

Come stay with us!

DAY ONE

- 9:00 am **Village Cup & Cakes (Meet Step-on guide)**
Enjoy a light morning snack and meet your Step-on Guide.
- 10:00 am **Pearson House**
An old brick and stone house, built in 1845-47, this home served as a hiding place for run-away slaves prior to the Civil War. The home is restored with period furnishings, and you can view the secret hiding place under the floor boards. There is also a restored one-room school house also on the premises for touring as well.
- 11:00 am **Lengacher's Greenhouse & Barn**
This Amish family takes extreme pride in their flourishing greenhouses and dairy operation.
- 11:45 am **Yoder's Indian Creek Furniture**
Guests will browse through beautifully Amish-crafted furniture & gifts in the new retail outlet store.
- 12:30 pm **Lunch at an Amish home.**
This will be a meal that you'll remember for a long time to come! You'll be served lunch in a beautiful Amish home of Clemence & Amanda Bontrager. Everything is home-raised and home-cooked. You'll have your choice of 2 meats, potato, veges, salads, dessert, bread and even homemade butter & jam!
- 1:45pm **Kaiser Home Winery**
Kaiser Home Winery is the first licensed winery in the county. They are known for their sweet wines "By George" and "Craisin Hell"
- 2:30 pm **Brad Klodt Barn**
- 3:30 pm **Dutchman's Store**
Amish & Mennonite store with bulk food items and dried goods. It is also known as "A Quilter's Paradise" with 1000's of bolts of quilting material and supplies. Don't be surprised to see an Amish horse and buggy tied up at the hitching post.
- 4:30 pm **Wickfield Farm Sales Pavilion**
The Wickfield Farm Sales Pavilion is in the process of being restored to its original unique appearance. This round barn was constructed in the 1920's as a sale barn, but also served as the county's speakeasy. It has a very colorful past and tours through this old barn will get your curiosity flowing!
- 5:30 pm **Hotel Manning (Guests check-in)**
Hotel Manning is a riverboat gothic gem. It was built in 1837 as a general store, and now is home to 18 antique filled guestrooms and a 19-room motor inn. Hotel Manning represents one of the few remaining pieces of architecture reflecting the steamboat heritage in southeastern Iowa
- 6:30 pm **Hel-Mart – Farmington**
Hel-Mart has no connection to Wal-Mart but they do have an INCREDIBLE miniature Doll House collection and an AWESOME miniature Train Room...Hel-Mart brings the kid out in all of us! This evening you'll enjoy a specially prepared buffet-style meal by Bridge Café & Supper Club in the convention hall.
- 8:30 pm- Return to Hotel Manning for a restful nights sleep.

DAY TWO

7:30am Breakfast at Hotel Manning. Meet your **Step-On Guide**

9:00 am **Morris Park & Barn**

Morris Park will take you back in time as you browse through the parks buildings and artifacts that reflect Iowa's agricultural heritage. A museum of antique farm equipment, a one room school house and several other restored buildings allow guests to explore a piece of the 1800's lifestyle.

10:30 am **Gene Clark Barn**

11:30am **Raid Barn**

12:30 pm **Bonaparte Retreat**

*Enjoy a delicious fare and the unique atmosphere of an old restored flour and gristmill of 1878, as you dine at the regionally famous **Bonaparte Retreat**. This restaurant affords you a spectacular view of the lazy Des Moines River, a Riverfront Park and an extensive collection of memorabilia from the colorful past of southeast Iowa.*

1:30 pm **Bonaparte National Historic Riverfront District**

***Bonaparte** is the smallest official Main Street Community in the nation and a Historic Riverfront District. You may take some time to **Shop Bonaparte** and visit **The Olive Branch, Addie May Fudge Factory** and other unique gift/specialty shops.*

2:30 pm **Bonaparte Pottery.**

The Bonaparte Pottery has been recognized as a National Historic Archeological Site. Established in 1865, it produced a variety of stoneware until 1896. Archeological digging continues and several original pieces and molds have been unearthed. You'll take a fascinating, guided tour through this historical wonder!

3:30 pm **Indian Artifact Museum in the Bentonsport National Historic District**

*Within this river village you will discover most buildings are the original structures from the 1800's, and now are homes to a variety of **specialty shops**, including the **Greef General Store**, offering a broad spectrum of hand made gifts, from weaving to woodcarving and antiques. Also, witness working artisans, as a skilled blacksmith and potter demonstrate beautiful artistic creations in **Iron & Lace**. Here is where you will find the famous "Queen Anne's Lace Pottery". Bentonsport is also the home to other local artists. You will be able to stroll across an old iron pedestrian bridge, which spans the Des Moines River. A beautiful historic rose garden awaits your visit as well.*

5:00 pm **Depart for home** with fond memories from the Villages of Van Buren!

Day One: \$50 per person (does NOT include lodging or Day 2 breakfast. Reservations must be made directly with Hotel Manning 800-728-2718.)

Day Two: \$35.00 per person (All guests will receive a gift and a Barn Reference Guide.)

TOTAL Two-Day Itinerary: \$85.00 per person + lodging