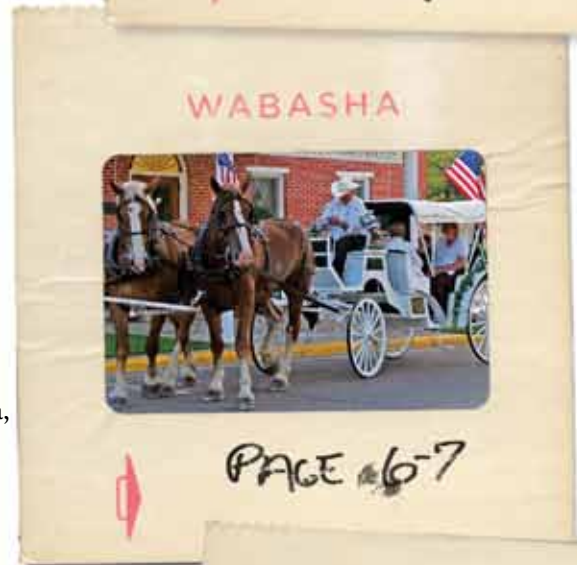


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*If the Town Fits,
Wear It!*



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Nestled amidst river bluffs on the sharpest navigable bend on the **Mississippi River**, Red Wing presents the perfect mix of river town history, artistry, theatre, crafts – and great shoes, of course.

Red Wing is an antique and pottery lover's paradise, and also is home to dozens of one-of-a-kind clothing, gift and craft stores. From the beautiful downtown to the historic **Pottery Place Mall**, you'll find unique treasures to warm your heart and make you smile long after you've left. Culinary confections, candles, hand-blown glass and Scandinavian and German keepsakes all await personal discovery. And the famous **Red Wing Shoes** and **Red Wing Stoneware** are purchased and collected across the country.

The town boasts one of the finest small theatres in the Midwest. The community is devoted and beloved to the beautifully restored **Sheldon Performing Arts Theatre** (built in 1904), and welcomes the draw of nationally known acts.

In the Arts, the Red Wing Arts Association Gallery gives you your first glimpse of works by talented local artists. Natural history buffs and young history protégés are fascinated by the **Goodhue County Historical Center's** exhibits. And welcome our recent addition to our long list of activities, the **Falconer Vineyards Winery**, now open for tours and tasting.

Red Wing's lodging leads the league in small-town lodging. The **St James Hotel** has provided the finest accommodations since 1875. None of its 61 guestrooms are alike, and each is named after a riverboat that used to pass through Red Wing. Seven charming motels provide travelers with more lodging options, and offer amenities you might not expect.

Red Wing's newest attraction is **Red Wing Shoe Store & Museum** featuring the world's largest boot—size 638½!



Lodging

- St James Hotel**
800-252-1875
- Country Inn & Suites**
(651) 388-9000
- AmericInn**
651-385-9060
- Super 8**
651-388-0491
- Nichols Inn**
651-388-6633



events

- Eagle Spot Weekends**
(February & March)
- Red Wing Pottery Collectors Society** (July)
- River City Days** (August)
- Red Wing Festival of the Arts** (October)
- Holiday Stroll** (December)



dining

- The Historic St James Hotel**
- Liberty's**
- Marie's**
- Perkins**
- Randy's**

Top Group Activities in Red Wing, Minnesota

Antiquing or Wine Tasting – 1 hour tour

If you are into antiques, there is an array of antique stores located downtown and in the Pottery Place. If wine tasting is more your style, visit the Falconer Vineyard and enjoy sitting on the outside deck overlooking the vineyard. They also offer wood-fired pizza in the Summer and Fall.

Historical and Architectural Walking Tour – 1 hour tour

Red Wing's 3 walking tours, which include Residential, Historic Mall and Historic Downtown Districts.



Museums & Galleries – 45-60 minute tour

Anderson Center- 45 minutes, Goodhue County Historical Society- 1 hour, Red Wing Shoe Store & Museum, Alveo Military Museum or the Red Wing Arts Association Gallery.

Parks and Scenic Vistas – Tour time varies

Bay Point Park, AP Anderson, Colvill Park for eagle watching in winter months, and Levee Park right on the Mississippi River. There's also LaGrange Park, and Memorial Park with its panoramic river views, Central Park offering concerts in July, and The John Rich Park brimming with fragrant rose gardens.

Red Wing City Tour – 1 to 2 hour tour

Our tour escort Roaming Red Wing is Dorothy Westphal, she'll escort your group around the city pointing out main attractions.

Red Wing Pottery

30 minute tour

Visit the world famous salesroom and view potters at work in their Salt Glaze pottery studio and Red Wing Stoneware Company – 1 hour. Come watch various processes including potters throwing the hand-made stoneware, slip casting, and ram pressing before the wares are kiln-fired, all in the tradition of days gone by.



