



Show Me The Green

5-Day Tour

Eastern Iowa

Day 1: Begins in Davenport, IA – Tour time 10 hours

- The Quad Cities is located on Interstate 80 at the Iowa/Illinois border. Start your day by getting up close to combine production lines, and enjoy the exhibits and informational tour guides, while you ride comfortably on a tour cart, with audio headsets for everyone to listen to as you travel through one of the world's largest producers of agricultural machinery.
- Lunch at one of the many restaurants nearby
- Check in & afternoon of gaming at the [Isle Casino & Hotel](#)
- Enjoy a Dinner cruise on the Mississippi River aboard [Celebration River Cruises](#). Your 2 ½ hour cruise includes a full 3 entrée buffet including: carved prime rib, baked chicken, pasta primavera, vegetable, potato, salads, rolls, dessert, coffee and ice tea. Relax and enjoy live musical entertainment or dance the evening away. Sit up top with the Captain and ask him questions as he navigates the river or browse for that special souvenir in their gift shop.
- Back to the Isle Casino and Hotel for gaming and an overnight at Iowa's largest hotel property.

Day 2: Davenport to Dubuque – Tour time 10 hours

- Guided tour that includes a unique, hands-on look at the past, present and future of agribusiness and houses the world's largest agricultural exhibit. Adjacent to the facility is a one-of-a-kind specialty retail shop with a variety of unique "green" merchandise.
- Visit two majestic mansions built in the late 1800s by Charles Deere, son of John Deere. He built the beautiful, three-story Victorian Deere-Wiman home in 1872 for himself and his wife. Later, in 1892, Charles Deere built the Butterworth Home as a wedding gift for his daughter and son.
- Lunch in Davenport.

- Depart for Dubuque via HWY 61 North. Drive Time 60 minutes.
- The [Dubuque Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) will be happy to help arrange for your stay in Dubuque and assist you with your group stay in the community.
- Arrive in Dubuque / Check into hotel. Dubuque offers an array of hotels. Choose from the [Best Western Midway](#), [Grand Harbor Resort](#), [Hilton Garden Inn](#), [Holiday Inn Dubuque](#) or [Hotel Julien Dubuque](#).
- Take an entertaining and informative journey on the mighty Mississippi at the [National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium](#). Enjoy dynamic aquariums, historical exhibits, even some green toads! You can also get up close and personal with some of the live critters or become the pilot of a barge down the mighty Mississippi!
- The new \$84 million [Diamond Jo Casino](#) opened in December 2008 and offers over 900 slots machines, 17 table games and a live poker room, making the casino the place for sizzling gaming action. Your group can enjoy dinner tonight at Mojo's Sports Bar, The Kitchen Buffet or the Woodfire Grille. Live entertainment is also available Wednesday-Saturday along with a 30 lane bowling alley for your groups entertainment pleasures.

Day 3: Dubuque and Dyersville – Tour Time 10 hours

- Depart Dubuque for Dyersville via Hwy 20 West. Take exit 294 to Dyersville where the [Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce](#) will be your personal guide around their little piece of heaven. Travel Time 30 minutes
- Known as the world's shortest, steepest scenic railway, over 295 feet in length, your group will enjoy the magnificent view of Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin, along with the wonderful colors of the Mississippi River Valley the Fenelon Place Elevator.
- Depart Dubuque for Dyersville via Hwy 20 West. Take exit 294 to Dyersville where the Dyersville Area Chamber of Commerce will be your personal guide around their little piece of heaven.

- What is greener in Iowa than corn? And what is the most famous corn in Iowa? The corn at the [Field of Dreams Movie Site](#) in Dyersville! The group will enjoy a tour with the owner of the Field along with a chance to run the bases and dare to step into the magical corn field.
- For lunch today, enjoy a step back in time as your group visits the famous Dyersville restaurant “where food is still cooked the old fashion way” Homemade pies with mile high meringue, freshly peeled potatoes daily and hand carved pot roast will leave your groups stomachs filled!
- After lunch we will step back into agricultural history to the toys that we played with when we were younger. From the very first toy produced by Fred Ertl to the toys being made today, the [National Farm Toy Museum](#) is the number one farm toy experience in the world!
- Return to Dubuque via Highway 20
- After a day of fun travels and memory creating, it time to kick back and relax at the [Mystique Casino & Dubuque Greyhound Park](#). This facility recently underwent a \$10million renovation to include 1,000 slot machines, table games and live poker. Don't forget live Greyhound racing May-October with simulcast wagering year round.

