



It Takes a Village 3-Day Tour

The Czech Village / Seven Villages of the Amana Colonies
The Kalona Historical Village

Day 1: The Czech Village including the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library
- Tour Time 7 hours

- Begin your day in historic CzechVillage located in Cedar Rapids with a 30 min tour of a historic Catholic church taking in the beauty of statues, stained glass and ceiling medallions before heading to the [National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library](#).
- Demonstration of koláče-making by local Czech bakers. Enjoy fresh baked koláče (a fruit-filled Czech pastry) and coffee for mid-morning break. Time is approx. 30-45 min.
- Tour the museum's exhibit gallery, featuring *Rising Above: The Story of a People and the Flood*. This original, innovative exhibition about the Czech immigrants to Cedar Rapids, their historic neighborhoods, and how the epic 2008 flood affected these areas is impactful and dynamic. A story not to be missed, and never forgotten.
- The Museum Store showcases irresistible samplings of Czech & Slovak items both domestic and imported. Group tour rate \$5/person.
- Savor a traditional Czech meal served buffet style for lunch
- Choose between sauerbraten, pork loin, or chicken paprika, braised cabbage, perogies with red paprika sauce, au gratin corn, koláče, salad with choice of three dressings, coffee, tea, and water.
- Free time to explore Czech Village, a charming mixture of shops and businesses.
- Load motorcoach to tour Cedar Rapids area museums. [Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) will help you custom design a tour of local museums that is tailored to suit your group's interests.
- Head to warm and friendly overnight accommodations at the [Best Western Longbranch](#) or the [Clarion Hotel & Convention Center](#) to unwind and enjoy fine dining before heading out to experience numerous

entertainment options. Cedar Rapids Area Convention & Visitors Bureau will guide you to the many evening entertainment options that await you in Cedar Rapids; including live theatre, professional symphony and sporting events.

Day 2: The Seven Villages of the Amana Colonies_ - Tour Time 8 hours

- Cedar Rapids to Amana Colonies driving time: 37 minutes, 24 miles
- Directions: depart hotel and take Business HWY 151 South to Main Amana
- Enjoy breakfast at hotel before spending day 2 in the historic Villages of the Amana Colonies. The [Amana Colonies Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) will help you make the most of your time here in the villages of the Amana Colonies.
- Meet at a heritage museum to view an informative video and load motorcoach to tour five (or six) other villages visiting historical sites and/or meeting artists and artisans of handcrafted products.
- Enjoy lunch at one of the well-known German/American family style restaurants.
- Browse in the many unique shops and galleries in the village of Amana.
- Depart Amana Colonies and head to the [Riverside Casino and Golf Resort.](#)
- Directions: Hwy 151 to Hwy 6 (3 miles) Hwy 6 to Interstate 80 (11 miles). Interstate 80 to Exit 239 -US 218/IA 27 (16 miles) south to IA 22. Left on IA 22 to resort.
- Spend the evening enjoying casino amenities including live, nationally touring entertainment.

Day 3: Kalona Historical Village - Tour Time 7 hours

- Riverside Casino and Golf Resort to [Kalona Historical Village](#) driving time: 18 minutes, 10 miles
- Directions: Take Hwy 22 out of Riverside West to Kalona
- Breakfast at Riverside Resort
- Load buses for departure to Kalona.

- Arrive in Kalona. Guided tour of the area features demonstrations at local shops, Kalona Historical Village and a home-cooked meal served in an Amish-Mennonite home.
- Take an “insiders” view of Amish life. Travel the scenic back roads with our guides and discover the world of the Amish who continue to flow with the seasons and live the simple, wholesome lives of our great grandparents. You’ll see their homes, schools, farms and beautifully manicured gardens as you pass by. The tour may include a visit to: Amish Farmers Markets, a local Cheese Factory, and Amish Country Stores.
- Home-cooked meal served in an Amish-Mennonite home.
- Depart for Home.