River Excursions

Rusty's River Rides – 1 hour 15 minutes, or the Spirit of the Water, Treasure Island – 1 hour.



St. James Hotel – 45 minute tour

You may tour one of the 61 guestrooms where not one is alike, and each is named after a riverboat that used to pass through Red Wing. You can eat at the Historic St. James Hotel on the veranda or a selection chosen just for you and be entertained by Mark Twain for 1 hour after your meal.

Shopping – Tour time varies

Red Wing offers a wonderful selection of specialty shops and one of a kind stores, located in the historical downtown area or the Pottery Mall District.

Red Wing Shoes – 1 hour tour

Tour includes video and escorted guide to view shoes being made, then up to observation deck.

Hobgoblin Music-Stoney End Harps

45 minute tour

Visit our workshop and watch folk harps being made.

Red Wing Sample Itinerary

8:30 AM

Upon your arrival, enjoy a quick treat with a scone or muffin from Hanisch Bakery.

9:00 AM

Ride over to Red Wing's historic depot, now the newly remodeled visitor's center. The local guide from Roaming Red Wing will join you.

9:15–10:30 AM

Observe the world famous Red Wing Shoes being made with quality craftsmen and women.

10:30–11:30 AM

Watch pottery being made at the Red Wing Stoneware Company. Admire local potters creating beautiful stoneware in the tradition of Red Wing's famous Union Stoneware Company.

11:45 AM–1:30 PM

Lunch at the Veranda Restaurant located at the St. James Hotel. The delectable menu includes Sturdiwheat pancakes, a local favorite. Sturdiwheat is a locally owned and operated line of pancake, bread and cereal mixes.

1:30–3:00 PM

In the old Pottery District, sits the historic Pottery Place Mall. Once home to the Union Stoneware Company, today you can shop antique stores and specialty shops. Next door is the Red Wing Pottery Salesroom, a must for any visit to Red Wing.

3:00–5:00 PM

Now on to The Sheldon Theatre. Built in 1904, this was America's first municipally owned performing arts theatre. A tour will also consist of a multimedia presentation on the history of Red Wing (you will return after dinner). On your way back to the hotel, be sure to explore downtown Red Wing's unique shopping opportunities.

5:00–7:00 PM

Freshen up before choosing from one of the top 5 restaurants listed, for an enjoyable and delicious dinner.

7:00 PM

Sheldon Theatre offers a variety of entertainment and start times that will work well with your groups. You will have a memorable evening to complete your Red Wing Tour.



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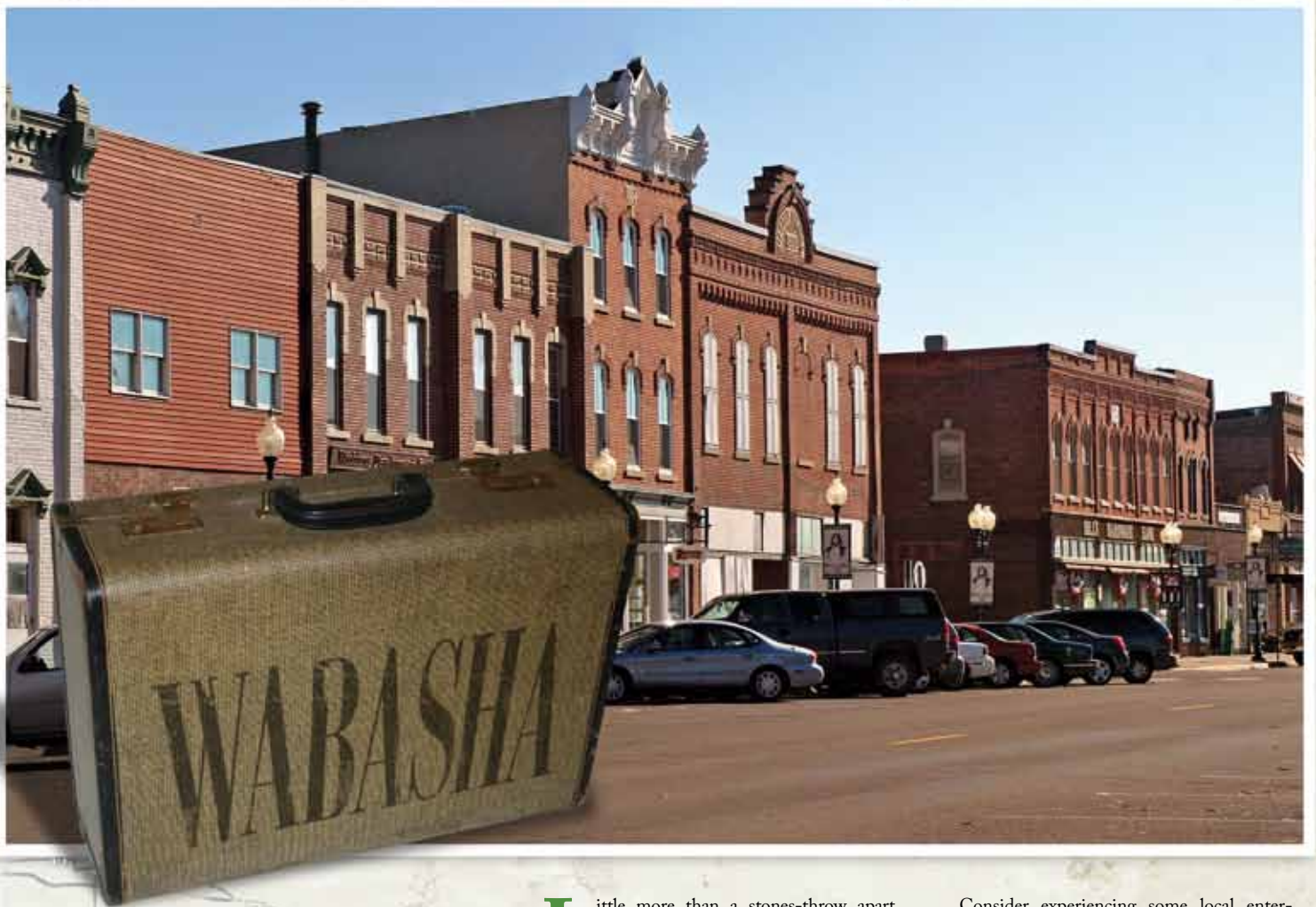
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Historic Rivertown, with Cheery Old-Fashioned Small Town Hospitality