Day 4: Dubuque to Waterloo - Tour Time 11 hours

- Depart Dubuque for Waterloo via Highway 20 via exit #68
- Tour the assembly of the “Big Green” tractors with 95 to 450 horsepower engines, in one of the most environmentally sound production facilities in North America. The 7000, 8000, and 9000 series tractors are made here. See how 18,000 parts come together to create these tractors and watch them roll off the assembly line. First view a 15 minute video on the history of this facility, then ride the trolley through the manufacturing plant, then shop at “afterwards for your favorite green merchandise.
- Lunch at any of the many group friendly restaurants in Waterloo. Most have complimentary policy for the driver and the escort.
- Enter the [Grout Museum District](#). First experience the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum. This \$11 million 30,000 square foot museum addition to the Grout Museum of History & Science opened

November 15th. The Five Sullivan Brothers of Waterloo all perished when the U.S.S. Juneau sank during a battle in World War II. The museum honors all veterans from Civil war to present day. Exhibits include a tank, a fighter plane, the interior of a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter, the front of a Korean war-era jet fighter; WWII Pacific theater exhibit plus generations of memories from civil war to present day. Interactive exhibits include exploring the inside of a tank to donning military gear of soldiers from various eras. A reconstructed bow of the USS Juneau will be viewable and extend from the first floor to the museums second level. View a 30 minute film, on the "Life and Times of the Sullivan Brothers." Then tour the Grout Museum of History & Science. The "Engine of the Heartland" exhibit reviews the history of industry in our area. Waterloo was home to at least 10 automobile manufacturing companies in the early 1900's, automobiles which included the Dart and the Maytag. You have the opportunity to view the evolution of Waterloo from a small county-seat town into a Midwest industrial center. Machines of transportation and power are featured, along with agri-production, food processing, farm implement manufacturing, and printing. Interactive element and compelling displays allow visitors to explore the events and texture of the area and the people that make up the Engine of the Heartland.

- Check-in at the [Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo](#) which opened for business June 2007. They have a 194 rooms, 38,000 square feet of gaming space with 1,100 slots and table games, indoor pool, Farradays' Steakhouse, Isle Buffet, the Tradewinds Marketplace which includes Any Which Way Sandwich Shop, Ice Cream & Coffee Shop, KFC Express, and Pizza Hut Express.
- "See the Green Farmland" as you take a horse-drawn wagon ride out along Black Hawk Creek through the woods and across green pastures to a 100-year old barn filled with antiques including a wood burning stove and a pot-bellied stove. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal and sing-a-long with Ruthie on the upright piano.
- Back to the Isle Casino Hotel Waterloo to "Win Some Green."

Day 5: Waterloo to Home – Tour Time- 3 hours

- See the Original Green John Deere Waterloo Boy and Two-Cylinder Tractors. Visit an extensive, privately owned collection of the finest antique & vintage tractors, steam engines, and gasoline engines in the Midwest. This collection is one of the top five in the United States which includes prairie tractors from the turn of the century, Autman – Taylor, Russell, and the rare Rumely Oil Pull Tractors.
- Take a behind the scenes tour of a third generation florist and greenhouses. Since 1934, this greenhouse has specialized in mums, poinsettias, and orchids. They also wholesale to locations all over the U.S. Purchase plants from the greenhouse or from their full service florist & gift shop afterwards.
- Depart for lunch at another group friendly restaurant. Most have a complimentary policy for the driver and the escort.

Leave Eastern Iowa with stories of green and some green in your pocket!