

Come early, Stay late!

The Embassy Suites will extend your NARBW rate 3 days before the convention and 3 days after (Monday, May 13 to Tuesday, May 21). We recognize Omaha may not be on everyone's bucket list, but since you are here, why not explore it?

Within 100 miles

Danish Windmill Museum. Elkhorn, IA. Authentic windmill moved from Denmark in 1976, shopping, Museum of Danish America

Indian Cave State Park. Shubert, NE. Named for the sandstone within the park, bordered by the Missouri River. Hiking and nature activities.

Nebraska City, Home of Arbor Day. Explore the Arbor Lodge Historical Park, Kregel Windmill Factory, the Arbor Day Farm or have a "Tree Adventure".

Ponca State Park. Ponca, NE. Forested hills, scenic vistas, wildlife watching.

Strategic Air Command & Aerospace Museum. Ashland, NE. Home to one of the largest collections of Cold War aircraft and artifacts in the US. Aircraft, missiles, space vehicles.

Wildlife Safari Park. Ashland NE. Drive through N American wildlife (bears, wolves, elk, bison, eagles, etc).

Wineries. Glacial Till Vineyard (Palmyra, NE); Prairie Crossing Vineyard (Treyner, IA); Treyner Cellar 426 (Ashland, NE); Bodega Victoriana Winery (Glenwood, IA); Deer Springs Winery (Lincoln, NE); Sugar Clay Winery (Thurman, IA). And many more....

Overnight Trips Rent a car, ride Amtrak, check online for tours... Embassy Suites will hold your luggage and/or let you take advantage of the rate for the night before you depart Omaha.

Amana Colonies, IA. Amana. IA Seven unique German heritage villages. Shopping, wool and calico production, clock making, craft products. 238 miles

Branson, MO . Live shows, shopping, golf, museums, casinos, parks, zip-line, Aquarium, Caverns. 393 miles

Car Henge. Alliance, NE Nebraska's response to Stonehenge. A quirky pop-culture icon 401 miles.

Devil's Tower National Monument. Crook County, WY Surrounded by the Black Hills, the tower is a considered sacred by Northern Plains Indians, hiking, plants and animals. 6287 miles.

Hannibal, MO. Mark Twain home and museum, shopping, pottery, souvenirs, caves, Mississippi River. 322 miles

Kansas City, MO. Swope Park, River Market, Kansas City BBQ, Liberty Memorial and WW1 Museum, Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Union Station and Science City, etc. 181 miles.

Mackinac Island, MI. Sits on Lake Huron. Car-free, horse and carriage rides, taffy, fudge, shopping. Historic Grand Hotel, Fort Mackinac, unforgettable sunrises and sunsets. *Somewhere in Time* movie 653 miles.

Mt Rushmore & Badlands, SD. Keystone, SD. Mount Rushmore sculpture, Badlands colorful rock layers, Jewel Cave National Monument, Wind Cave National Park, Crazy Horse Monument 545 miles.

North Platte, NE. Home of UP's Bailey yard and the Golden Spike Tower, Fort Cody trading Post, Cody Park RR Museum. World's largest classification yard. 281 miles.

Pella Iowa Tulip Festival. Pella, IA The Festival will be held May 2 - 4 2024, but I suspect the tulips will still be in bloom. Dutch heritage town, quaint shops, wonderful bakeries, and the tulips. Bloom at least a week before and after Tulip time. 177 miles.

Pioneer Village. Minden, NE One of the nation's best planned and most comprehensive collections of Pioneer Villages in America, covering 1830 to the present. It houses more than 50,000 objects in 26 buildings. 189 miles.

Grotto of the Redemption. West Bend, IA Worlds smallest church. Built from rocks collected by priest. Construction began in 1912, took 42-52 years to build and is a conglomeration of 9 grottos. Over 250 types of rocks, gems and precious stones estimated value \$4,308. 184 miles

Yellowstone National Park MT, WY, Geysers, hot springs, wildlife, hiking, Teton Mountains, etc. 893 miles

Extra hours in Omaha (www.visitomaha.com) or www.nps.gov

www.lovingthisadventure.com/heartland-of-america-parl-and-omaha-riverfront-guide/

Bob Kerrey Bridge. Voted by Travel + Leisure Magazine as one of the world's most beautiful pedestrian bridges – connects Iowa to Nebraska.**

Pedal Hard Party Harder. A pedal pub for 8 – 16 passengers, you pedal the bike/bar to bars in the Old Market Omahapatoride.com Also check to see if an Omaha Craft Brewery tour is scheduled.

Lots of concerts, plays, live music etc. (not a complete list) www.ticketsales.com

Symphony www.Omahasympphony.org

Holland Center www.Omahaperformingarts.org

CHI Center (the big auditorium) www.Eventticketscenter.com

Orpheum Theatre www.Omahaperformingarts.org

Slowdown (local live music venue) Rocky Horror Picture Show & Live music. www.theslowdown.com

Steelhouse Omaha (live acts, music venue) www.Steelhouseomaha.org website has bookings into May 2024 now

Stir Concerts Cove (Council Bluffs) www.Caesars.com

Durham Museum. Omaha and Nebraska history housed in the former Omaha Train depot.

www.durhammuseum.org

Old Market. Our hotel is across the street from this shopping district. www.oldmarket.com

Hot Shops Art Center. More than 80 artists working in 50 studios. www.hotshopsartcenter.org

Chalco Hills Recreation Center. 940 acres of native trees & wildlife. Hike, picnic www.papionrd.org

Fontenelle Forest. www.fontenelleforest.org

Spirit of Nebraska and Pioneer Courage Park . interesting sculptures showing early life in NE

Heartland of America Park, Riverfront Park, Gene Leahy Mall. Walking distance from the hotel, fountains, Missouri River, Sculptures www.theriverfrontomaha.org **

Kiewit Luminarium. www.kiewitluminarium.org

Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail Headquarters. (right next to Bob Kerry bridge) www.nps.gov **

Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts. Within Old Market District www.bemiscenter.org

Strategic Air Command and Aerospace Museum. WWW.Sacmuseum.org

Wineries: Ditmars Orchard & Vineyard, Bodega Victoriana Winery, Pacific Cellars and more

Council Bluffs, IA

Union Pacific Museum

RailsWest Railroad Museum Large collection of rolling stock with 1899 depot

General Dodge House “Greatest RR builder of all time” 1869 home

Historic Squirrel Cage Jail

Lewis & Clark Monument & scenic overlook

Western Historic Trails Center

Bayliss Park

Golden Spike Monument

Casinos (Harrah’s; Ameristar; Horseshoe; Prairie Meadows)