Little more than a stones-throw apart, **Wabasha** and **Kellogg** are two of the oldest towns on the upper **Mississippi**. Wabasha was populated in 1826, and Kellogg shortly thereafter. Because of their history and close proximity to the Mississippi River, these communities offer a variety of activities including boating, sailing, golf, downhill skiing, and miles of hiking trails with some of the most incredible birding in the country.

Eagles gather in numbers during the winter months and nest in the charming town year round. The **National Eagle Center** houses five live eagles, (Angel, Harriet, Columbia, Donald & Was'aka). Many visitors travel to Wabasha-Kellogg to have a "Nose to Beak" experience with America's National Symbol of Freedom – **The American Bald Eagle**.

Enjoy the river with a guided boat tour or pontoon, kayak and canoe rental at **Troy's Bait Bucket**, take in a riverboat dinner cruise on the **Pearl of the Lake**. More attractions for visitors and groups include **Arrowhead Bluffs Museum**.

Fun, unique, and cultural, all describe what you will experience while shopping and visiting **LARK Carousel & Antique Toy Museum**, **SVJ Designs**, and **Loon Lake Decoy Company**.

Consider experiencing some local entertainment during your stay, such as riverfront horse-drawn wagon and carriage rides, or free Concerts Under the Bridge in downtown Wabasha on Friday evenings from mid-June to late August.

A variety of uniquely appealing restaurants offer an amazingly diverse menu. **Slippery's Bar and Grill** offers riverfront dining along with its **Grumpy Old Men** fame. **Riverboat Lanes** offers a sports bar atmosphere, fresh homemade pizza and **Thunder Alley Bowling**. The **Fresh Wok** offers Chinese Cuisine. Experience old fashioned gourmet chocolates at **The Chocolate Escape**. Other popular restaurants include **Vinifera**, **Stacy's Kitchen**, **The Olde Triangle Pub**, **Dairy Queen**, **Chippewa Grill**, **J&J BBQ**, **Stub's Pub & Grill**, **Rocking Horse Cafe**, **Loco Gringo Cantina**, **Town & Country Café**, **The Scoop Ice Cream Parlor** and **Flour Mill Pizza**.

Come enjoy our year-round playground on the magnificent Mississippi River, where scenic beauty meets small town tradition. Explore our unique shops and relax in our charming lodges and inns.



Lodging

America's Lofts of Wabasha
800-482-8188

Americinn & Suites
651-565-5366

Coffee Mill Inn & Suites
877-775-1366

**Eagles on the River
Motel & Suites**
800-482-8188

Wabasha Motel & RV
651-565-9932



events

**Grumpy Old Men
Festival** (February)

Soar with the Eagles (Mar)

Riverboat Days Festival
(July)

Watermelon Festival
(September)

Septoberfest
(September & October)



dining

Chippewa Grill

Flour Mill Pizzeria

Vinifera

**Slippery's
Bar & Grill**

The Olde Triangle Pub

Top 10 Group Activities in Wabasha, Minnesota

SVJ Creative Design

Watch the fascinating process of the statues being made from start to finish at Minnesota's largest concrete statuary producer. You can view the entire process from sand/rock to the finishing stages of painting and display.

