



## **Take Five on I-35 5-Day Tour**

Representing Central Iowa

### **Day 1: Tour Time 8 hours**

- Spend the day in Mason City and Clear Lake with tour assistance provided by the [Mason City CVB](#) and [Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce](#).
- Learn about famous Mason City native Meredith Willson, author of “The Music Man”, and Frank Lloyd Wright architecture.
- Visit the famed Bil Baird puppets featuring the marionettes from the film “The Sound of Music”.
- Step back in time at a historic ballroom and experience the last concert site of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. The Big Bopper Richardson. Take a cruise on a vintage paddlewheel vessel and discover the life of a pioneer at a historical village. Overnight in Mason City.

### **Day 2: Tour Time 9-10 hours**

- Travel to Williams to visit [The Hemken Collection](#). Vintage car enthusiasts will enjoy this museum featuring American convertibles such as Packards, Studebakers, Hudsons, Model T’s and more as well as automobile memorabilia.
- Next, travel to Boone to hop aboard the [Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad](#). You won’t want to miss the restored birthplace of First Lady [Mamie Doud Eisenhower](#), wife of Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States.
- Your group will enjoy a visit to the Ames area with help provided by the [Ames CVB](#). Enjoy a tour of the beautiful [Reiman Gardens](#). Overnight in Ames.

**Day 3:** Tour Time 8-10 hours

- Enjoy a day in Des Moines with tour assistance provided by the [Greater Des Moines CVB](#). There are many options to choose from including the [Salisbury House](#), the [Iowa State Fair](#), [Living History Farms](#), the [Des Moines Botanical Center](#), or enjoy a production at the [Civic Center](#).
- Overnight in Des Moines at the [Stoney Creek Inn](#).

**Day 4:** Tour Time 6 hours

- The [Madison County Chamber of Commerce](#) will help you plan your tours to [John Wayne's Birthplace](#) and discover the treasures in the [Roseman Covered Bridge Shop](#) in Winterset.
- Return to Des Moines for overnight stay at the **Stoney Creek Inn**.

**Day 5:** Tour Time Groups Choice

- Last stop is at [Prairie Meadows](#) in Altoona where you can try your luck in the casino or at the racetrack.
- Return Home.