National Eagle Center – 1 hour tour

Experience a nose to beak encounter with 5 live Bald Eagles, Harriet (pictured below), Angel, Columbia, Donald & Was'aka. The Wabasha area has about 30 nesting pairs of which 3-4 are very viewable from roads or Highways. There are always eagles flying and soaring around the bluffs and on the river, and tend to be observed better in the morning and late afternoon. Your chances for spotting eagles are very good!



L.A.R.K. Toy Company – 1.5 hour tour

See the famous carousel featuring 19 fantastic hand-carved animals. LARK Toys is a destination point for thousands of visitors each year. The 31,500 square foot complex is an enchanted spot that you must see. We offer unusual shopping and browsing in six specialty areas all under one roof; The Magic Troll Toy Shop, Carousel Christmas, End of the Tale Book Store, Free Moose Tracks Museum, The Miniature Golf Course, and the Rocking Horse Café.

Arrowhead Bluff Museum – 1 hour tour

Features the most exclusive Winchester Collection along with Early Indian Artifacts. The museum opened in 1986, displaying the private collection of Les & John Behrns, and took 30 years to put together. The collection also consists of pioneer artifacts, and mounted birds & wildlife from all over North America. Come and browse through our unique gift shop.

Pearl of the Lake

Enjoy a cruise on the Mississippi River on a genuine replica of an 1800's Paddle Wheeler! Seating for up to 125 people, catering and bar available.

Rail Car Ride in the Tiffany Bottoms – 2 hour tour

Ride the rail cars through the Tiffany Bottoms and learn about wildlife, birds, and the Chippewa River. Few places on the continent offer such diversity in such a small area. Experience the thrill of watching bald eagles dive for food in the river, or glide above the riverbanks. Listen to the songs and calls of hundreds of birds, and count how many different songs you hear.

Historic City and Church Tour – 1 hour tour

Learn more about the oldest city in Minnesota. Step on tour guide available for a fee.

Wabasha Historic Walking Tours

4 different routes of 1/2 mile, 1 miles & 5 mile guide you through the history of Minnesota's oldest city. Each route features points of interest and interesting facts about the buildings and neighborhoods. Maps available at the tourist information center or www.wabashamn.org

John Hassler Theater – 2 hour tour

Where once there were tractors now there are actors. In their 6th season of live, professional theatre, The Jon Hassler Theater has 225 permanent seats and lobby exhibition space of approximately 3000 square feet. The Theater is fully equipped with state of the art lighting and sound systems. It is the only theater space to which the renowned Minnesota author Jon Hassler has allowed the use of his name.

Under The Bridge Entertainment & Horse-Drawn Carriage & Wagon Rides

Enjoy free concerts on Friday evening's Under the Bridge, along with Horse-Drawn Carriage and Wagon Rides along the Mississippi River with an occasional, cozy bonfire (*weather permitting*).

Wabasha Sample Itinerary

8–9:00 AM

Start your day with the Historic City and Church Tour.

9–10:00 AM

SVJ, Concrete Statue, watch them being made from start to finish!

10–11:00 AM

Experience The National Eagle Center, and have a nose-to-beak meeting with Angel, Harriet, Columbia, Donald and Was'aka, the resident eagles. The Eagle Center is a facility dedicated to educating people about eagles and the environment.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Take the tour of the Arrowhead Bluffs Museum. Here you will experience a private collection of Native American & pioneer artifacts, mounted birds, & wildlife from all over North America.

NOON–2:00 PM

The L.A.R.K. Toy Company, and Antique Toy Collection Museum is the largest specialty toy store in the U.S. Be a kid again and ride their spectacular hand-carved carousel. After, an enjoyable lunch is waiting for you at the Rocking Horse Café.

2–4:00 PM

Cruise the Mississippi River on the Pearl of the Lake paddleboat, and experience the scenic beauty, of Lake Pepin and the Mississippi River.

4–5:30 PM

Check into the Hotel with a welcome reception.

5–7:00 PM

Enjoy riverfront dining at Slippery's Bar & Grill located on the Mighty Mississippi, or blufftop dining at the Chippewa Grill at Coffee Mill Golf Course with a panoramic view of the Mississippi and Chippewa River Valleys.

7:00 PM

The choice is yours for the evening's entertainment. There is a variety of entertainment offered with "Under the Bridge Entertainment" and Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides, the Jon Hassler Theatre Broadway Show... "Broadway in your backyard," or catch a movie at the Broadway Theater in Wabasha.

10:00 PM

Return to the Hotel for a good nights rest.



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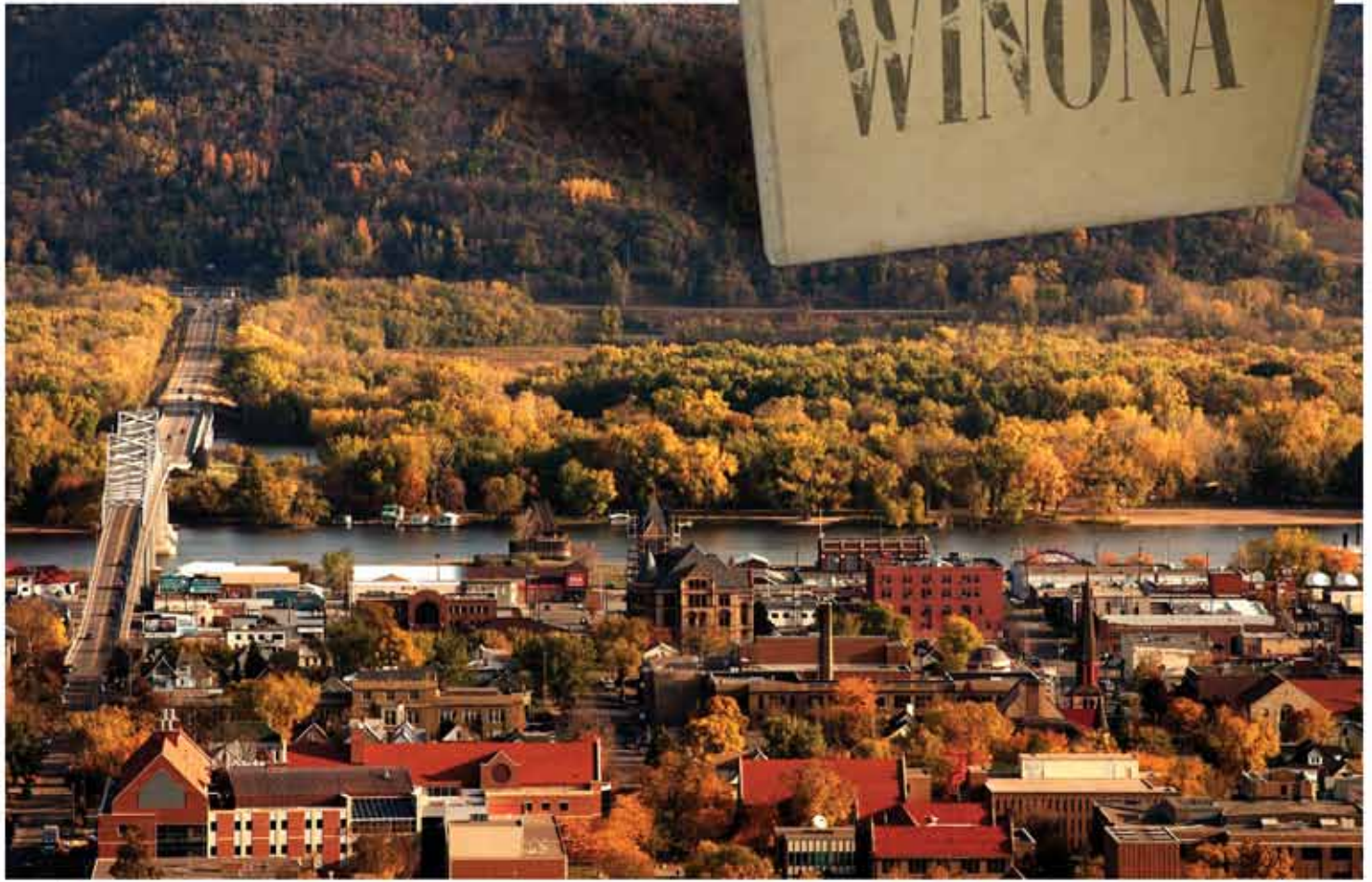
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Historic Island City: Spectacular Beauty, Remarkable Arts & Culture



Winona is the southernmost of Minnesota's great **Mississippi River** towns on the scenic **Great River Road**. Founded by steamboat captain Orrin Smith in 1851, Winona's gateway location on the Mississippi River made it a primary transportation hub – also making it one of the nation's richest cities by 1900. Many historic buildings and beautiful vintage homes echo this legacy, portraying Winona's ongoing harmony with the river to this day.

Known as the "*Stained Glass Capital*" of the United States, the city has studios that restore, repair, design, and create stained-glass pieces for buildings nation wide. Winona's historic structures showcase this exquisite craftsmanship in timeless fashion.

But it's not all about glass. **The Winona County History Center, Watkins Museum and Store, Minnesota Marine Art Museum, and Polish Museum**, all have historical and cultural memories that are unforgettable.

Outdoor enthusiasts find that Winona is "heaven on earth." The river and most of its banks are part of the **Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge**.

Don't miss a visit to **Garvin Heights Park and Overlook** where the panoramic view up and down river is truly breathtaking. Drop by Garvin Heights Vineyard while you're up on the ridge. Drive around **Lake Park** and walk through the **Veterans Memorial** and smell the roses at the **Rose Garden**. Shop for unique gifts in the downtown stores, and enjoy a walk on the levee while you witness the gigantic barges and boats as they meander on their way.

Winona also is home to the **Great River Shakespeare Festival**, which is among the best theater productions in the nation. Other major festivals include Frozen River Film Festival, Minnesota Beethoven Festival and Great Dakota Homecoming. Classic stage performances at **Saint Mary's University** and **Winona State University**, concerts through **Theatre du Mississippi**, and art exhibits are thriving, and talented local artists contribute to the lively arts culture.

Winona truly is a treasure-filled destination, so what are you waiting for? Come discover this great town for yourself.



Lodging

AmericInn 507-457-0249

Express Suites

Riverport Inn & Suites
507-452-0606

Days Inn 507-454-6930

Plaza Inn & Suites
507-453-0303

Holiday Inn Express 507-474-1700



events

Frozen River Film Festival
(January)

Great Dakota Homecoming and Gathering (June)

Great River Shakespeare Festival (June-July)

Minnesota Beethoven Festival
(June-July)

Cemetery Walk (October)



dining

Green Mill

Jefferson Pub & Grill

Timbers Restaurant

Signatures

Betty Jo Byoloski's

Winona Sample Itinerary

9–10:00 AM

Winona is known as the “stained glass capital of the United States.” Tour a stained glass studio and watch artists demonstrate the completion of a magnificent stained glass window.

10:15–10:45 AM

Drive up to Garvin Heights and admire the breath-taking views from atop this lookout, 575 feet above the Mississippi River. Discover why Winona is called the “island city.”

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Visit the Minnesota Marine Art Museum and experience art inspired by water. Docent led tour of historic Marine Art, Hudson River School painters, Impressionism, as well as temporary exhibitions featuring the work of contemporary artists.

12:15–1:15 PM

Have lunch in one of the restaurants in historic downtown Winona.

1:30–2:30 PM

The Watkins Museum/Store is a must for everyone who remembers the Watkins man and his famous liniment and vanilla. Then walk across the street to Winona's Polish Museum and journey through the heritage of the Kashubian Poles who made Winona their home.

2:45–3:30 PM

Round off your tour by visiting the Winona County History Center. See what made this river town so interesting to lumber barons, laborers, and soldiers. Don't leave without stopping in the Museum Store.

4:00 PM

Check into your hotel and freshen up before heading out for the night's events, which might include an early dinner, a free concert on the green at Winona State University, a Great River Shakespeare play or a Minnesota Beethoven Festival concert performance at Winona State University or Saint Mary's University.

Top Group Activities in Winona, Minnesota

City Tour

2 hour tour
A narrated tour, aboard your motorcoach, of Winona's historic and architectural sites.



Garvin Heights Overlook

30 minute tour
This scenic drive and overlook provides a magnificent view of Winona and the Mississippi River. On a clear day, you can see over 40 panoramic miles of the river valley.

Trolley Tours – 45 minutes to 1 hour

Take a guided tour of Winona and the surrounding area. Discover Winona's museums, historic homes, historic downtown, scenic parks and other points of interest.

Polish Museum – 45 minute tour

Founded to preserve the rich Polish history of Winona. The institute houses Kashubian artifacts, family heirlooms, religious articles, folk art and more.



Tour of a Bison Farm – 1 hour tour

Take a wagon ride through the sprawling buffalo herd as they graze. Mingle with these American icons, then stop at the farm store to select terrific, USDA inspected meat for your dining pleasure.

Watkins Headquarters & Museum/Store – 45 min. tour

Famous for its award-winning vanilla and spices, this company dates back to 1868. Watkins memorabilia is exhibited as well as everything in their product line.



Minnesota Marine Art Museum – 1 hour tour
Experience “great art inspired by water” through four galleries of historic Marine Art, Hudson River School painters, Impressionism, as well as temporary exhibitions featuring the work of contemporary artists. The Museum is located on the Mississippi River on acres of beautiful gardens.

Stained Glass Studio Tour – 1 hour tour
Winona is known as the “stained glass capital” of the country. You can observe craftspeople fabricating leaded stained glass windows using the same cutting and glazing techniques as craftsmen did in the past at Cathedral Crafts.



Winona County History Center – 45 minute tour
One of the largest county historical society museums in Minnesota is housed in a 1915 brick fortress, whose original purpose was as an armory. Displays of artifacts of Winona and Winona County's history include a stained glass window exhibit, Main Street as it may have been, and the award-winning children's exhibit allowing hands-on opportunities. The newly expanded museum and award winning addition features regularly changing exhibits and a museum shop.

Winona National & Merchants Banks
30 minutes each building
Both buildings are listed on the National Register of Historic Places and offer amazing architecture and stained glass windows.



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A Valley Deep in Art, Culture and Beauty



Nestled in the valley of the **Root River**, Lanesboro is recognized as being the **Bed & Breakfast Capital of Minnesota**. In 2009, Lanesboro was named one of **America's Prettiest Towns** by Yahoo! Travel/Forbes Traveler for scenic beauty and small town charm. In addition, Mother Earth News also recognized Lanesboro as one of the "**Great Places You've (Maybe) Never Heard Of**" list honoring the city's cultural and natural attractions.

Be greeted with small town hospitality. Visitors are entertained with invigorating outdoor activities, rich artistic experiences, unique shopping, a local winery, fine dining and a variety of quality accommodations with all the modern amenities you expect.

In Lanesboro, the arts thrive. Extraordinary exhibits appear year round at the **Lanesboro Arts Center and St. Mane Theater**, featuring a variety of regional artists. More than 20,000 people each year attend live professional theatre at the acclaimed **Commonweal Theatre Company**.

Biking lovers rave about the spectacular paved **Root River State Bike Trail** that winds 60 miles through the valley with Lanesboro at its heart. It runs along an abandoned railroad bed

through high bluffs, forestlands, rolling fields and is pure inspiration.

In 1998 Lanesboro received the **Great American Main Street Award**. Enjoy the beauty and charm of downtown Lanesboro on a relaxing **Trolley Tour**. The downtown also hosts the **Scenic Valley Winery**, that produces cooking and drinking wines from locally grown fruits and vegetables.

For old-fashioned fun and tradition, attend one of our annual festivals including the **Stand-Still Parade** each May, **Art in the Park** on Father's Day, **Buffalo Bill Days** in August, **Winter weekends** in December and the **Whalan Candlelight Ski** each February.

More recent immigrants to the area are the **Old Order Amish**. When driving our back roads, watch them working their fields with horse drawn equipment. In Sylvan Park, you may find the Amish selling produce, baked goods, traditional woodcrafts and quilting. Look for them in their black horse-drawn buggies, moving briskly through town.

Come and see for yourself why people return time and time again to slow down and take in the rich life of storied Lanesboro.



Lodging

- Cedar Valley Resort**
507-467-9000
- Cottage House Inn**
800-944-0099
- Green Gables Inn**
800-818-4225
- Grandma's Inn**
507-467-2144
- Stone Mill Suites**
866-897-8663



Events

- Ibsen Festival**
(April)
- Stand-Still Parade**
(May)
- Rhubarb Festival** (June)
- Art in the Park** (June)
- Buffalo Bill Days**
(August)



Dining

- Kari's Scandinavian Restaurant**
- Lanesboro Pastry Shoppe Catering**
- Old Barn Resort Restaurant**
- Pedal Pusher's Café**
- Riverside on the Root**

Top Group Activities in Lanesboro, Minnesota

Molly the Trolley – 1 hour tour

Welcome aboard the Lanesboro Trolley Tour! Departing from the Feed Mill, your guided tour includes Lanesboro's Historic Victorian B&B district, agricultural community, and State Fish Hatchery, as well as information about Lanesboro's heritage and present day community.



Lanesboro Arts Center – St. Mane Theater – 45 minutes

The heartbeat of the local visual arts community, contributing to Lanesboro's status as one of the 100 Best Small Art Towns in America.

Commonweal Theatre Company - 2 hour performance

No trip to Lanesboro is complete without taking in some captivating theater at the historic St. Mane Theatre. 7 pm Seating, 7:30pm-Curtain Time. The Commonweal is a non-profit, professional theatre dedicated to delighting and challenging the people of our region. As a collective of artists and administrators, the theatre values community, diversity, learning and artistic integrity.

Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center – 2-3 hour tour

Travel back in time at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center while participating in the Pioneer Life program. Hike to an authentic 1850's style cabin and get into character through making bread and butter, candle making, using the cross-cut saw, playing horseshoes, and more. Afterward, return to the Discovery Center building for an exciting presentation of Eagle Bluff's three captive birds of prey.



National Scenic Byway Drive

Choose a journey on The Historic Bluff Country Scenic Byway. State Highway 16 links together some of the most scenic, historic, cultural, natural and recreational resources in the area.

Amish Tour – 3 hour tour

Take a tour of days gone by! It will only take a short drive and you will be able to witness first hand what it is like to live in those simpler more primitive times. See the Amish in their homes and in the fields, stop by an Amish Bakery or Quilt & Basket Shop.

American Mainstreet Award

Strolling down the streets of Lanesboro is like taking a step back in time. The downtown area is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and for good reason! The two and three story frame brick and stone buildings have changed very little since they were first built by immigrants who settled here a century and a half ago.

Scenic Valley Winery

Sample private label country wines in the local winery currently housed in what was once the Lanesboro Town Creamery. Wines are made from local fruits, berries & vegetables.

Shopping – 2 hours

You are likely to rub elbows with people who still work the land their great-grandfathers homesteaded. You'll see many old brick, stone and wood buildings that have been restored and now house an interesting variety of shops.

Lanesboro Historical Museum – 2 hours

The museum has a wide variety of historic items including famous Buffalo Bill memorabilia.



Historic Walking Tour – 2 hours

Discover Historic Lanesboro, on a self-guided tour of 32 significant historical sites.

Sylvan Park – 2 hours

Sylvan Park, including spring fed trout ponds, is one of the finest city parks in Minnesota. Highlights include picnic shelters, a gazebo and an old log cabin.

Lanesboro Dam – 30 minutes

The Lanesboro Dam was built by town founders from New York to help to create a lake to draw tourists. This original stone dam, masterfully hand-built in 1868 is still diverting water for the hydroelectric plant in downtown Lanesboro.

Root River State Trail

The Root River State Trail System boasts more than 60 miles of paved trail. This magnificent trail meanders along the peaceful Root River. Enjoy hiking, biking, in-line skating and cross country skiing.

Lanesboro Sample Itinerary

9–10:00 AM

Ride Molly the Trolley, the guided tour includes Lanesboro's Historic Victorian B&B district, agricultural community, and State Fish Hatchery.

10–11:00 AM

Visit the Historic Downtown District, including the Scenic Valley Winery where you can sample private label wines.

11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Tour on to the Lanesboro Art Center – St. Mane Theater, the heartbeat of the local visual arts community. And don't miss the Lanesboro Historical Museum – relive Lanesboro's rich history, including the story of Buffalo Bill.

12:00 NOON

Enjoy the range of dining experiences including upscale midwestern cuisine, home-cooked meals, local pastries, world famous pie and ice cream.

2:00 PM Freetime!!

Come see for yourself and enjoy relaxing recreation in the area's beautiful surroundings. Consider...

Historic Bluff Country Scenic Byway—State Highway 16 links together some of the most scenic, historic, cultural, natural and recreational resources in the area. Amish Tour—Take a tour of days gone by! These scenic informational tours through Amish country reveal a simpler place in time. Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center—Pioneer Life program or Discovery Center building for an exciting presentation of Eagle Bluff's three captive birds of prey.

6:00 PM

Enjoy a leisurely meal at one of Lanesboro's fine dining experiences.

7:30 PM

Entertainment Extraordinaire at the Commonweal Theatre Company. This professional theatre is dedicated to delighting and challenging the people of our region.

10:30 PM

Time to Turn In... Within Lanesboro and the surrounding area, you'll find a variety of lodging options for your group including historic inns, elegant bed and breakfasts, motels, and resorts. Each offers a unique overnight experience.



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EXPLORE MISSISSIPPI BLUFFS in Minnesota



explore mississippi bluffs mileage chart

	LANESBORO	RED WING	WABASHA	WINONA
AUSTIN, MN	55	87	83	83
FARIBAULT, MN	98	51	82	111
HARMONY, MN	14	92	71	52
LANESBORO, MN	0	85	56	39
MANTORVILLE, MN	57	43	55	70
NORTHFIELD, MN	99	37	69	112
OWATONNA, MN	81	71	87	94
RED WING, MN	85	0	32	64
ROCHESTER, MN	40	46	44	54
WABASHA/KELLOGG, MN	56	32	0	36
WINONA, MN	39	64	36	0
GREEN BAY, WI	253	267	250	228
EAU CLAIRE, WI	107	82	50	70
MADISON, WI	196	229	200	165
MILWAUKEE, WI	263	296	266	232


	LANESBORO	RED WING	WABASHA	WINONA
ROCKFORD, IL	262	295	265	234
DUBUQUE, IA	141	213	183	149
DES MOINES, IA	225	260	252	251
OMAHA, NE	360	395	386	392
LINCOLN, NE	414	450	441	441
GRAND ISLAND, NE	509	545	536	536
SIoux FALLS, SD	250	286	277	276
RAPID CITY, SD	590	626	617	614
GRAND FORKS, ND	440	275	405	453
BISMARCK, ND	552	485	517	567

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scenic byways/historic highways

-  **Great River Road**
A portion of the national scenic byway following the Mississippi River.
-  **Historic Bluff Country**
88-mile national scenic byway through Minnesota's "driftless" area.
-  **Apple Blossom**
Short byway highlights apple orchards along Mississippi River valley bluffs.

travel information centers

-  Dresbach TIC
- Lanesboro Area Chamber & Visitor Center
- Red Wing VCB
- Wabasha-Kellogg Chamber/CVB
- Visit Winona